

OPEN LETTER TO EMILY'S LIST AND THEIR FUNDERS

from Democratic Arizona women

After a year of obstructing every major policy of President Joe Biden's agenda by protecting the Jim Crow filibuster and opposing several key elements of the Build Back Better bill, Senator Kyrsten Sinema has demonstrated that she cares more about protecting the interests of her corporate donors rather than democracy and voters who elected her.

Emily's List, an organization that claims to ignite change, has stood firmly by our Senator and her defense of a racist, archaic Senate rule that stands in the way of legislation sitting in the Senate that would protect women's reproductive rights, protect voting rights, raise the minimum wage, advance workers' rights, act on the climate crisis, prevent gun violence, enact immigration reform, and so much more.

With this continued support of Senator Sinema and silence in the face of a crisis for our democracy and women's rights, Emily's List is losing credibility as an institution that promotes progress. Emily's List claims to ["reject apathy and the status quo" and to be "...committed to driving progressive change"](#), but these claims ring increasingly hollow when the organization fails to recognize how detrimental the Jim-Crow era Senate rule is to our democracy and progress and enables one of its only defenders among the Democratic caucus.

We, the undersigned Democratic women active in Arizona's politics, call on Emily's list to immediately make a public demand to Senator Sinema to support ending the filibuster now. With the upcoming vote on filibuster reform planned for Tuesday, January 18th, the day after MLK Day, delay is unacceptable.

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