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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the millions of young Americans across the United States, who represent the vision of the largest and most diverse generation in America's history – the youth vote, we, the undersigned organizations, write today to applaud the introduction of a suite of voting rights and democracy bills. These eight bills will protect and expand access to the ballot, all while strengthening our election infrastructure. In the wake of the Anniversary of the March on Washington, we urge your support for these provisions, which will ensure that our democracy is accessible and equitable for all.

Youth Voting Rights Act (YVRA): Every eligible voter should have access to the ballot box, but right now, young people face too many barriers that hinder our participation in democracy. Specifically, this legislation would expand young people's access to voting by increasing voter registration and ballot opportunities on campuses, require every state to allow pre-registration beginning at age 16, and create a grant program for youth participation in elections.

Expanding the VOTE Act: Passing out of the Judiciary Committee in the 117th Congress, this bill supports equitable participation in voting for all individuals, regardless of their English language proficiency. Additionally, providing translation of election materials is an important step towards ensuring everyone has the resources and information they need to exercise their right to vote. This bill could make a significant difference in helping municipalities provide these important translation services and promote a more inclusive democracy.

Sustaining Our Democracy Act: The federal funding of \$20 billion over the next decade will help train nonpartisan poll workers and provide resources to translate election materials. This will promote a more inclusive democracy and ensure equitable voting participation.

Voters on the Move Registration Act: This language, included in the recently introduced Freedom to Vote Act, would help Americans register to vote by requiring federal housing

agencies, as well as residential and multi-family mortgage loan providers to provide information to new renters and homeowners about how to register to vote.

Unhoused Voter Opportunity Through Elections (VOTE) Act: This legislation provides protections and minimum standards for accessibility to voting for unhoused people. It also provides resources for efforts to expand access to the ballot for unhoused people.

Time Off to Vote Act: As a part of the ongoing efforts to strengthen democracy, this bill will ensure all workers have protected time off to exercise their right to vote. In doing so, it will help remove voting barriers and increase participation in elections, ultimately resulting in a more representative and inclusive democracy for all.

Election Mail Act: This language sets minimum standards and aims to improve USPS processes to ensure that voters and election officials don't have to bear any additional costs while returning mail-in ballots. This will ensure that the voting process is more accessible and efficient for everyone, leading to a more robust democracy.

People Over Long Lines (POLL) Act: Voter waiting time can either encourage or dissuade an individual's willingness to vote. This bill sets minimum standards for how long people may wait in line to vote and provides resources to reduce voter wait times.

The right to vote is at the core of our democracy, and as collaborative organizations that represent millions of young people, we urge your support in expanding access to the ballot while strengthening our election infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure final passage of these important provisions.

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