

House call campaign email for 1/20/23

NAME, extremists in our state government are trying to impose their agenda on our whole state. **I need your help to expose them and fight back.**

Last week, the Pennsylvania Senate passed two anti-voter constitutional amendments – one to gut our state’s separation of powers, and another to implement strict voter ID laws.

Now, they move to the House – and if they pass there, they’ll go on the ballot *this year*, forcing us to fight a costly statewide campaign in defense of voters’ rights and to stop this extreme right-wing wishlist from being permanently written into our state’s constitution.

If you agree we can’t let that happen, call your State House Representative today to tell them to shut down this dangerous abuse of our amendment process >>

If you want to understand what Republicans are up to here – look no further than the fact that they’re laser focused on the low-turnout spring primary elections.

They want to copy the agenda of election denial and extremism they just lost the midterms on, put it up to vote to a much smaller slice of the electorate in hopes of passing it under cover of darkness, then force advocates to go through a costly and convoluted process to undo it.

To get this far, they’ve had to pull every dirty trick in the book – tacking these amendments on to unrelated bills at the last minute, passing them in the middle of the night, and enacting a total lockdown on public input the whole way through.

And because their agenda would use discriminatory rules like strict voter ID to take power away from voters and hand it to an extremist minority of politicians, if they are successful, it’ll be that much harder for us to undo the damage they’ve done to our state.

NAME, I’m confident that we can stop this anti-democracy crusade in its tracks, but I need your help to do it. **Can I count on you to call your State House Representative and demand that they put a stop to this partisan attempt to rewrite our Commonwealth’s Constitution?**

START DIALING

This baseless attempt to undermine our democracy must be stopped – I hope you’ll join me in speaking out today.

Thanks for all you do,

Khalif Ali, Executive Director
and the team at Common Cause Pennsylvania

House Letter Campaign - Lift note for 1/12/23:

NAME, I have an unfortunate update – **the Pennsylvania Senate has passed the anti-voter constitutional amendments I wrote about earlier this week.**

We must now turn our attention to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to stop this anti-democracy crusade in its tracks. If passed, these amendments would expand the legislature's power over the executive branch and implement strict voter ID laws in our state.

Can I count on you to send a message to your State Representative urging them to stop this partisan abuse of our amendment process?

Send Your Letter

NAME, I'm confident we can defeat these amendments once and for all – but not without your help. I hope I can count on you to take action for our democracy today.

Thanks for all you do,

Khalif Ali, Executive Director
and the team at Common Cause Pennsylvania

House Letter Campaign Text:

As your constituent, I strongly oppose efforts by Pennsylvania Republicans to undermine our state's democracy by writing anti-voter amendments directly into our state's constitution.

The amendments passed by the Pennsylvania Senate to expand the legislature's power over the executive branch and implement strict voter ID laws would undermine our democracy by imposing barriers to the ballot box and eroding our checks and balances.

Please do everything you can to stop this shameless attempt to write a partisan agenda directly into our state constitution.

First Email - Senate Letter Campaign

NAME, extremists in the Pennsylvania Senate want to impose their agenda on our whole state – and they’re using a major loophole to sneak it through. **I need your help to expose them and fight back.**

These lawmakers are trying to overrule the voice of the people by sneaking through constitutional amendments to **limit voting rights, bog down our elections in needless bureaucracy, and seize unearned power over our state government.**

If you agree that’s not right, send a message today to your state senator and demand that they STOP this partisan attempt to rewrite our Commonwealth’s Constitution.

Last year, right-wing lawmakers pulled every dirty trick in the book to push these amendments through – tacking them on to unrelated bills at the last minute, then passing them in the middle of the night with no public input.

These amendments need to go through again this year before they go to the ballot, *NAME* – but if we don’t act now, they’ll pull the same dirty tricks again this year.

Already, two of these anti-voter amendments have **passed** out of committee, including strict Voter ID and creating a whole new agency for the sole purpose of chasing down election conspiracy theories.

Republicans passed these through after mere minutes of deliberation, without inviting experts, advocates, or the public to give their input.

They're trying to attach these anti-democracy changes to unrelated and broadly popular proposals, so they can sneak it in under the radar without anyone noticing. We won't be fooled.

We still have a chance to strike these amendments down before they go any further – **but we have to act fast.** If they successfully sneak this one by us, this extreme right-wing wish list could go on the ballot as soon as **this spring.**

Now is the time to let our lawmakers know that we won’t let them get away with this dangerous abuse of our amendment process. Send a letter to your Senator today >>

START WRITING

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Khalif Ali, Executive Director
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Senate Letter Campaign Text:

As your constituent, I strongly oppose efforts by Republicans in our State Senate to undermine our state's democracy by writing anti-voter amendments directly into our state's constitution.

The proposed amendments on Voter ID and a Bureau of Election Audits are unnecessary and would only serve to erect barriers to the ballot box and undermine trust in the integrity of our elections. The proposed amendment to strip the governor's ability to approve or disapprove regulations is a cynical attempt to erode our system of checks and balances.

Pennsylvania Senate Republicans claim to be giving the people of Pennsylvania the opportunity to have our voices heard with these proposed ballot measures, but in reality they have shut us out in every step of the process by rushing to advance this partisan agenda without any deliberation, public comment, or expert testimony.

As your constituent, I demand you do everything you can to stop this shameless attempt to write a partisan agenda directly into our state constitution.

Informational Text:

As the new legislative session begins, extremists in the Pennsylvania legislature want to impose their agenda on our whole state – and they're using a major loophole to sneak it through.

Pennsylvania Senate Republicans are trying to overrule the voice of the people by sneaking through constitutional amendments to **limit voting rights, bog down our elections in needless bureaucracy, and seize unearned power over our state government.**

If these amendments make it onto the ballot and get passed by voters, these partisan demands will be written into our state's constitution.

We have a chance to strike this bill down before it goes any further — but we have to act fast. **Now is the time to let our lawmakers know that we won't let them get away with this dangerous abuse of our amendment process.**