



Letter to the Editor (LTE) Toolkit

Be part of a statewide effort to write LTEs calling for passage of critical voting rights legislation.

- **Get Ready:** See background info below and/or [Brush up on A Practical Guide for Fixing our Democracy](#)
- **Get Set:** [Brush up your Letterwriting skills with these tips from Indivisible](#)
- **Go:** [Choose one of these WA papers and submit your LTE!](#) If you're writing to the Seattle Times, [here are some things you need to know.](#)
- **Support and Feedback:** When your LTE gets published we'll add it to the list below. **Contact Joan at FilibusterLTE@indivisibleeastsideside.com** with a link or image of your LTE, or if you need support.
- You don't have to be a member of Indivisible! Every voice is valuable in lifting up this important message.
- For more ideas, you can take a look at some of the 21 LTEs by Indivisibles around the state published recently. **Multiple LTEs on the same topic reinforce this call to action:** [6-18-21 Seattle Times](#), [6-4-21 Seattle Times](#), [Whidbey News Times](#), [South Whidbey Record](#), [Kitsap Sun](#), [Bainbridge Island Review](#), [The Olympian Letter 1](#), [The Olympian Letter 2](#), [The Seattle Times Letter 1](#), [Seattle Times Letter 2](#), [The News Tribune \(Tacoma\)](#), [Nisqually Valley News](#), [Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber](#), [The Columbian letter 1](#), [The Columbian letter 2](#), [Everett Herald](#), [GoSkagit.com](#)

Some great background resources:

- [For the People Act backgrounder](#)
- [Why reforming the filibuster is not enough](#)
- [S.1 - the For the People Act](#)
- [S.51 - the D.C. Statehood Act](#)
- [Filibuster 101](#)
- [Atlantic article: How Mitch McConnell killed accountability in Congress by abusing the filibuster](#)

Senator Murray's comments:

- [Spokesman Review](#) 3/26/21
- [Twitter video comments](#) 6/15/2021
- [KUOW interview](#) 6/17/2021
- [Twitter comment](#) 8/24/2021

Now, go write your LTE!

Write a Letter to the Editor (LTE) Calling on our Senators to push every Democratic Senator to change the filibuster rule so Republicans cannot block voting rights legislation

This month is absolutely critical to take a stand against what Republicans are doing to suppress our voting rights and cheat their way back into power! They are using the Senate's filibuster to stop the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of free and fair federal elections.

The Senate must act to set national standards to counter what Republican state legislatures are doing to "rig" election systems. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell must do everything in their power to persuade fellow Democrats to stop hiding, stand up, and change the filibuster rules to protect our freedom to vote.

Sample Language: take this and make it your own!!!

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The American Way is based upon an individual's freedom to vote as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Whatever our politics, we must protect this sacred freedom to give Americans a say in decisions affecting health care, taxes, jobs, our children's futures and other critical issues. We cannot let the Senate's filibuster rule stand in the way of steps to prevent this from happening!

Our U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell must immediately protect our Constitutional rights and pass voting rights legislation! They must do everything in their power to get their fellow Democratic senators to pass legislation to build a better future for all of us, no exceptions.

Americans across Washington State—Black and white, Native and newcomer, in cities and small towns—have shown that we pull through by coming together. But the same faction that spreads deadly lies about COVID is blocking every bill the majority supports: protecting our freedom to vote, creating jobs, and making healthcare affordable.

Angry that we turned out in record numbers last year, Republicans are passing anti-voter laws in states, while refusing to pass laws that protect our kids from COVID.

This is wrong! We need leaders who trust and empower voters, not leaders who want to suppress them! Suppressing voting rights is a national problem that requires a federal solution. We can't, and won't, accept anything less.