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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Majority Leader Schumer,

Thank you for your leadership in unifying the Democratic caucus behind the need to debate and pass voting rights legislation. A majority of the Senate is now on record supporting strong voting rights, passing campaign finance reform, and curbing partisan gerrymandering. The only thing standing in the way is the outdated and abused filibuster.

Protecting Americans' voting rights and strengthening the fundamentals of our democracy should not be partisan issues. However, the unfortunate reality is that Senator McConnell and his colleagues think voter suppression and gerrymandering are good for their political party. They want to continue to use the filibuster as their preferred weapon to silence voters.

Republicans' insistence on obstructing the majority's will in the U.S. Senate is matched by their effort to suppress the people's vote in state legislatures. As the Brennan Center for Justice [notes](#), 14 states have enacted more than 20 laws this year that will make it harder for Americans to vote. The burden will disproportionately impact Black and brown voters. Together, it creates a dangerous moment for American democracy and Americans' basic rights, one from which we may not return.

We agree with your repeated promise that "failure is not an option" when it comes to voting rights. To ensure progress in the face of partisan obstruction, we, the undersigned organizations, urge you to hold another vote on voting rights legislation like the For The People Act before the August recess. Further delay risks a decade of Republican-controlled gerrymandering and Republican-controlled state voter suppression laws taking effect.

If, as expected, Senator McConnell and his Republican caucus again filibuster voting rights legislation – or once again filibuster simply allowing debate to begin – we urge you to move quickly to protect our democracy by eliminating the filibuster as a weapon that Senator McConnell can use to block voting rights legislation and other urgent reforms. The filibuster cannot be allowed to stand in the way of Americans' voting rights and our democracy.

We thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to making progress for our country.

Signed,

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