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Dear Representatives,

We, Northridge Indivisible, wish to express our strong support for the Freedom to Vote Act and our resolute opposition to the “American Confidence in Elections” (ACE) Act.

The Freedom to Vote Act is an extraordinary piece of legislation that champions voter rights and combats corruption. It addresses the longstanding dominance of special interests, ultra-rich donors, and voter suppressors in our political landscape, particularly in marginalized communities of Black and Brown Americans. By shifting power away from these detrimental actors, this bill empowers "we the people."

This crucial legislation safeguards the voices of voters, puts an end to partisan gerrymandering, counters undemocratic efforts to sabotage elections, and works towards eliminating the undue influence of undisclosed campaign contributions. The Freedom to Vote Act, crafted with input from state and local election officials, ensures that regardless of party affiliation or geographic location, every citizen's voice and vote will be respected, counted, and safeguarded. Notably, the Freedom to Vote Act would:

1. Respond to the recent wave of laws across the country aimed at making it harder for certain individuals, especially communities of color, to vote. It establishes sensible standards for safe and convenient practices such as early voting, automatic voter registration, and vote-by-mail.
2. Safeguard the integrity of our elections by introducing new measures to prevent election sabotage, including partisan attempts to remove local election administrators and harassment of poll workers.
3. Prohibit gerrymandering and prevent the adoption of congressional maps that unduly favor a specific political party.
4. Diminish the influence of special interests in our elections by increasing transparency in political spending and reducing the influence of large campaign contributions.

Conversely, we strongly oppose the ACE Act for the following reasons:

1. It would make voting more challenging, particularly for millions of Black and Brown Americans.



2. It would permit a greater influx of undisclosed campaign funds into our political system.

3. It would further restrict the rights and voices of the residents of the District of Columbia, who already lack full representation in Congress.

The ACE Act seeks to overturn and prevent widely popular and bipartisan pro-voter reforms that have been enacted in states of various political leanings. It severely limits voter registration options, curtails mail-in voting, enforces strict photo identification requirements, and reinforces extreme gerrymandering.

Furthermore, this bill would enable the flow of more undisclosed campaign funds. Rather than enhancing transparency and informing Americans about the forces shaping their voices and votes, the ACE Act raises contribution limits and empowers dark money special interest groups that inundate our government with hundreds of millions of dollars, thereby overshadowing the voices of ordinary citizens.

Moreover, the ACE Act would significantly undermine the residents of the District of Columbia. Washington, D.C. stands as the sole national capital in the democratic world where residents do not possess full voting rights. This bill further erodes the voices of District residents by reversing numerous pro-voter reforms that have already been enacted.

In conclusion, the ACE Act represents a substantial regression that would stifle the voices of everyday Americans by erecting barriers to voting and permitting millions of dollars in undisclosed campaign funds to infiltrate our political system. To genuinely fortify free and fair elections and eliminate the influence of undisclosed campaign contributions, it is imperative that Congress pass the Freedom to Vote Act.

Sincerely,

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