

CTA Name: Support S.1. For the People

Date Created: June 21 (Group called on a similar action in March and again in May)

Related Legislation (if applicable): (Include Bill numbers and link to view bill)

[S.1. For the People](#)

Description of the Issue:

S.1 focuses on the following key democracy reforms:

- Making it easier to vote in federal elections
- End congressional gerrymandering
- Overhaul federal campaign finance laws,
- Increase safeguards against foreign interference,
- Strengthen government ethics rules

S1 is also critical for passing any new laws:

-With the census results, new House districts will be redrawn.

-If redrawn with the current rules in place, it's a "given" that the Republicans will take back the House in 2022. If S1 passes, gerrymandering can't happen and Dems will hopefully retain it.

-With loss of the House: we will not be able to pass democracy reform, climate change policy, health care access, etc. Reverting back to Trumpism will become a reality.

Sen Schumer brought the For the People (HR.1.) for a vote TODAY, 6/22. The GOP filibustered and forced a vote on a Motion to Proceed (which needs 60 votes to break the filibuster). And the Dems "lost" 50-50, so the filibuster held. But this doesn't mean that the Bill is dead. Far from it! Only the Motion to Proceed failed.

Our ask now is that the Democrats reform the filibuster and bring S.1 back for a floor vote. They cannot allow the minority Republican party, who already blocked an investigation into the Insurrection of January 6th and are actively using state legislatures to erode our Democracy, to also use the filibuster to wreck further damage on our electoral system. This is a turning point for our country.

As a progressive organization, we support S.1. as originally written. And there is real urgency to get this passed by the end of July. Why? Because the process of redistricting will begin this Fall. The For the People Act must be in place by then to safeguard the 2022 elections.

Our call today will be to our senators, urging them to swiftly reform the filibuster and pass S.1.

[Indivisible info on S.1.](#)

Who to call/contact:

Our Senators

Klobuchar and Smith are in support of both bills. And they've made a huge difference in coming out in favor of removing the filibuster. Now they need to use their positions to influence their colleagues. There will be a Congressional Recess June 28th to July 10th, during which our Senators must hear from us on this issue over and over.

Email Amy:

<https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-amy>

Call Amy: phone: 202-224-3244

Email Tina: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion>

Call Tina: 202-224-5641

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar: (202) 224-3244

U.S. Senator Tina Smith: (202) 224-5641

Sample Script:

Sample Email/Call:

(Klobuchar) (Smith) Hi, my name is....I am from St. Paul. I am a member of Indivisible St. Paul [optional]I want to thank you for your support of the For the People Act and urge you to swiftly pass this legislation now. As we saw from the GOP filibuster on 6/22, the Democrats must reform this procedural

relic (the filibuster) in order to get S.1 passed into law. We would urge you to do so as soon as possible, if we want the For the People Act to be in effect for the upcoming congressional redistricting. Keeping S.1. in its original form will provide Americans with the best protection for our democracy. I am one of the 67% of Americans, including a majority of Democrats and Republicans, who support this bill. Addressing corruption, protecting voting rights, and reforming campaign finance should be bipartisan priorities to make our democracy better for all Americans, regardless of their political affiliation.

You have the chance to restore trust, honesty, and democracy to our American political system. Do everything you can. We are at a turning point in this country's History. This bill has to pass.