



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

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Honorable colleagues,

Thank you for your tireless service.

As state legislators, we are the day-to-day technicians in fifty unique laboratories of democracy. We do our part to make government work to the benefit of all, regardless of party. This was true during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when almost every state did its patriotic duty to provide voters relief and remove barriers to voting. This expansion of safe, secure voting led to an election with historic turnout.

The current scope of state-level attacks is unparalleled. Close to 400 anti-voter bills have been introduced in legislatures across the nation, with many signed or on the way to becoming law in Texas, Florida, Georgia, and Arizona, and others. Make no mistake: these unpatriotic attacks on our elections will undermine confidence that elections in America can possibly represent the will of a checked and balanced majority. They present a deep threat to our democracy and will lead to material harm to communities that have long been under-represented.

In a functioning democracy that fairly represents the voices of all people, elected officials should work together to expand the right to vote and protect the sanctity of elections.

We are out of options. We need your help. We are asking that Congress pass common-sense national standards to strengthen our democracy with the *For the People Act* while protecting against future attacks on the right to vote with an updated *Voting Rights Act*, fittingly named after civil rights hero John Lewis.

The world is watching. American democracy is in the balance. When future generations judge whether we rose to this pivotal moment in history, we hope you will be counted alongside us in the fight to preserve this experiment in self-governance.

Warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks,

State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz
2nd Suffolk

State Representative Mindy Domb
3rd Hampshire

State Senator Jo Comerford
Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester

State Representative John Lawn
10th Middlesex

State Senator Cindy Creem
1st Middlesex and Norfolk

State Senator Adam Gomez
Hampden

State Senator Becca Rausch
Norfolk, Bristol, Middlesex

State Senator Michael Barrett
3rd Middlesex

State Senator Joseph Boncore
1st Suffolk and Middlesex

State Senator Harriette Chandler
1st Worcester

State Senator Brendan Crighton
3rd Essex

State Senator John Cronin
Worcester and Middlesex

State Senator Julian Cyr
Cape and Islands

State Senator Sal DiDomenico
Middlesex and Suffolk

State Senator Diana DiZoglio
1st Essex

State Senator Jamie Eldridge
Middlesex and Worcester

State Senator Paul Feeney
Bristol and Norfolk

State Senator Cindy Friedman
4th Middlesex

State Senator Adam Hinds
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden

State Senator Patricia Jehlen
2nd Middlesex

State Senator Edward Kennedy
1st Middlesex

State Senator Eric Lesser
1st Hampden and Hampshire

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18th Essex

State Representative Chynah Tyler
7th Suffolk

State Representative Bud Williams
11th Hampden

State Representative Ruth Balsler
12th Middlesex

State Representative Christine Barber
34th Middlesex

State Representative John Barrett
1st Berkshire

State Representative Natalie Blais
1st Franklin

State Representative Linda Campbell
15th Essex

State Representative Peter Capano
11th Essex

State Representative Daniel Carey
2nd Hampshire

State Representative Michelle Ciccolo
15th Middlesex

State Representative Marjorie Decker
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State Representative Marcos Devers
16th Essex

State Representative Carol Doherty
3rd Bristol

State Representative Patricia Duffy
5th Hampden

State Representative Carolyn Dykema
8th Middlesex

State Representative Lori Ehrlich
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14th Middlesex

State Representative Richard Haggerty
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State Representative James Hawkins
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State Representative Natalie Higgins
4th Worcester

State Representative Kevin Honan
17th Suffolk

State Representative Vanna Howard
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State Representative Sally Kerans
13th Essex

State Representative Kay Khan
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State Representative Meghan Kilcoyne
12th Worcester

State Representative Jack Lewis
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14th Essex

State Representative Liz Miranda
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State Representative Jacob Oliveira
7th Hampden

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State Representative Sarah Peake
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State Representative Smitty Pignatelli
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State Representative Maria Robinson
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State Representative David Rogers
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State Representative Jeffrey Roy
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