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**From:** Udi Ofer  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2021 9:20 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** ACLU clemency initiative  
**Attachments:** National ACLU Memo on Clemency Final .pdf

Dear Matt,

As we discussed by phone, I wanted to make sure that you knew about a new initiative that we will be launching on Thursday to ask that the Biden administration use its clemency powers to release thousands of people from prison. The launch will include a full-page ad in the Washington Post and a push on paid and earned media. I hope to send you a copy of the ad by COB tomorrow.

We look forward to working with the DOJ and WH on this issue. My deputy, Cynthia Roseberry (who ran the Clemency Project under President Obama), has been talking to the White House Counsel team to make sure they are aware of this effort. Also, during the transition, we had extensive conversations with Roy Austin on this issue.

The centerpiece of our clemency push is what we're calling internally categorical clemency. The idea is that instead of waiting for the "perfect" person to apply for a commutation, that the administration make a policy decision first to decide on a category of people or offenses it wants to help, which then creates a presumption of release. When we discussed this idea with the transition team, they suggested we write a memo that captures some of the categories of people we would want to capture and how many people that could apply to. Cynthia submitted the attached memo.

I will also note that we've done polling and focus groups on this issue, and many of these categories are incredibly compelling to the public. You can see some of those poll results here: <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/aclu-launches-multi-year-effort-release-50000-prisons-through-gubernatorial-clemency>. The poll was conducted by Danny Franklin at BPI for the launch of our gubernatorial push on this issue. You'll see, for example, that 84% of people support the release of individuals who are incarcerated under a statute that has since changed. That category alone applies to thousands of people in federal prison.

Please do let me know if you want to chat further, or if I should be directing this to someone else. We would love to meet on this issue. And thank you for all that you do. I look forward to working closely together in the coming months and years on this issue and many more.

All the best,

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## Memorandum

To: White House Counsel  
From: Cynthia W. Roseberry, Deputy Director Justice Division, ACLU  
Re: Potential Beneficiaries of Categorical Clemency  
Date: January 22, 2021

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### Introduction

The ACLU is dedicated to helping America unburden itself from the dubious distinction of world's largest incarcerator. Through the Smart Justice Campaign, we are committed to reducing the prison population by 50%. We are encouraged by President Biden's commitment to reduce the prison population.<sup>1</sup> This is an opportunity to address the unjust and disproportionate incarceration of Black and Brown people.

Aside from meaningful legislation, one of the most effective means of decarceration is the consistent and equitable use of clemency power. Clemency provides an opportunity for federal and state executives to show mercy to those who are incarcerated, repair injustices and right historical wrongs. The new administration must commit itself to the routine use of clemency and the simplification of the process of reviewing clemency petitions.

One such simplification is the use of categorical clemency. We believe that this is the most effective and efficient way to provide relief. The categorical approach disposes of the cumbersome and ineffective mode of individualized review by creating a presumption of release.

Categorical clemency can be used to allow for retroactive application of reforms, granting relief to those who, but for the date of their conviction, would otherwise qualify to receive relief. Categorical clemency also allows for the elderly and infirm to be released after serving sentences we no longer deem just. Veterans, those who received more time because of the trial penalty, those who are serving sentences triggered by drug offenses, and those serving sentences for drug possession charges should all be candidates for categorical clemency.

We look forward to working with the Biden administration to move swiftly and decisively to remove the scourge of mass incarceration from the American landscape. We hope that the

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/katherinemiller/joe-biden-incarceration-prison-population-cut-aclu>

administration will correct the historic injustice meted out to Black and Brown communities across the nation.

Below we provide estimates of the number of people who would be released based on categories suggested in the [Justice Roundtable Transformative Justice Report](#). These estimates are based on available information.<sup>2</sup>

Release Ask	Applicable Statute/Guideline	Projected Number	Comments
		Some may be counted in more than one category	
<b>Elderly</b>	All	30k	Estimated based on recent BOP statistics
<b>Drug Possession</b>	21U.S.C. 841	330	Based on recent USSC statistics. (2.7% of total drug prosecutions)
<b>Safety Valve</b>	5C1.2	11.7k	Based on USSC 2019 statistics <a href="#">Interactive Data Analyzer - IDA Dashboards (ussc.gov)</a> (26% of all CR H I and II)
<b>Career Offenders triggered by drugs</b>	21 U.S.C. § 851	1.6k	Based on USSC statistics (74% of Career Offenders) <a href="#">Report to the Congress: Career Offender Enhancements (kmbllaw.com)</a>
<b>Compassionate Release</b>	18 U.S.C § 4205(g) 18 U.S.C. § 3582	1.8k	<a href="#">Sentence and Prison Impact Estimate Summary for Congressional Budget Office (ussc.gov)</a>

<sup>2</sup> The lack of more precise information speaks to a lack of, and need for transparency in our criminal justice system.

<b>Retroactive application</b>	18.U.S.C. § 924(c)	731	<a href="#">Sentence and Prison Impact Estimate Summary for Congressional Budget Office (ussc.gov)</a>
<b>Retroactive Application</b>	Fair Sentencing Act	2.6k	<a href="#">Sentence and Prison Impact Estimate Summary for Congressional Budget Office (ussc.gov)</a>
<b>Retroactive Application</b>	21 U.S.C. § 851	3k	<a href="#">Sentence and Prison Impact Estimate Summary for Congressional Budget Office (ussc.gov)</a>
<b>Veterans</b>	All	14k	<a href="#">2015 BJS Report stating veterans make up 8% of the state and federal prison system – (8% of 175k federal prison)</a>
<b>Marijuana</b>	<a href="#">21 U.S.C.A. § 841</a>	92	<a href="#">Based on USSC 2017 Statistics for Simple Possession of Marijuana</a>
<b>Parents of Minors</b>	All	35k	<a href="#">BJS Special Report on Parents in Prison and their Minor Children (Based on estimate of percentage of persons incarcerated in federal prisons)</a>
<b>Chronic Illness</b>	All	92k	<a href="#">Harvard Study on Chronically and Mentally Ill Prisoners (Estimate based on ratio of federal: state incarcerated persons)</a>

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- **February 8, 3pm-4:15pm:** Stanford's Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, the Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, and the Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project hosts a [series of webinars](#) on H.R. 1, the For the People Act. RSVP [here](#).
- **February 9:** The second Senate impeachment trial of Donald Trump is scheduled to begin.
- **February 9, 9am:** House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties holds a hearing entitled, "[Constitutional Means to Prevent Abuse of the Clemency Power](#)" with Common Cause president Karen Hobert Flynn and other witnesses. Livestreamed [here](#).
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- **February 9, 6:30pm-8pm:** American Constitution Society hosts a webinar entitled, "[Expanding the Judiciary and Other Responses to the Right's Unprecedented Power Grab](#)" with ACS President Russ Feingold and others. RSVP [here](#).
- **February 10, 10am-11am:** Election Assistance Commission [is scheduled to vote](#) on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **February 11, 1pm-2pm:** Campaign Legal Center hosts a webinar entitled, "[How to Ensure That Redistricting Is Fair, Open, and Accessible](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **February 12, 11am-12pm:** American Enterprise Institute hosts a book event

entitled, "[After the People Vote](#)" with John Fortier. RSVP [here](#).

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- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)

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- **February 18, 4pm-5pm:** Harvard Kennedy School Ash Center for Governance and Innovation holds a webinar entitled, "[Moving Forward or Moving Backward: Election Legislation in the States](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **February 22-23:** Senate Judiciary Committee is [scheduled to hold its confirmation hearing](#) on the nomination of Merrick Garland to be Attorney General (the Committee is scheduled to vote on his nomination on March 1)
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**Cc:** Kirstin Dunham  
**Subject:** Re: Hello from the Brennan Center + meeting request

1 pm would be great if that still works. Adding my colleague Kirstin Dunham, who I know you know.

We can circulate a dial-in once you confirm.

Dan

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How about the 1-3 range?

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No problem. Let me know the windows that work for you. Thanks!

Dan

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Indeed, Thursday is now better next week. Tuesday looking a bit jammed.

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:36 PM  
**To:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6) >  
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Thanks, Joe! Sorry for the delay. I was trying to corral folks here. If you still have any windows on Tuesday I am free between 11 and 12 or 1 and 3 and would love to get a sense of ways we could be helpful. If things have booked up, happy to try for later in the week. I hope you are having a good weekend.

Dan

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Hi Dan,

Happy to schedule a time for a call. Today is tough, so how about next week? Tuesday is pretty open right now.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:01 PM  
**To:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Hello from the Brennan Center + meeting request

Dear Joe

I hope this finds you well. Huge congratulations on the move back to DOJ!! I hope the transition is going smoothly under these strange circumstances.

As you may recall, one of our top priorities at the Brennan Center is working to pass the comprehensive democracy reforms in the For the People Act (along with shoring up the protections in the VRA through the John Lewis Voting Rights Act). I am sure DOJ will be asked to weigh in on both of these bills. We would love the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues soon to discuss any concerns or questions you might have, and to hear if there are other ways we can be of assistance. Please let me know if that would be possible. Thank you!

Dan

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**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)  
**Required Attendees:** Dan Weiner  
**Optional Attendees:** Kirstin Dunham

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:53 PM  
**To:** Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)  
**Subject:** I hope you are well as well :)

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**Key Dates (all times Eastern)**

- **February 22-23, 9:30am:** Senate Judiciary Committee is [scheduled to hold its confirmation hearing](#) on the nomination of Merrick Garland to be Attorney General (the Committee is scheduled to vote on his nomination on March 1). Livestreamed [here](#).
- **February 23, 10am:** Senate Rules Committee and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hold a joint hearing entitled, "[Examining the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol](#)." Livestreamed [here](#).
- **February 24, 10am:** House Oversight and Reform Committee [holds a hearing](#) for which Postmaster General Louis DeJoy was invited to testify. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **February 24, 6pm:** American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies hosts a webinar entitled, "[James A. Thurber Dialogues on American Democracy](#)" with journalist/author Anne Applebaum. RSVP [here](#).
- **February 25, 10am:** [Open meeting](#) at the Federal Election Commission, agenda TBD.
- **February 25, 10am:** House Financial Services Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy holds a hearing entitled,

["Dollars against Democracy: Domestic Terrorist Financing in the Aftermath of Insurrection."](#) Witnesses TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).

- **February 25, 11 am-12pm:** German Marshall Fund hosts a webinar entitled, "[Combating Corruption and Kleptocracy: A Conversation with the Slovak Justice Minister.](#)" RSVP [here](#).
- **February 25, 4pm:** Committee on House Administration will hold a hearing entitled, "[Strengthening American Democracy.](#)" Witnesses TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **Week of March 1:** The House of Representatives is [expected to vote on HR 1](#), the For the People Act
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- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
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### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 212 cosponsors)
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)

- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)

- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor--passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
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- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
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- **March 9, 9am:** Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to hold a [confirmation hearing](#) for Lisa Monaco to be Deputy Attorney General and for Vanita Gupta to be Associate Attorney General, 216 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **March 11, 10am:** House Oversight and Reform Committee is [scheduled to hold a hearing](#) on H.R. 51 and DC statehood
- **March 11, 10am:** The Federal Election Commission is scheduled to hold an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **March 14-20:** [Sunshine Week](#)
- **March 25, 12pm-1pm:** Brennan Center for Justice holds a webinar entitled, "[How Rights Went Wrong: A Conversation with Jamal Greene](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **March 27:** 19th anniversary of the passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA)

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- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)



- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)

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- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
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- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)



- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor—passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep.

Posey, no cosponsors)

- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlihan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)

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- **March 23, 2:30pm:** Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing entitled, "[The 2020 Census and Current Activities of the U.S. Census Bureau](#)" with Acting Census Director Ron Jarmin and others, 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC. Livestreamed [here](#).
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- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)



- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor--passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)

- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlahan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)

- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)

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## Grant Smith

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**Subject:** Coalition Letter Opposing Class Wide Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues  
**Attachments:** Class Wide Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Opposition Letter to Attorney General Garland.pdf

Dear Matt,

I hope this finds you well and congratulations on your new role at DOJ. I'm reaching out to share a letter addressed to Attorney General Merrick Garland and signed by more than 100 criminal justice, civil rights and public health organizations opposing any extension of a Trump administration policy known as class-wide scheduling of fentanyl analogues.

Please find the letter attached.

DPA is joined by a broad coalition in opposing any extension of Trump's policy of class-wide scheduling of fentanyl analogues, as doing such will have severe consequences that will worsen mass incarceration, exacerbate racial inequities in drug policy, and undermine public health goals of reducing overdoses and other harms associated with fentanyl-related substances. I am copying here a subset of stakeholders who are invested in ensuring that we do not see another extension of class-wide scheduling.

Rather than extend the Trump-era policy, we urge the Biden administration to support effective health- and science-based policy prescriptions for effectively dealing with fentanyl and the overdose crisis

We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to discuss this issue. Please let me know.

Thank you,

Grant

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April 8, 2021

The Honorable Judge Merrick B. Garland  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Garland:

The more than 100 undersigned organizations write to urge the Biden administration and Congress to let the Trump administration temporary “class-wide” emergency scheduling of fentanyl-related substances expire in May 2021. Class-wide scheduling would exacerbate pretrial detention, mass incarceration and racial disparities in the prison system, doubling down on a fear-based, enforcement-first response to a public health challenge. As we approach the 50-year milestone of President Nixon’s announcement of the War on Drugs, there is ample evidence that these unscientific policies destroy communities, entrench racial disparities, and do nothing to reduce drug supply or demand. The Biden administration should instead support legislation grounded in public health and evidence-based approaches to illicit fentanyl-related overdose deaths.

We must learn from the lessons of the past: It is time for the Biden administration and Congress to embrace a public health approach to drug use. The United States is in the midst of a deadly overdose crisis that claims tens of thousands of lives each year.<sup>1</sup> In the past few years, synthetic drugs such as fentanyl and its analogues have been responsible for overdose deaths in many parts of the country.<sup>2</sup> These overdose deaths form a part of a broader wave of mortality associated with unemployment, alcohol poisoning and suicide, circumstances related to working class

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/361/6408/eaau1184/F2.large.jpg> from Source: Changing dynamics of the drug overdose epidemic in the United States from 1979 through 2016 Hawre Jalal, Jeanine M. Buchanich, Mark S. Roberts, Lauren C. Balmert, Kun Zhang, Donald S. Burke  
*Science* 21 Sep 2018: Vol. 361, Issue 6408, eaau1184

<sup>2</sup> Nat’l Inst. of Drug Abuse, *Overdose Death Rates* (last updated Jan. 29, 2021), <https://www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates>.

economic decline and mental health challenges.<sup>3</sup> Focusing on drug interdiction does not address the root cause of these overdoses. Skyrocketing prosecutions and criminal penalties have done nothing to stem the tide of these deaths, or to reduce the supply of harmful substances in our country.<sup>4</sup> Relying on jails to force individuals into painful, involuntary, and often unsafe withdrawal is not the solution. Now, more than ever, policymakers must turn to evidence and science, not fear, to find answers.

Our country is repeating past missteps when it comes to policy responses to fentanyl and its analogues. In the 1980s, policymakers enacted severe mandatory minimums for small amounts of crack cocaine in response to media headlines and law enforcement warnings that perpetuated mythology and fear. In the ensuing decades, people of color have been disproportionately incarcerated and sentenced to mandatory minimum sentences for small amounts of crack cocaine. The emergence of fentanyl-related substances in recent years has fueled similar waves of alarmist media and law enforcement headlines that are informed by mythology rather than science.<sup>5</sup> *Any further extension* of the Trump administration’s class-wide scheduling policy threatens to repeat past missteps with crack cocaine that policymakers are still working to rectify.

In 2018, the Trump administration chose to implement a hardline anti-science policy of class-wide scheduling of fentanyl analogues rather than pursue evidence and health-based approaches to fentanyl-related overdose deaths. This policy placed on Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act an entire class of substances that has chemical properties similar to fentanyl. This move expands the application of existing severe mandatory minimum sentencing laws enacted by Congress in the 1980s to a newly scheduled class of fentanyl-related compounds. For example, just a *trace amount* of a fentanyl analogue in a mixture with a combined weight of 10 grams 10 paper clips can translate into a five-year mandatory minimum, with no evidence needed that the seller even knew it contained fentanyl. In addition, current laws impose a

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<sup>3</sup> Carol Graham, *America’s crisis of despair: A federal task force for economic recovery and societal well being*, Brookings, (Feb. 10, 2021), <https://www.brookings.edu/research/americas-crisis-of-despair-a-federal-task-force-for-economic-recovery-and-societal-well-being/>.

<sup>4</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts, 12 Month ending Provisional Number of Drug Overdose Deaths by Drug or Drug Class January 2015 through July 2020, Synthetic opioids excluding methadone (T40.4), <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>; Drug Alcohol Depend. 2020 Nov 1; 216: 108314, Steep increases in fentanyl related mortality west of the Mississippi River: Recent evidence from county and state surveillance, Chelsea L. Shover, Titilola O. Falasinnu, Candice L. Dwyer, Nayelie Benitez Santos, Nicole J. Cunningham, Rohan B. Freedman, Noel A. Vest, and Keith Humphreys, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7521591>; National Public Radio, “We Are Shipping To The U.S.’: Inside China’s Online Synthetic Drug Networks,” Emily Fang, November 17, 2020, <https://www.npr.org/2020/11/17/916890880/we-are-shipping-to-the-u-s-china-s-fentanyl-sellers-find-new-routes-to-drug-user>

<sup>5</sup> Int J Drug Policy. 2020 Dec; 86: 102951. Fentanyl panic goes viral: The spread of misinformation about overdose risk from casual contact with fentanyl in mainstream and social media Leo Beletsky, Sarah Seymour, Sunyou Kang, Zachary Siegel, Michael S. Sinha, Ryan Marino, Aashka Dave, and Clark Freifelde; “You Can’t Overdose on Fentanyl by Touching It,” Vice, March 21, 2018, Maia Szalavitz; American College of Medical Toxicology, “Fentanyl Exposure in the News (Website),” <https://www.acmt.net/Fentanyl-Exposure-in-the-News.html>

statutory maximum sentence of 20 years for just a trace amount of a fentanyl analogue in a mixture with a combined weight of *less than* 10 grams.<sup>6</sup>

Between 2015 and 2019, prosecutions for federal fentanyl offenses increased by nearly 4,000%, and fentanyl-analogue prosecutions increased a stunning 5,000%.<sup>7</sup> There are significant racial disparities in these prosecutions, with people of color comprising almost 75% of those sentenced in fentanyl cases in 2019.<sup>8</sup> This holds true for fentanyl analogues, for which 68% of those sentenced were people of color.<sup>9</sup> In addition, more than half of all federal fentanyl-analogue prosecutions in 2019 involved a street-level seller or other minor role; only 10.3% of these cases involved the most serious functions.<sup>10</sup> Congress and the Biden administration should be wary of expanding the reach of these penalties by adopting a policy explicitly designed to expedite drug prosecutions and increase penalties.<sup>11</sup>

**Class-wide scheduling excises public health and science from drug control and will lead to over-criminalization.** Under the class-wide control, any offense involving a fentanyl-related substance is subject to federal criminal prosecution, *even if the substance in question has no potential for abuse*. In February of 2018, the DEA used its emergency scheduling authority to preemptively place an unknown number of fentanyl-related substances *whether in existence or not*<sup>12</sup> onto Schedule I.<sup>13</sup> That scheduling action placed any substance with a certain chemical structure on Schedule I.<sup>14</sup> But chemical structure alone cannot predict how a drug will affect the

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<sup>6</sup> See generally Brian T. Yeh, Cong. Research Serv., RL30722, *Drug Offenses: Maximum Fines and Terms of Imprisonment for Violation of the Federal Controlled Substances Act and Related Laws* (Jan. 20, 2015), <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL30722.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Sent. Comm'n, *Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogues: Federal Trends and Trafficking Patterns* (Jan. 2021), at 24 (hereinafter "USSC Fentanyl Report"), [https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research\\_and\\_publications/research\\_publications/2021/20210125\\_Fentanyl\\_Report.pdf](https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research_and_publications/research_publications/2021/20210125_Fentanyl_Report.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> See U.S. Sent. Comm'n, *Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogues: Federal Trends and Trafficking Patterns* (Jan. 2021), at 24 (hereinafter "USSC Fentanyl Report"), [https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research\\_and\\_publications/research\\_publications/2021/20210125\\_Fentanyl\\_Report.pdf](https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research_and_publications/research_publications/2021/20210125_Fentanyl_Report.pdf).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Sent. Comm'n, *Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogues: Federal Trends and Trafficking Patterns* (Jan. 2021), at 28 (Summation of Street Level Dealer; Courier/Mule; Renter/Storer; Enabler; and User Offender Functions at 51.5%; Summation of most serious functions, importer/high level distributor and leader/organizer at 10.3%) (hereinafter "USSC Fentanyl Report"), [https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research\\_and\\_publications/research\\_publications/2021/20210125\\_Fentanyl\\_Report.pdf](https://www.uscc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/research_and_publications/research_publications/2021/20210125_Fentanyl_Report.pdf).

<sup>11</sup> See Dep't of Justice, *U.S. Attorney Scott Brady Statement on Expiration of Fentanyl Analogue Emergency Scheduling*, (Jan. 29, 2020) ("The emergency scheduling limited to a two year period also made the fentanyl analogues subject to still statutory mandatory minimum sentences."), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/us-attorney-scott-brady-statement-expiration-fentanyl-analogue-emergency-scheduling>

<sup>12</sup> See Temporary Scheduling Order ("It bears emphasis, however, that even in the absence of a future publication by DEA specifically identifying such a substance, the substance is controlled by virtue of this temporary scheduling order if it falls within the definition of fentanyl related substance.").

<sup>13</sup> Drug Enforcement Admin., Press Releases, *U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency Emergency Schedules All Illicit Fentanyls In An Effort to Reduce Overdose Deaths* (Feb. 7, 2018), <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2018/02/07/us-drug-enforcement-administration-emergency-schedules-all-illicit>.

<sup>14</sup> See Dep't of Justice, Drug Enforcement Admin., *Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Fentanyl Related Substances in Schedule I*, 83 Fed. Reg. 25, 5,188 (Feb. 6, 2018) (codified at 21 CFR Part 1308) (hereinafter "2018 Temporary Scheduling Order").

human brain,<sup>15</sup> and not all fentanyl analogues are harmful. “Some analogues, like acetyl fentanyl, are less potent than fentanyl; others, like carfentanil, are many times more potent; and still others, like benzylfentanyl, are believed to be essentially biologically inactive.”<sup>16</sup> However, the same severe penalties apply, including the harsh mandatory minimums, regardless of the potency and purity of a particular fentanyl-related substance.

Customarily, the Attorney General consults with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA),<sup>17</sup> to confirm a substance’s potential for abuse and lack of therapeutic potential before it is permanently placed in Schedule I.<sup>18</sup> But, in the case of the 2018 temporary scheduling order on fentanyl-related substances, rather than allow for the completion of scientifically and medically-based proceedings, the DEA and the Trump administration persuaded Congress to create an exception to the ordinary rule by enacting a bill to extend the temporary scheduling of fentanyl-related substances until May 6, 2021.<sup>19</sup> And now, proponents of the class-wide approach are once again asking Congress to grant DEA the authority to schedule all fentanyl-related substances *permanently*. We oppose any initiatives that would continue to extend class-wide scheduling, whether temporarily or permanently.

Excising science and public health from the drug control process would set a harmful precedent for the criminal legal system and public health. There is simply no scientific basis for this approach, and no precedent for its sweeping, permanent grant of authority. DEA is not equipped to assess the abuse potential or the therapeutic value of substances, particularly when it comes to emerging substances unknown to science. Our communities will have to bear the consequences of such a process, including the application of mandatory minimum sentences, for persons who play bit roles in distribution of even trace amounts of a fentanyl-related substance.<sup>20</sup> Giving the DEA broad authority over scheduling would also unduly water down the evidence required for a conviction, depriving accused persons of the opportunity to mount a meaningful defense, and undercutting the goals of criminal legal reform.

**An extension of the ban is unnecessary because harmful fentanyl analogues are illegal with or without classwide scheduling.** DOJ spokespersons repeatedly, erroneously, have claimed that failure to enact class-wide scheduling would “legalize” harmful fentanyl analogues. On April 2019, a DEA spokesperson stated that “...any fentanyl substances not already permanently placed in Schedule I or II would fall off the list and technically not be an illegal substance.”<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> See Fentanyl Analogues: Perspectives on Classwide Scheduling: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 116th Cong. 4 (Testimony of Dr. Sandra D. Comer, Professor of Neurobiology (in Psychiatry), Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York State Psychiatric Institute) (Jan. 28, 2020), [https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU08/20200128/110392/HHRG\\_116\\_JU08\\_Wstate\\_ComerS\\_20200128.pdf](https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU08/20200128/110392/HHRG_116_JU08_Wstate_ComerS_20200128.pdf).

<sup>16</sup> Kemp Chester, Assoc. Dir., Nat’l Heroin Coordination Grp., Off. of Nat’l Drug Control Pol’y, Response to Questions for the Record Following Hearing Entitled, The Countdown: Fentanyl Analogues & the Expiring Emergency Scheduling Order to S. Comm. on the Judiciary (June 4, 2019) at 3, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Chester%20Responses%20to%20QFRs1.pdf>.

<sup>17</sup> See 21 U.S.C. 811(b).

<sup>18</sup> See 21 U.S.C. 811(h).

<sup>19</sup> See Pub. L. No. 116 114, 134 Stat. 103 (2020).

<sup>20</sup> Cite 841, Scott Brady.

<sup>21</sup> See Erin Durkin, *DEA’s Plea to Congress: Permanently Ban Fentanyl Substances*, Nat’l J. Daily Extra (Apr. 21, 2019).



Later, in January of 2020, then-Attorney General William P. Barr authored an op-ed in the Washington Post in which he repeated the misinformation that, if fentanyl-related substances were not scheduled or the emergency scheduling order was allowed to expire, the drugs would become legal.<sup>22</sup> To be clear, these statements were then and are still now false. In fact, the 2018 emergency scheduling order itself correctly noted that trafficking of fentanyl analogues is “actually illegal as persons who do so can be prosecuted using the controlled substance analogue provisions of the CSA.”<sup>23</sup>

In addition, the Department of Justice and DEA have claimed that the Analogue Act is unduly complex and burdensome. But the Analogue Act appropriately requires the government when it brings the force of federal criminal penalties against an individual to prove that a novel substance is actually harmful or was intended to be harmful. If the substance involved is harmful, that should not be a difficult burden for the government to meet. Nor do those burdens obstruct DOJ’s efforts to prosecute individuals: DOJ has acknowledged its “very good track record in Analogue Act prosecutions.”<sup>24</sup> Science matters, and due process is not a mere inconvenience to sweep aside. Overcoming an individual’s presumption of innocence is not intended to be convenient for the government. The Analogue Act requires the government to prove that a novel substance meets the Controlled Substance Act’s definition of “controlled substance analogue” before that person can be convicted and punished. Congress carefully designed the elements of that definition to secure convictions for dangerous novel substances while shielding harmless conduct from criminal sanctions.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> See William P. Barr, *William Barr: Fentanyl Could Flood the Country Unless Congress Passes this Bill*, Wash. Post, (Jan. 10, 2020), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/william-barr-congress-pass-this-bill-so-we-can-attack-the-onslaught-of-illegal-fentanyl/2020/01/10/cbb8ccdc-33cb-11ea-a053-dc6d944ba776\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/william-barr-congress-pass-this-bill-so-we-can-attack-the-onslaught-of-illegal-fentanyl/2020/01/10/cbb8ccdc-33cb-11ea-a053-dc6d944ba776_story.html). See also: Statement of the U.S. Department of Justice, Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and, Greg Cherundolo, Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Before the Committee on the Judiciary, For a Hearing Entitled “The Countdown: Fentanyl Analogues & the Expiring Emergency Scheduling Order,” June 4, 2019, p. 2, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Liskamm-Cherundolo%20Joint%20Testimony.pdf>; Statement of the U.S. Department of Justice, Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and, Tim McDermott, Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, For a Hearing Entitled “Tackling the Opioid Crisis: A Whole of Government Approach,” December 17, 2019, p. 8, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Liskamm-McDermott%20Testimony.pdf>; Statement of the U.S. Department of Justice, Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Before the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, United States House of Representatives, For a Hearing Entitled “Fentanyl Analogues: Perspectives on Classwide Scheduling,” January 28, 2020, p. 2, <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/JU/JU08/20200128/110392/HHRG-116-JU08-Wstate-LiskammA-20200128.pdf>

<sup>23</sup> 83 FR 5188, Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Fentanyl Related Substances in Schedule, [Drug Enforcement Administration](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-02319/p-14), February 6, 2018, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-02319/p-14>

<sup>24</sup> Statement of the U.S. Department of Justice, Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and, Greg Cherundolo, Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, Before the Committee on the Judiciary, For a Hearing Entitled “The Countdown: Fentanyl Analogues & the Expiring Emergency Scheduling Order,” June 4, 2019, p. 5, <https://www.judiciary.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Liskamm-Cherundolo%20Joint%20Testimony.pdf>

<sup>25</sup> Butler Test. at 9-10 (summarizing legislative history of the Analogue Act, including consideration by Congress of testimony from the American Chemical Society).

**Class-wide scheduling hurts public health and scientific research.** Giving the DEA broad, “class-wide” powers to schedule fentanyl analogues without HHS oversight could also undermine scientific research critical to finding solutions to the overdose crisis. In a July 2019 letter to HHS, bipartisan members of the Senate Judiciary Committee warned that the same barriers to research that scientists encounter when attempting to study Schedule I drugs would apply to substances added by a class-wide ban.<sup>26</sup> Senate Judiciary Committee members further warned that “the failure to engage necessary health experts vests far too much authority to a law-enforcement agency and may result in action that will deter valid, critical medical research aimed at responses to the opioid crisis, including efforts to identify antidotes to fentanyl-analogue overdoses and improved treatment outcomes.”<sup>27</sup> Similarly, in her January 2020 statement before the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the House Judiciary Committee, Dr. Sandra Comer, the public policy officer for the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, strongly recommended that any legislation on scheduling synthetic opioids should involve HHS’s science-based agencies, specifically the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the FDA.<sup>28</sup> We are gravely concerned that efforts encouraged by the DEA would take away HHS oversight essential to excluding substances that should not be scheduled. Substances that have no psychoactive value but are important to research could be inadvertently added to Schedule I without proper HHS input, needlessly increasing both the burdens to research and the effects of criminalization.

**The expiration of class-wide scheduling is an opportunity for the Biden administration and Congress to make good on a commitment to end mandatory minimums and embrace a public health approach.**<sup>29</sup> The classwide scheduling discussion allows this administration and Congress the opportunity to choose a new path on drug policy. The Biden administration has expressed support for ending mandatory minimums. Allowing this policy to expire aligns with Biden’s stated support of ending mandatory minimums and treating drugs as a public health issue. The Biden administration and policymakers should instead support legislation grounded in public health and harm reduction. Some health-centered policy provisions the Biden administration and Congress should prioritize include the following: supporting harm reduction interventions such as syringe service programs; enacting a federal Good Samaritan statute; removing cost and access barriers to naloxone and effective forms of opioid use disorder treatment such as buprenorphine and methadone<sup>30</sup>; and improving public health surveillance of fentanyl analogues and overdose cases.

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<sup>26</sup> See Letter from Senators Richard J. Durbin, Michael S. Lee, Sheldon Whitehouse, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher A. Coons, Mazie Hirono, Cory A. Booker, Kamala D. Harris to The Hon. Alex M. Azar II, Secretary, U.S. Dep’t of Health and Human Services (Jul. 10, 2019), <https://www.durbin.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Letter%20to%20DOJ%20HHS%207.10.pdf>.

<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> See Statement of Sandra D. Comer, Ph.D., Before the Subcomm. on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 28, 2020). See also: Letter from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) to House Judiciary Committee dated February 4, 2020 regarding classwide scheduling of fentanyl analogues, [https://www.aspet.org/docs/default-source/advocacy-files/aspet-fentanyl-classwide-scheduling-letter.pdf?sfvrsn=4db79cd2\\_0](https://www.aspet.org/docs/default-source/advocacy-files/aspet-fentanyl-classwide-scheduling-letter.pdf?sfvrsn=4db79cd2_0)

<sup>29</sup> See <https://joebiden.com/opioidcrisis/> and <https://joebiden.com/justice/>

<sup>30</sup> See Support, Treatment, and Overdose Prevention of Fentanyl Act of 2021: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2366>; Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act (H.R. 1384/S.445) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1384> and

We share your concern about fentanyl-related deaths and support effective health-based approaches to mitigating this public health crisis, but class-wide scheduling merely repeats the mistakes of the past by exacerbating our incarceration problem. We welcome dialogue with you and your staff about how to move forward on this important topic. However, we must reiterate our firm opposition to “class-wide” emergency scheduling, whether temporary or permanent. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact Grant Smith, Deputy Director, DPA at [gsmith@drugpolicy.org](mailto:gsmith@drugpolicy.org) or Patricia Richman, National Sentencing Resource Counsel, Federal Public and Community Defenders at [Patricia.Richman@fd.org](mailto:Patricia.Richman@fd.org); for questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A Little Piece Of Light (NY)  
AIDS Alabama (AL)  
AIDS United  
Alliance for Living (CT)  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Any Positive Change, Inc. (CA)  
Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc. (CA)  
AMERSA (RI)  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition (MD)  
Being Alive LA (CA)  
Black and Pink Massachusetts (MA)  
Brennan Center for Justice  
Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law (NY)  
Bridge To The Mountains (PA)  
Center For Employment Opportunities  
Center for Health and Justice Transformation (RI)  
Center for Justice Research at Texas Southern University (TX)  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Chicago Drug Users' Union (IL)  
College and Community Fellowship (NY)  
Community Alliance on Prisons (HI)  
Community Health Project Los Angeles (CA)  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces (MD)  
Church of Scientology National Affairs Office  
CURE (Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants)  
Down Home NC (NC)  
Dream Corps JUSTICE  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Due Process Institute  
Fair and Just Prosecution

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<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/445>; TREATS Act (S. 340)  
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Family and Medical Counseling Services, Inc. (DC)  
Federal Public and Community Defenders  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
GLIDE (CA)  
GoodWorks: North Alabama Harm Reduction (AL)  
Harm Reduction Services (CA)  
Harm Reduction Sisters (NC)  
Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center (HI)  
Health in Justice Action Lab (MA)  
Health Policy Network, LLC (PA)  
HealthRight360 (CA)  
Hep Free Hawaii (HI)  
HEPPAC (CA)  
HIPS (DC)  
HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County HEPPAC (CA)  
HIV/HCV Resource Center (NC)  
Human Rights Watch  
Interfaith Action for Human Rights  
Justice Roundtable  
Justice Strategies  
Latino Justice PRLDEF  
Law Enforcement Action Partnership  
Live4Lali (IL)  
LSF Services (NY)  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
Legal Action Center  
Maine Access Points (ME)  
Maine People's Alliance (ME)  
The Mountain Center (NM)  
NAACP  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Advocacy and Recovery for Behavioral Health  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
NCADD-MD (MD)  
National Council of Churches  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Juvenile Justice Network  
National Organization for Women  
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
NEXT Harm Reduction (NY)  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice

Opioid Network (NY)  
People's Action  
Philadelphia Overdose Prevention Initiative (PA)  
Prevention Point Pittsburgh (PA)  
QC Harm Reduction (IL)  
Rights & Democracy (VT)  
River Valley Organizing (OH)  
St. James Infirmary (CA)  
The Sentencing Project  
Showing Up for Racial Justice Ohio (NY)  
SOAR WV (WV)  
Stophedrugwar.org  
Students for Sensible Drug Policy  
Texas Drug User Health Alliance (TX)  
TN State Conference NAACP (TN)  
Treatment Action Group  
Treatment Communities of America  
Tzedek Association  
Unlimited Sciences (CO)  
Urban Survivors Union (IN)  
Vera Institute of Justice  
VOCAL-NY (NY)  
Washington Office on Latin America  
Witness to Mass Incarceration, Inc.

**Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)**

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
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**Subject:** RE: Coalition Letter Opposing Class Wide Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues  
**Attachments:** Class Wide Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Opposition Letter to Attorney General Garland.pdf

Grant,

It's good to hear from you and to see so many friends on this note. Thanks for your kind words, and for your advocacy. I'm copying Tamarra and Tim, who lead on this issue for our office, as well as Stacy, who will ensure it reaches relevant components in the Department.

We'd welcome the chance to hear your perspective on this matter. Tim and Tamarra will be in touch to discuss.

Best,

Matt

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**From:** Grant Smith (b) (6) @drugpolicy.org>  
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**Dear Joe,**

As you work on money-in-politics, voting rights, ethics, redistricting, and/or other democracy reform issues, [Common Cause](#) will send you occasional updates with key national and/or Washington, DC-area forums, hearings, legislation, and litigation related to these issues. For the final Democracy Download from the 116th Congress, click [here](#).

**Key Dates (all times Eastern)**

- **April 12, 3pm:** Open Primaries hosts a webinar entitled, "Are the Political Parties Too Weak, Too Strong...or Obsolete? A (historical) conversation with former Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-OK)." RSVP [here](#).
- **April 13, 12pm:** R Street Institute hosts a webinar entitled, "[Exploring Electoral Innovation: Righting Electoral Dysfunction with Healthy Competition](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **April 13, 1pm-2pm:** Campaign Legal Center hosts a webinar entitled, "[The Bad News \(and Some Good\) on Voting Access in the States](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **April 13, 4pm-4:30pm:** Heritage Foundation hosts a webinar entitled, "[Safeguarding our Elections: A Conversation with Sen. Rand Paul \(R-KY\)](#)" and Hans von Spakovsky for a discussion about H.R. 1, the For the People Act. RSVP [here](#).
- **April 14, 10am:** House Oversight and Reform Committee [is scheduled](#) to mark-up [H.R. 51](#), the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **April 14, 1pm:** House Natural Resources Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on bills relating to Puerto Rico self-determination and Puerto Rico statehood. Witnesses TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **April 15, 12pm-2pm:** Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress holds a [Member Day hearing](#). Livestreamed [here](#).
- **April 15, 1pm:** Library of Congress hosts a virtual event entitled, "[How Political Institutions Shape Outcomes and How We Might Reform Them](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **Week of April 19:** The full House of Representatives [is expected to vote](#) on [H.R. 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act.
- **April 19, 4pm-5pm:** Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic



Governance and Innovation hosts a webinar entitled, "[Voting Rights and Democracy Reform in the States and on the Hill](#)" with Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) and others. RSVP [here](#).

- **April 21, 12:15pm-1pm:** Bipartisan Policy Center hosts a webinar entitled, "[Modernizing Congress: Progress and Prospects](#)" with Reps. Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and William Timmons (R-SC). RSVP [here](#).
- **April 22, 10am:** The Federal Election Commission holds an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA.
- **April 22, 12pm-12:45pm:** Brennan Center for Justice holds a webinar entitled, "[Supreme Injustice: How a Conservative Court Will Reshape America](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **April 23, 2pm:** National Council of State Legislatures hosts a briefing entitled, "[2020 Census Updates](#)." RSVP [here](#).

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 989](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require certain online platforms which display political advertisements to display with the advertisement a notice identifying the sponsor of the advertisement and to ensure that the notice will continue to be presented in the advertisement if a viewer of the advertisement shares the advertisement with others on that platform (Rep. Golden, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1172](#), Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)
- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)

- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 212 cosponsors)
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification

- requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
  - [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
  - [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
  - [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
  - [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
  - [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBeth, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
  - [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
  - [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)

- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor—passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make

payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)

- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlahan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
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- **April 19, 4pm-5pm:** Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation hosts a webinar entitled, "[Voting Rights and Democracy Reform in the States and on the Hill](#)" with Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) and others. RSVP [here](#).
- **April 20, 9:30am:** House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Government Operations will hold a hearing entitled, "[Restoring Independence: Rebuilding the Federal Offices of Inspectors General](#)." Livestreamed [here](#).
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- **April 20, 4:30-5:30pm:** American Enterprise Institute holds a forum entitled, "[The](#)

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- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 212 cosponsors)
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems

in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)

- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)

- [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBeth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 2614](#), a bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland (Rep. Griffith, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
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- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)

- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor—passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
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- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
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- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2699](#), 2020 Census Deadlines Extension Act (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, 5 cosponsors)
- [S 1267](#), 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (Sen. Schatz, 1 cosponsor)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor—passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make

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- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlahan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep.

Hinson, no cosponsors)

- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2557](#), TRUST in Elections Act (Rep. Adams, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2584](#), Judiciary Act (Rep. Hank Johnson, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2681](#), IG Independence and Empowerment Act (Rep. Connolly, 10 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 956](#), Supreme Court Transparency Act (Sen. Kennedy, no cosponsors)
- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)

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**Key Dates (all times Eastern)**

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- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
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- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 956](#), Supreme Court Transparency Act (Sen. Kennedy, no cosponsors)
- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)

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- **May 17:** All annual public financial disclosure reports for covered federal employees [are due](#) to agency ethics officials
- **May 19, 10am-11:15am:** Heritage Foundation hosts a webinar entitled, "[Senator Jim Inhofe \(R-OK\) on the Value of the Electoral College](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **May 20, 10am:** Federal Election Commission holds an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA.
- **June 7-11:** American Constitution Society holds its [2021 National Convention](#). RSVP [here](#).
- **June:** The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision in [Brnovich v. DNC](#), a case examining whether Arizona's election law involving the counting of provisional ballots and collecting of ballots violates the Voting Rights Act and/or the Constitution (the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 2)

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
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- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
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- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions

and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)

- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2692](#), Ban Corporate PACs Act (Rep. Harder, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 216 cosponsors)—passed the House 216-208 on April 22
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election



Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)

- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
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- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
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- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
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- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)

- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
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- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
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- **May 17, 12:30pm:** The Carter Center and Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy hosts an event entitled, "[The Carter-Baker Commission. 16 Years Later: Technology and Elections.](#)" RSVP [here](#).
- **May 17, 8pm:** Fix Our Senate hosts a webinar entitled, "[Protect Our Democracy or Protect the Filibuster](#)" with Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). Livestreamed [here](#).
- **May 18, 9:30am:** The House Rules Committee is [scheduled to consider](#) the rule for [H.R. 3237](#), Emergency Security Supplemental to Respond to January 6th Appropriations Act, 2021 and [H.R. 3233](#), National Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol Complex Act (both bills are expected to be voted on by the full House later in the week)
- **May 18, 3:30pm:** FairVote hosts an event entitled, "[2021 Reform Victories: FairVote Progress Report](#)" with Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY) and others. RSVP [here](#).

- **May 18, 5:30pm-6:45pm:** Brennan Center for Justice holds an event entitled, "[Is a Politics-Free SCOTUS Possible?](#)" RSVP [here](#).
- **May 19, 10am-11:15am:** Heritage Foundation hosts a webinar entitled, "[Senator Jim Inhofe \(R-OK\) on the Value of the Electoral College](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **May 20, 10am:** Federal Election Commission holds an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA.
- **May 21, 11am-12pm:** Bipartisan Policy Center hosts an event entitled, "[Modernizing Congress: Progress and Prospects](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **June 7-11:** American Constitution Society holds its [2021 National Convention](#). RSVP [here](#).
- **June:** The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision in [Brnovich v. DNC](#), a case examining whether Arizona's election law involving the counting of provisional ballots and collecting of ballots violates the Voting Rights Act and/or the Constitution (the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 2)

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 989](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require certain online platforms which display political advertisements to display with the advertisement a notice identifying the sponsor of the advertisement and to ensure that the notice will continue to be presented in the advertisement if a viewer of the advertisement shares the advertisement with others on that platform (Rep. Golden, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1172](#), Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)

- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)
- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2692](#), Ban Corporate PACs Act (Rep. Harder, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 216 cosponsors)--passed the House 216-208 on April 22
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)



- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)

- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBeth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 2614](#), a bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland (Rep. Griffith, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2844](#), Election Protection Act (Rep. McCaul, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2941](#), Accessible Voting Act (Rep. Scanlon, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)

- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 1470](#), Accessible Voting Act (Sen. Casey, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 1539](#), Voters' Access to Water Act (Sen. Ossoff, 1 cosponsor)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2699](#), 2020 Census Deadlines Extension Act (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, 5 cosponsors)
- [S 1267](#), 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (Sen. Schatz, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1584](#), Census FACTS Act (Sen. Schatz, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor--passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make

payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)

- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlihan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)

- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2557](#), TRUST in Elections Act (Rep. Adams, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2584](#), Judiciary Act (Rep. Hank Johnson, 2 cosponsors)
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- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)
- [S 1546](#), Executive Branch Ethics Enforcement Act (Sen. Blumenthal, no cosponsors)

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Hi Jason and Claudia -

Hope you're both well. I am not sure whether we will have interns in the fall or not but please send my COS Peter Hyun a (b) (6) with her CV in case (or have her do so).

Hope you both have a great summer. Great to hear from you.

Vanita

On May 19, 2021, at 6:28 PM, Jason Williamson (b) (6) @aclu.org> wrote:

Hey Vanita,

I hope this finds you and the family doing well. First, a belated congratulations on your confirmation! Trust me, we're all breathing a sigh of relief on this end and look forward to watching you work--and hopefully having the chance to collaborate on some level.

I'm writing on behalf of (b) (6), who was one of the students that interviewed you for our clinic last fall. (b) (6) will be participating in NYU Law's D.C. clinic in the fall, where she and her fellow students will be placed in internships with various government agencies. Needless to say (b) (6) is still raving about her opportunity to interact with you and is now interested in potentially assisting your team in the fall as a legal intern.

We have no idea what your needs will be come the fall, and aren't sure how realistic this request is. But we wanted to flag it for you in the event that you (or someone in your office) would be open to talking with (b) (6) about the possibilities.

Let us know what you think when you get a minute--thanks!

Jason & Claudia

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**Key Dates (all times Eastern)**

- **Week of May 24:** The Senate is expected to take a [cloture vote](#) on the nomination of Kristen Clarke to be Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice
- **May 24, 11am:** House Administration Elections Subcommittee holds a hearing entitled, "[Voting in America: The Potential for Voter ID Laws, Proof-of-Citizenship Laws, and Lack of Multi-Linqual Support To Interfere with Free and Fair Access to the Ballot.](#)" Livestreamed [here](#).
- **May 24, 3pm:** Washington Post Live hosts a [discussion](#) with Sen. Amy Klobuchar on the For the People Act (S. 1) and other issues. Register [here](#).
- **May 25, 2pm:** House Committee on Oversight and Reform holds a [mark-up](#) on [HR 2662](#) (IG Independence and Empowerment Act) and [HR 3327](#) (No CORRUPTION Act), 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **May 27, 10am:** House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties holds a hearing entitled, "[Oversight of the Voting Rights Act: A Continuing Record of Discrimination.](#)" Witnesses TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **May 27, 12:15-1pm:** Bipartisan Policy Center holds a webinar entitled, "[Congress Overwhelmed.](#)" RSVP [here](#).

- **June 7-11:** American Constitution Society holds its [2021 National Convention](#). RSVP [here](#).
- **June 9, 10am:** American Enterprise Institute hosts a webinar entitled, "[Should We Amend or Abolish the Electoral Count Act?](#)" RSVP [here](#).
- **June 10, 10am:** Federal Election Commission holds an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **June 10, 6pm:** Common Cause hosts its [50th anniversary gala](#) featuring Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) and others. RSVP [here](#).
- **June 25:** 8th anniversary of the Supreme Court's 5-4 *Shelby County v. Holder* decision overturning key parts of the Voting Rights Act
- **June:** The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision in [Brnovich v. DNC](#), a case examining whether Arizona's election law involving the counting of provisional ballots and collecting of ballots violates the Voting Rights Act and/or the Constitution (the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 2)

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 989](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require certain online platforms which display political advertisements to display with the advertisement a notice identifying the sponsor of the advertisement and to ensure that the notice will continue to be presented in the advertisement if a viewer of the advertisement shares the advertisement with others on that platform (Rep. Golden, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1172](#), Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)

- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)
- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2692](#), Ban Corporate PACs Act (Rep. Harder, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1777](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify the Trump administration rule on reporting requirements of exempt organizations (Sen. Braun, 43 cosponsors)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 216 cosponsors)--passed the House 216-208 on April 22
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)

- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)

- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBeth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 2614](#), a bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland (Rep. Griffith, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2844](#), Election Protection Act (Rep. McCaul, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2941](#), Accessible Voting Act (Rep. Scanlon, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3288](#), Filer Voter Act (Rep. Watson Coleman, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)

- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 1470](#), Accessible Voting Act (Sen. Casey, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 1539](#), Voters' Access to Water Act (Sen. Ossoff, 1 cosponsor)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2699](#), 2020 Census Deadlines Extension Act (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, 5 cosponsors)
- [S 1267](#), 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (Sen. Schatz, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1584](#), Census FACTS Act (Sen. Schatz, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor--passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make

payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)

- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlahan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)

- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2557](#), TRUST in Elections Act (Rep. Adams, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2584](#), Judiciary Act (Rep. Hank Johnson, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2681](#), IG Independence and Empowerment Act (Rep. Connolly, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 2902](#), Elected Official Lobbying Prohibition Act (Rep. Van Taylor, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2939](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the knowing disclosure of false information to the public to the detriment of the United States or for the purpose of influencing an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3049](#), a bill to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit a former Member of Congress from making a lobbying contact under such Act on behalf of a client which is a Communist country (Rep. Mike Johnson, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 3118](#), Access to White House Visitor Logs Act (Rep. Quigley, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3327](#), No CORRUPTION Act (Rep. Norman, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 3338](#), a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to modify requirements with respect to whistleblower complaints made by employees of an Office of Inspector General (Rep. Connolly, 7 cosponsors)
- [HR 3389](#), Congressional and Executive Foreign Lobbying Ban (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3390](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 956](#), Supreme Court Transparency Act (Sen. Kennedy, no cosponsors)
- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)
- [S 1546](#), Executive Branch Ethics Enforcement Act (Sen. Blumenthal, no cosponsors)



- [S 1724](#), Foreign Agents Disclosure and Registration Enhancement Act (Sen. Grassley, 4 cosponsors)
- [S 1754](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Sen. Cotton, no cosponsors)

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**To:** Vanita Gupta  
**Cc:** Angelos, Claudia; Hyun, Peter (OASG); Gupta, Vanita (OASG)  
**Subject:** Re: Legal intern for the Fall?

Thanks so much for the response, Vanita. Really appreciate it. Hope you have a fantastic summer as well.

And it's great to meet you, Peter. We will have (b) (6) reach out to you directly.

Best,

**Jason D. Williamson**  
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**Subject:** Re: Legal intern for the Fall?

Hi Jason and Claudia -

Hope you're both well. I am not sure whether we will have interns in the fall or not but please send my COS Peter Hyun a (b) (6) with her CV in case (or have her do so).

Hope you both have a great summer. Great to hear from you.

Vanita

On May 19, 2021, at 6:28 PM, Jason Williamson (b) (6) @aclu.org> wrote:

Hey Vanita,

I hope this finds you and the family doing well. First, a belated congratulations on your confirmation! Trust me, we're all breathing a sigh of relief on this end and look forward to watching you work--and hopefully having the chance to collaborate on some level.

I'm writing on behalf of (b) (6), who was one of the students that interviewed you for our clinic last fall. (b) (6) will be participating in NYU Law's D.C. clinic in the fall, where she and her fellow students will be placed in internships with various government agencies. Needless to say (b) (6) is still raving about her opportunity to interact with you and is now interested in potentially assisting your team in the fall as a legal intern.

We have no idea what your needs will be come the fall, and aren't sure how realistic this request is. But we wanted to flag it for you in the event that you (or someone in your office) would be open to talking with (b) (6) about the possibilities.

Let us know what you think when you get a minute--thanks!

Jason & Claudia

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**To:** Gupta, Vanita (OASG)  
**Subject:** Cameron v. EMW - Supreme Court abortion intervention case

Hi Vanita. Hope you and Chinh are doing well. Would you have a chance to touch base briefly on the above case, which the S. Ct. has granted? It's an abortion case, though the issue before the S. Ct. is the timeliness of intervention by the KY Attorney General after the panel issued its decision. We just had a meeting with the SG's office, as they are deciding whether to weigh in as amicus or not. We think the actual issue before the Court is extraordinarily narrow and technical, and does not implicate Kentucky's sovereign interests, much less the US's sovereign interests. And we would hope that the Biden administration should not weigh in on the side of the Kentucky Attorney General who is seeking to reverse a decision striking down a prohibition on all "D&E" abortions (the most common method of second-trimester abortions, used in over 90% of such abortions). If you have a chance to discuss briefly, that would be great. .

Thanks, David

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**Cc:** Maritza Perez; Sakira Cook; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Harwood, Stacy (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Coalition Letter Opposing Class Wide Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues

Dear Matt,

I hope you've been well in recent weeks and since I reached out to you with our letter to Attorney General Garland in early April. As you'll recall, the letter concerns extensions of a Trump administration era policy known as class-wide scheduling of fentanyl analogues. Given that issue continues to be pertinent, I wanted to follow up and see if we can find time for a meeting that brings in stakeholders including those I copied on my email below. Since I'll be on leave for the next two weeks, Sakira Cook with The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights has graciously agreed to help with scheduling this meeting and I've copied her here. It would be great if a meeting can be arranged soon.

Thanks so much and we look forward to hearing from you and your colleagues about finding time to meet.

Grant

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Grant,

It's good to hear from you and to see so many friends on this note. Thanks for your kind words, and for your advocacy. I'm copying Tamarra and Tim, who lead on this issue for our office, as well as Stacy, who will ensure it reaches relevant components in the Department.

We'd welcome the chance to hear your perspective on this matter. Tim and Tamarra will be in touch to discuss.

Best,

Matt

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**Subject:** Virginia v. Ferriero

Vanita,

I hope you are continuing to settle in I have to imagine it feels good to be back (and to have much of the old crew back together again)!

I'm reaching out on behalf of the ACLU and our colleagues at the National Women's Law Center about *Virginia v. Ferriero*, the case seeking a judicial declaration that the Equal Rights Amendment has been validly adopted as part of the Constitution. The plaintiff states have recently filed a notice of appeal with the D.C. Circuit. Would it be helpful to set up a meeting with your office to discuss the appeal?



Best,  
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- **June 7-11:** American Constitution Society holds its [2021 National Convention](#). RSVP [here](#).
- **June 8, 10am:** House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet holds a hearing entitled, "[Civil Enforcement of Congressional Authorities](#)," 2141 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC. Livestreamed [here](#).
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- **June 27:** 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's 5-4 *Arizona Free Enterprise v. Bennett* decision, which gutted part of Arizona's small donor matching fund system
- **Late June:** The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision in [Brnovich v. DNC](#), a case examining whether Arizona's election law involving the counting of provisional ballots and collecting of ballots violates the Voting Rights Act and/or the Constitution (the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 2)
- **July 1:** 50th anniversary of the ratification of the [26th Amendment](#)

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 989](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require certain online platforms which display political advertisements to display with the advertisement a notice identifying the sponsor of the advertisement and to ensure that the notice will continue to be presented in the advertisement if a viewer of the advertisement shares the advertisement with others on that platform (Rep. Golden, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)

- [HR 1172](#), Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)
- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2692](#), Ban Corporate PACs Act (Rep. Harder, 1 cosponsor)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1777](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify the Trump administration rule on reporting requirements of exempt organizations (Sen. Braun, 43 cosponsors)
- [S 1786](#), RECUR Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 8 cosponsors)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 216 cosponsors)—passed the House 216-208 on April 22
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)

- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)

- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBeth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)
- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 2614](#), a bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland (Rep. Griffith, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2844](#), Election Protection Act (Rep. McCaul, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2941](#), Accessible Voting Act (Rep. Scanlon, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3288](#), Filer Voter Act (Rep. Watson Coleman, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 3555](#), Voters on the Move Registration Act (Rep. Nikema Williams, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 3646](#), a bill to direct the Presidential designee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to develop and implement a plan to provide end-to-end electronic voting services for absent uniformed services voters under such Act who are deployed or mobilized to locations with limited or immature postal service (Rep. Joe Wilson, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-

in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)

- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 1470](#), Accessible Voting Act (Sen. Casey, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 1539](#), Voters' Access to Water Act (Sen. Ossoff, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1823](#), Voters on the Move Registration Act (Sen. Wamock, 9 cosponsors)
- [S 1840](#), Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act (Sen. Cardin, 7 cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2699](#), 2020 Census Deadlines Extension Act (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, 5 cosponsors)
- [S 1267](#), 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (Sen. Schatz, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1584](#), Census FACTS Act (Sen. Schatz, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor—passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)

- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlihan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2557](#), TRUST in Elections Act (Rep. Adams, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2584](#), Judiciary Act (Rep. Hank Johnson, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2681](#), IG Independence and Empowerment Act (Rep. Connolly, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 2902](#), Elected Official Lobbying Prohibition Act (Rep. Van Taylor, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2939](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the knowing disclosure of false information to the public to the detriment of the United States or for the purpose of influencing an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3049](#), a bill to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit a former Member of Congress from making a lobbying contact under such Act on behalf of a client which is a Communist country (Rep. Mike Johnson, 5 cosponsors)

- [HR 3118](#), Access to White House Visitor Logs Act (Rep. Quigley, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3327](#), No CORRUPTION Act (Rep. Norman, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 3338](#), a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to modify requirements with respect to whistleblower complaints made by employees of an Office of Inspector General (Rep. Connolly, 7 cosponsors)
- [HR 3389](#), Congressional and Executive Foreign Lobbying Ban (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3390](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 956](#), Supreme Court Transparency Act (Sen. Kennedy, no cosponsors)
- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)
- [S 1546](#), Executive Branch Ethics Enforcement Act (Sen. Blumenthal, no cosponsors)
- [S 1724](#), Foreign Agents Disclosure and Registration Enhancement Act (Sen. Grassley, 4 cosponsors)
- [S 1754](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Sen. Cotton, no cosponsors)

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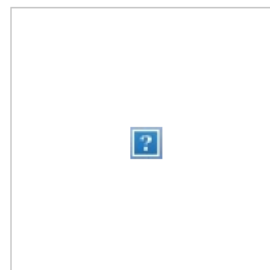
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- **June 24, 10am:** Federal Election Commission holds an [open meeting](#). Agenda TBA. Livestreamed [here](#).
- **June 24, 12pm-1pm:** New America, Princeton University, and Atlantic Council host an event entitled, "[What Happened on January 6th? Researching the Storming of the Capitol](#)." RSVP [here](#).
- **June 25:** 8th anniversary of the Supreme Court's 5-4 *Shelby County v. Holder* decision overturning key parts of the Voting Rights Act
- **June 27:** 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's 5-4 *Arizona Free Enterprise v. Bennett* decision, which gutted part of Arizona's small donor matching fund system
- **Late June:** The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision in [Brnovich v. DNC](#), a case examining whether Arizona's election law involving the counting of provisional ballots and collecting of ballots violates the Voting Rights Act and/or the Constitution (the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on March 2)
- **July 1:** 50th anniversary of the ratification of the [26th Amendment](#)

### **Money-in-Politics Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 1](#), For the People Act (Rep. Sarbanes, 222 cosponsors)--passed the House on March 3rd
- [HR 327](#), End Dark Money Act (Rep. Crow, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 403](#), Transparency in Corporate Political Spending Act (Rep. Andy Levin, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 422](#), Inaugural Fund Integrity Act (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)

- [HR 600](#), Presidential Inaugural Committee Oversight Act (Rep. Schrader, no cosponsors)
- [HR 774](#), Spotlight Act (Rep. Price, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 837](#), Free Speech Fairness Act (Rep. Scalise, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 856](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain political committees from compensating the spouse of the candidate for services provided to or on behalf of the committee, to require such committees to report on payments made to the spouse and the immediate family members of the candidate (Rep. Tiffany, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 989](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require certain online platforms which display political advertisements to display with the advertisement a notice identifying the sponsor of the advertisement and to ensure that the notice will continue to be presented in the advertisement if a viewer of the advertisement shares the advertisement with others on that platform (Rep. Golden, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1076](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1087](#), Shareholder Political Transparency Act (Rep. Foster, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 1127](#), Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (Rep. Gosar, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 1171](#), Stand By Every Ad Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1172](#), Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1266](#), Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 19 cosponsors)
- [HR 1312](#), EMPOWER Act (Rep. Price, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1334](#), DISCLOSE Act (Rep. Cicilline, 149 cosponsors)
- [HR 1414](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Rep. Kilmer, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1515](#), Help America Run Act (Rep. Porter, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1516](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and donations by foreign nationals in connection with State or local ballot initiatives or referenda (Rep. Porter, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1572](#), Democracy Dollars Act (Rep. Jayapal, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2388](#), HEC NO Act (Rep. Castor, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2605](#), Let It Go Act (Rep. Takano, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2692](#), Ban Corporate PACs Act (Rep. Harder, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3832](#), RECUR Act (Rep. Mike Levin, 3 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 1](#), Democracy for All Amendment (Rep. Deutch, 42 cosponsors)
- [S 1](#), For the People Act (Sen. Merkley, 48 cosponsors)
- [S 215](#), Spotlight Act (Sen. Tester, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 394](#), Duty to Report Act (Sen. Blumenthal, 18 cosponsors)
- [S 416](#), Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 428](#), EMPOWER Act (Sen. Van Hollen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 443](#), DISCLOSE Act (Sen. Whitehouse, 46 cosponsors)
- [S 750](#), Sunlight for Unaccountable Non-Profits (SUN) Act (Sen. Tester, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 850](#), Real Time Transparency Act (Sen. King, 1 cosponsor)

- [S 1777](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify the Trump administration rule on reporting requirements of exempt organizations (Sen. Braun, 43 cosponsors)
- [S 1786](#), RECUR Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 8 cosponsors)

### **Voting and Elections Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 36](#), a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 37](#), Voter Integrity Protection Act (Rep. Biggs, no cosponsors)
- [HR 51](#), Washington, D.C. Admission Act (Rep. Norton, 216 cosponsors)--passed the House 216-208 on April 22
- [HR 65](#), Same Day Registration Act (Rep. Brownley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 93](#), a bill to prohibit Federal payments to a unit of local government that allows individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in elections for State or local office (Rep. Jeff Duncan, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 102](#), Restoring Faith in Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, no cosponsors)
- [HR 126](#), a bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade (Rep. Al Green, no cosponsors)
- [HR 237](#), Vote by Mail Act (Rep. Blumenauer, 13 cosponsors)
- [HR 322](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Rep. Banks, 30 cosponsors)
- [HR 576](#), Next Generation Votes Act (Rep. Neguse, 12 cosponsors)
- [HR 589](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of voting systems in elections for Federal office whose hardware and software components are not manufactured and maintained in the United States or which are produced by foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 607](#), a bill to establish the Election Integrity Commission to study the integrity and administration of the general election for Federal office held in November 2020 and make recommendations to Congress to improve the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Rep. Smucker, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 635](#), PROVE Act (Rep. Beyer, 17 cosponsors)
- [HR 639](#), a bill to require States to submit annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 640](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 641](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)

- [HR 642](#), a bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the questions and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office (Rep. Brown, no cosponsors)
- [HR 775](#), a bill amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities (Rep. Scanlon, no cosponsors)
- [HR 776](#), a bill To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide secured drop boxes for voted absentee ballots in an election for Federal office (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 777](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intimidation of election officials and poll workers (Rep. Scanlon, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 827](#), a bill to direct the Postmaster General to modify any hard copy change of address form used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder to update voter registration (Rep. Norcross, no cosponsors)
- [HR 860](#), a bill to require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance (Rep. Babin, 9 cosponsors)
- [HR 873](#), Ensuring American Voters Act (Rep. Gibbs, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 966](#), Save Voters Act (Rep. Beatty, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 996](#), a bill to establish a commission to make recommendations on the appropriate size of membership of the House of Representatives and the method by which Members are elected (Rep. Hastings, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1059](#), America Votes Act (Rep. Larsen, 42 cosponsors)
- [HR 1070](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using proprietary voting system hardware or software in the administration of an election for Federal office which prevents the system from meeting the voluntary voting system guidelines for interoperability and auditability issued by the Election Assistance Commission under such Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1071](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit States from using a voting system which is connected to the Internet in the administration of an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1098](#), Citizenship Empowerment Act (Rep. Boyle, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Election Official Integrity Act (Rep. McBath, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1278](#), Know Your Polling Place Act (Rep. Allred, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1293](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from counting a ballot cast in an election for Federal office which is received by the State after the date of the election (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1294](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the participation of foreign entities in the administration of elections for Federal office (Rep. Gohmert, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1343](#), Voting Access Act (Rep. Grijalva, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1366](#), Protect the Youth Vote Act (Rep. Pappas, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 1522](#), Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act (Rep. Soto, 52 cosponsors)

- [HR 1529](#), VOTER ID Act (Rep. Westerman, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 1634](#), No Wireless Installations in Federal Instruments for Voting Act (No WIFI Act) (Rep. Gibbs, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1662](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office (Rep. Van Drew, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2070](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Rep. Velazquez, 73 cosponsors)
- [HR 2215](#), Our Homes Our Votes Act (Rep. Chuy Garcia, 31 cosponsors)
- [HR 2301](#), Automatic Voter Registration Act (Rep. Cicilline, 108 cosponsors)
- [HR 2343](#), Protecting American Voters Act (Rep. Roy, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 2358](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Rep. Clyburn, 32 cosponsors)
- [HR 2440](#), Stay in Line to Vote Act (Rep. Wild, 16 cosponsors)
- [HR 2614](#), a bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland (Rep. Griffith, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2844](#), Election Protection Act (Rep. McCaul, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2941](#), Accessible Voting Act (Rep. Scanlon, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3288](#), Filer Voter Act (Rep. Watson Coleman, 8 cosponsors)
- [HR 3555](#), Voters on the Move Registration Act (Rep. Nikema Williams, 6 cosponsors)
- [HR 3646](#), a bill to direct the Presidential designee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to develop and implement a plan to provide end-to-end electronic voting services for absent uniformed services voters under such Act who are deployed or mobilized to locations with limited or immature postal service (Rep. Joe Wilson, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 5](#), an amendment to the Constitution protecting the right of citizens to vote (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 14](#), an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President (Rep. Cohen, 8 cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 23](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens sixteen years of age or older (Rep. Meng, 17 cosponsors)
- [S 13](#), a bill to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on improvements to the security, integrity, and administration of Federal elections (Sen. Tim Scott, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 51](#), Washington, DC Admission Act (Sen. Carper, 39 cosponsors)
- [S 136](#), Vote by Mail Act (Sen. Wyden, 13 cosponsors)
- [S 301](#), a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office (Sen. Scott, no cosponsors)
- [S 481](#), Democracy Restoration Act (Sen. Cardin, 23 cosponsors)
- [S 519](#), PROTECT Electoral College Act (Sen. Hagerty, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 549](#), a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote integrity in voter registration, the casting of ballots, and the tabulation of ballots in elections for Federal office (Sen. Rick Scott, 3 cosponsors)

- [S 640](#), Invest in Our Democracy Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 865](#), Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act (Sen. Menendez, 7 cosponsors)
- [S 954](#), Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1130](#), Promoting Election Integrity by Proving Voter Identity Act (Sen. Rick Scott, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 1470](#), Accessible Voting Act (Sen. Casey, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 1539](#), Voters' Access to Water Act (Sen. Ossoff, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1823](#), Voters on the Move Registration Act (Sen. Wamock, 9 cosponsors)
- [S 1840](#), Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act (Sen. Cardin, 7 cosponsors)

### **Redistricting/Census Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 80](#), John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 81](#), Redistricting Transparency Act (Rep. Cooper, no cosponsors)
- [HR 100](#), Clean Elections Act (Rep. Fitzpatrick, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 134](#), Coretta Scott King Mid-Decade Redistricting Prohibition Act (Rep. Jackson Lee, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2699](#), 2020 Census Deadlines Extension Act (Rep. Carolyn Maloney, 5 cosponsors)
- [S 1267](#), 2020 Census Deadline Extensions Act (Sen. Schatz, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 1584](#), Census FACTS Act (Sen. Schatz, no cosponsors)

### **Ethics, Lobbying, and Other Government Reform Bills in the 117th Congress**

- [HR 23](#), Inspector General Protection Act (Rep. Lieu, 1 cosponsor--passed the House on January 4th)
- [HR 229](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election for Federal office from using amounts contributed to the candidate's campaign to make payments to vendors owned or controlled by the candidate or by an immediate family member of the candidate (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 230](#), a bill to prohibit the use of funds provided for the official travel expenses of Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the legislative branch for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 231](#), a bill to prevent the enrichment of certain Government officers and employees or their families through Federal funds or contracting (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 232](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require the President, Vice President, and Cabinet-level officers to release their tax returns (Rep. Ruiz, no cosponsors)
- [HR 244](#), Executive Branch Conflict of Interest Act (Rep. Gomez, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 252](#), a bill to require the publication of the name of any person pardoned by the President (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, no cosponsors)
- [HR 336](#), TRUST Act (Rep. Spanberger, 12 cosponsors)

- [HR 347](#), Presidential Tax Transparency Act (Rep. Eshoo, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 414](#), Public Service Integrity Act (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 459](#), Halt Unchecked Member Benefits with Lobbying Elimination (HUMBLE) Act (Rep. Craig, no cosponsors)
- [HR 661](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 664](#), a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 665](#), a bill to provide that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee who receives compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 752](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require Federal political appointees to sign a binding ethics pledge (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HR 753](#), Serve the People, not the Swamp Act (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1077](#), a bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require senior Executive branch employees to sign an ethics pledge (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1078](#), Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (Rep. Schneider, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1237](#), a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a person from knowingly providing substantial assistance relating to a contribution or donation by a foreign national (Rep. Houlahan, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1274](#), Corporate Duty to Report Act (Rep. Swalwell, 3 cosponsors)
- [HR 1276](#), Prevent Corrupting Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Swalwell, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1279](#), Shell Company Abuse Act (Rep. Allred, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1412](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members and elected officers of Congress from lobbying Congress at any time after leaving office (Rep. Hollingsworth, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1419](#), Protect Against Unlawful Lobbying (Rep. Omar, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 1461](#), White House Ethics Transparency Act (Rep. Lynch, no cosponsors)
- [HR 1530](#), Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act (Rep. Wild, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 1579](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Rep. Krishnamoorthi, 14 cosponsors)
- [HR 1830](#), Promoting the Unbiased Role of Employees (PURE) in the Executive Act (Rep. Hinson, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2055](#), Transparency in Government Act (Rep. Quigley, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 2557](#), TRUST in Elections Act (Rep. Adams, no cosponsors)
- [HR 2584](#), Judiciary Act (Rep. Hank Johnson, 2 cosponsors)
- [HR 2681](#), IG Independence and Empowerment Act (Rep. Connolly, 10 cosponsors)
- [HR 2902](#), Elected Official Lobbying Prohibition Act (Rep. Van Taylor, 1 cosponsor)



- [HR 2939](#), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the knowing disclosure of false information to the public to the detriment of the United States or for the purpose of influencing an election for Federal office (Rep. Posey, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3049](#), a bill to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to prohibit a former Member of Congress from making a lobbying contact under such Act on behalf of a client which is a Communist country (Rep. Mike Johnson, 5 cosponsors)
- [HR 3118](#), Access to White House Visitor Logs Act (Rep. Quigley, no cosponsors)
- [HR 3327](#), No CORRUPTION Act (Rep. Norman, 4 cosponsors)
- [HR 3338](#), a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to modify requirements with respect to whistleblower complaints made by employees of an Office of Inspector General (Rep. Connolly, 7 cosponsors)
- [HR 3389](#), Congressional and Executive Foreign Lobbying Ban (Rep. Gallagher, 1 cosponsor)
- [HR 3390](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Rep. Gallagher, no cosponsors)
- [HJ Res 4](#), an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President (Rep. Cohen, 15 cosponsors)
- [S 318](#), Presidential Pardon Transparency Act (Sen. Merkley, 3 cosponsors)
- [S 501](#), a bill to prohibit earmarks (Sen. Daines, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 546](#), BLAST Act (Sen. Braun, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 564](#), Ban Conflicted Trading Act (Sen. Merkley, 2 cosponsors)
- [S 587](#), Securing Inspector General Independence Act (Sen. Grassley, 11 cosponsors)
- [S 693](#), No Congressionally-Obligated Recurring Revenue Used as Pensions To Incarcerated Officials Now (No CORRUPTION) Act (Sen. Rosen, 1 cosponsor)
- [S 751](#), Cleaning Up Washington's Act (Sen. Tester, no cosponsors)
- [S 818](#), Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (Sen. Grassley, 6 cosponsors)
- [S 956](#), Supreme Court Transparency Act (Sen. Kennedy, no cosponsors)
- [S 1141](#), Judiciary Act (Sen. Markey, no cosponsors)
- [S 1546](#), Executive Branch Ethics Enforcement Act (Sen. Blumenthal, no cosponsors)
- [S 1724](#), Foreign Agents Disclosure and Registration Enhancement Act (Sen. Grassley, 4 cosponsors)
- [S 1754](#), Chinese Communist Party Influence Transparency Act (Sen. Cotton, no cosponsors)

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**Subject:** FW: Letter to Secretary Garland on Eviction Prevention  
**Attachments:** NLIHC and DHRC letter to Biden Administration re Eviction Moratorium and ERA.pdf

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**From:** Walker, Burden (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Secretary Garland on Eviction Prevention

Peter & Matthew

Just a head's up that National Low Income Housing coalition just sent me this letter for the AG on evictions. Absent different directions, I will send to Exec Sec. Let me know if you'd like me to flag for anyone else.

Thanks,  
Burden

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Saadian (b) (6) @nlihc.org>  
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**Subject:** Letter to Secretary Garland on Eviction Prevention

Burden,

I am writing to deliver the attached letter to Secretary Garland, expressing deep concern about the federal eviction moratorium's pending expiration, as well as ongoing roadblocks and new challenges in the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. Despite historic efforts by Congress, the administration, and state and local governments, far too many renters are struggling to access ERA programs and are at risk of losing their homes when the moratorium expires.

In our letter, we outline key steps the Biden administration including DOJ can take to mitigate the risk of an historic wave of evictions this summer and fall.

We look forward to discussing this in more detail with you.

Thank you,

Sarah

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June 14, 2021

The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Marcia Fudge  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Merrick Garland  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Rochelle Walensky  
Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Atlanta, Georgia

The Honorable Susan Rice  
Director  
Domestic Policy Council  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Dave Uejio  
Acting Director  
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Gene Sperling  
American Rescue Plan Coordinator &  
Senior Advisor to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

To Secretaries Yellen, Fudge, and Garland, Directors Walensky and Rice, Acting Director Uejio and Advisor Sperling:

On behalf of the National Low Income Housing Coalition and the NLIHC-led Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition (DHRC), I write to express deep concern about the federal eviction moratorium's pending expiration, as well as ongoing roadblocks and new challenges in the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program. Despite historic efforts by Congress, the administration, and state and local governments, far too many renters are struggling to access ERA programs and are at risk of losing their homes when the moratorium expires.

There are several current challenges with ERA programs, including: state and local governments limited by capacity issues; program administrators continuing to impose burdensome documentation requirements that make it more difficult to distribute funds; program administrators not utilizing direct-to-tenant assistance when needed; landlord refusal to participate in ERA programs; many renters and landlords being unaware that aid is available and; a developing trend of some landlords evicting tenants even after receiving ERA funds to cover back rent.

These challenges will worsen if the Biden administration allows the federal eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expire on June 30, 2021, before states and localities can distribute aid to households in need. We request a meeting with the Biden administration to discuss the urgent challenges and solutions to keep renters stably housed.

NLIHC is tracking more than [1,000 state and local rental assistance programs](#) created or expanded during the pandemic, [analyzing](#) key features of these programs, and sharing [best practices](#) to ensure assistance is distributed to households most in need and is used to advance

racial equity. Over 400 of these programs are funded through the \$25 billion appropriated for the Treasury ERA program under the December 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act. Through this research, NLIHC has also been able to identify program challenges as they occur and bring these issues to the forefront.

The DHRC includes more than 850 local, state, and national organizations focused on ensuring the lowest-income and most marginalized people have stable, affordable homes while they work to recover after a disaster. During the pandemic, the DHRC mobilized to lead a national effort to prioritize the health and safety of low-income renters and people experiencing homelessness.

We applaud federal, state, and local policymakers who have responded to the pandemic and the resulting economic fallout with historic action. Congress provided \$46 billion in emergency rental assistance in the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) and the December 2020 COVID-19 [relief package](#) to help keep renters stably housed. The Biden White House and the Department of the Treasury have made [major program improvements](#) to respond directly to roadblocks identified by NLIHC based on our ongoing tracking and analysis of state and local emergency rental assistance programs, feedback from our partners including renters and program administrators, and findings from collaborative research conducted by NLIHC, the Housing Initiative at Penn, and NYU Furman Center. State and local governments are working diligently to design, scale up, and distribute aid to renters and landlords.

Despite these critical efforts, millions of renters across the nation are struggling to access aid. The risk of housing instability will dramatically increase if the Biden administration allows the federal eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to expire on June 30, 2021, before states and localities can distribute aid to households in need. At least [6 million renter households](#) – predominantly households of color, people with disabilities, and other marginalized populations – were behind on rent last month, and are at heightened risk of eviction when the moratorium expires.

Evictions risk lives and push households deeper into poverty, impacting everything from health outcomes, educational attainment, and more. The Biden administration must quickly take action – as outlined below – to mitigate the risk of an historic wave of evictions this summer and fall.

### **Strengthen and Extend a Federal Eviction Moratorium**

The first – and best – way to mitigate the risk of evictions is for the Biden administration to extend and strengthen the CDC eviction moratorium until states and localities can distribute ERA, and until vaccination rates in marginalized communities have increased. If the CDC is unwilling to extend the full moratorium, the Biden administration should establish a more limited eviction moratorium for renters living in federally assisted properties, including those with Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac-backed mortgages and those financed with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, and resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or Agriculture (USDA) resources, as was established by Congress and implemented early in the pandemic.

While vaccination rates are up and COVID caseloads down in many communities, those communities with lower vaccination rates and higher COVID cases tend to be the same as those with renters at heightened risk of eviction when the moratorium expires. Allowing the moratorium to expire before vaccination rates increase in marginalized communities could lead to increased spread of, and deaths from, COVID-19.

The federal eviction moratorium is also critical to ensuring that state and local governments have the time to properly design, implement, and scale up the distribution of ERA to renters at risk of losing their homes. If the moratorium ends prior to the distribution of ERA, it will undermine the historic investments Congress and the Biden administration have provided to respond to this crisis.

## **Raise Awareness of Emergency Rental Assistance**

### *Incorporate ERA in the Biden Administration's National Month of Action*

The Biden administration has announced a [National Month of Action](#) for June to mobilize an all-of-government approach to increase vaccine distribution by July 4. The administration should incorporate raising awareness of ERA, along with other American Rescue Plan resources such as stimulus checks and increased child tax credits, into this broad effort.

For example, the White House is partnering with childcare workers to provide free childcare while parents and caregivers receive their vaccination. Those childcare workers should provide all parents and caregivers information on how to access ERA and other American Rescue Plan resources. The Biden administration is working with pharmacies, such as Walgreen's and CVS, to extend their hours to provide vaccinations; these pharmacies should share ERA information with individuals who receive vaccinations at their locations. Existing plans to deploy community canvassing, phone banking, text banking, and hotlines can be modified to share information on ERA, and partnering businesses, colleges, and other institutions can similarly share ERA information.

During the National Month of Action, the Biden administration should also operate a major public education campaign to inform renters and landlords about the availability of ERA. The campaign should include Public Service Announcements with key influencers, airing on traditional and nontraditional media. The public information campaign should include links to NLIHC's searchable [ERA Program Table](#) and/or the [Department of Treasury's list](#) of ERA programs so that renters can quickly and easily find programs near them.

### *Convene Stakeholders and Deploy Federal Agency Partners*

The Biden administration can play a unique and powerful role in convening stakeholders and federal agencies to maximize awareness and uptake of ERA.

#### Stakeholders

The Biden Administration should convene stakeholders, including tenant organizers, landlord associations, state and local government officials and advocates, and other key partners to urge them to use their broad networks to raise awareness of the availability of ERA. For example, landlord, apartment, realtor, and homebuilder associations can and should do more to encourage their members to apply for and accept ERA assistance, and the White House can play an important role in ensuring that these landlord associations do so. Tenant organizers should be encouraged and equipped by the Biden administration to inform other renters in their community about the availability of rental assistance.

## Federal, State and Local Housing Agencies

Housing-related federal agencies should share information about ERA with their stakeholders. HUD, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) should encourage federally assisted landlords to apply directly for ERA on behalf of tenants behind on their rent and require/encourage them to share information about ERA with tenants. Owners and operators of federally assisted properties – including those using HUD, USDA, and Low Income Housing Tax Credit resources – should be directed to provide information about ERA to tenants who report a reduction in income or who miss a rent payment. HUD should send information and guidance to the public housing agencies (PHAs), Continuums of Care (COCs), HUD-funded supportive housing and rapid rehousing providers, and other HUD-assisted landlords to assist with outreach. To reduce the burden on renters and ERA program administrators, HUD should encourage document sharing and income verification through HUD programs. Coordination with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) can help ensure that individuals who apply for ERA, whether or not they receive the funds, are not entering into the homeless system.

The Biden Administration should convene and encourage industry and trade groups – such as National Council of State Housing Finance Agencies (NCSHA), National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), Council of Large Public Housing Agencies (CLPHA) – to similarly encourage and equip them to further engage their members in efforts to enroll more renters and landlords in local ERA programs.

## U.S. Census Bureau

The infrastructure build by the U.S. Census Bureau for the virtual 2020 count, as well as lessons learned and best practices, could be used to increase awareness of ERA. During the 2020 Census count, the federal government mobilized stakeholders through key partnerships, technology support, social media and other measures, which could be harnessed now, through many of the same already-established networks, to encourage renters and landlords to apply for emergency rental assistance. There is likely significant overlap between communities identified by the Census as “hard-to-count” and those communities with the greatest need for ERA, so utilizing similar Census count tactics could prove powerfully effective.

## Other Federal Agencies

People with extremely low incomes are often eligible for and interact with other federal programs and agencies such as Medicaid/Medicare, food assistance programs, SSD/I and others. The White House should encourage interagency collaboration and coordination between federal programs that serve low-income households to: increase knowledge about ERA, eligibility criteria and the application process across programs; increase access to ERA for those most in need; and develop a process to proactively target information on ERA to extremely low-income households and households that have experienced job loss, a decrease in income and/or a recent financial hardship or crisis.

Additionally, other federal agencies, such as the Department of Education, Health and Human Services (HHS), and USDA should include information about ERA in all existing outreach for programs serving low-income households. And the White House should encourage states, who often administer these federal programs, to develop local protocols and procedures for data and information sharing, cross system collaboration and referral processes to increase access to ERA for those most in need.



## *Partner with State and Local Governments*

The Biden administration should convene and encourage state and local governments to use their authorities, communication channels, and resources to increase awareness of the ERA program and its benefit to renters and landlords.

### State and Local Eviction Moratoria

The first and best way for state and local governments to mitigate the risk of evictions is to enact local eviction moratoria while they work diligently to distribute ERA. Unlike the CDC, state and local governments have much broader authority to enact eviction moratoria. To date, too few states and localities have established these protections, however, we could see this change with strong encouragement from the Biden administration.

### State and Local Eviction Prevention

The Biden administration should set clear expectations that state and local governments should do everything possible to prevent evictions. Congress and the Biden administration have provided historic levels of federal support through the American Rescue Plan that can be used to limit evictions. Billions of dollars in State and Local Fiscal Relief Funds and Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus funds can and should be used, for example, to fund legal attorneys to protect those renters facing eviction.

The Biden administration should collect and share best practices that can be implemented at the state and local level to mitigate the harm of evictions. For example, states and localities can seal eviction records that occur during or stem from nonpayment of rent during the pandemic, so that the filing does not make it more difficult for renters to find housing in the future.

### Communication with Renters and Landlords

The Biden administration should encourage state and local partners to share information about the availability of ERA directly with renters and landlords. For example, local governments can share information about ERA to all locally registered rental property owners, using existing databases. The White House can encourage state and local governments to use emergency communication systems, such as those used during the pandemic and during major disasters) to directly share information with renters. By partnering with mayors and governors to send direct text alerts regarding the availability of ERA, the White House can quickly raise awareness of these resources.

## **Establish Eviction Delay, Diversion, and Mitigation Measures**

The Biden administration must use every tool possible to delay, avoid and mitigate the harm of evictions.

### *Diversion Programs*

The administration should create court-based, pre- and post-eviction filing diversion programs that include the provision of rental assistance and relocation services, right to counsel and mediation, and record sealing, among other wrap-around approaches. The primary goal of such

programs must be avoiding and mitigating the harm of evictions and keeping renters stably housed, with success measured by the ability to increase housing stability.

### *Department of Justice*

The Department of Justice (DOJ) should communicate with courts directly about the availability of ERA funds and urge judges to postpone hearing eviction cases to give renters the opportunity to apply for and receive ERA. DOJ should issue an opinion to state courts that the acceptance of rental assistance is an indication of eviction avoidance. DOJ can also issue a notice to state courts stating that until high-risk communities are sufficiently vaccinated, there is a heightened danger, and that additional procedural safeguards are required. These safeguards include additional time for discovery, access to legal representation, and other measures.

DOJ should collect and track critical data on evictions before and after the moratorium ends. DOJ should create a universal database and urge legal aid attorneys to report basic information about eviction-related cases, including demographic information and the reasons for eviction. This database will help policymakers better understand the scale of the problem and who is most impacted.

### **Support ERA Program Administrators To Quickly Deploy Aid**

The Department of the Treasury and the White House have taken vital steps to improve the administration of ERA programs. Additional guidance and clarity is needed to further help ERA program administrators quickly and efficiently distribute aid.

### *Safe Harbor Protections*

Many program administrators are being much too cautious in their design and implementation of ERA programs because they are worried that the Biden administration will later penalize them for noncompliance. To facilitate faster ERA spending, Treasury and its Office of Inspector General should set and announce clear expectations together. The White House and Treasury should create an explicit safe harbor to provide program administrators with clear assurances that funds will not be clawed back, if administrators' interpretation of the guidance is "reasonable."

### *Model ERA Programs*

Despite the broad flexibility provided by the White House and Treasury in its updated guidance, many programs are still requiring burdensome documentation and lengthy applications; according to NLIHC's [ERA dashboard](#), only 48% of programs as of June 10 explicitly use self-attestation as an allowable substitute for at least one eligibility requirement. Only 14% of programs explicitly allow self-attestation of income, which is often the most difficult documentation for renters to provide. Only 4.5% of programs allow for self-attestation of lease/proof of tenancy, which can disproportionately impact renters in informal units or undocumented renters. Evidence from 2020 programs in Washington State and Illinois show that self-attestation of income reduces documentation burden and allows funds to be distributed faster and reach the most marginalized renters.

The Biden administration should create and broadly distribute a model streamlined ERA application including broad use of self-attestation that state and local governments can easily and quickly adopt. Such applications should show program administrators how to use proxies for eligibility and self-attestation and should explicitly allow for program administrators to encourage third parties (such as legal aid attorneys, shelter or service providers, teachers, etc.) to apply on behalf of a tenant. Similar to the lessons learned from deploying Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, Treasury should ensure that funding can be disbursed quickly through a brief application, self-attestation, and minimal risk to administrators. Treasury should consider oversight/consequences for programs not applying model principles to their programs.

### *Program Compliance and Transparency*

Treasury and the White House made major improvements to the ERA program guidance in direct response to roadblocks in programs. However, too few programs are making use of this flexibility and reducing barriers for renters and landlords. As discussed in the subsection above, many programs are still requiring burdensome documentation and lengthy applications, despite the broad flexibility provided by the White House and Treasury in its updated guidance.

Similarly, programs have also been too slow to adopt direct-to-tenant assistance options, which are especially critical when landlords refuse to accept ERA. According to NLIHC's [ERA dashboard](#), only 26% of programs are explicitly allowing this flexibility. Some programs have stated publicly that they are allowing direct-to-tenant assistance, but neglect to make this option available or known to renters and landlords. In other cases, grantees are not making public basic information about programs, including how much back rent will be covered and any caps on assistance.

Treasury must monitor compliance with program guidance and take action against program administrators who blatantly disregard the guidance.

### *Incentives and Performance Goals and Benchmarks*

The Biden administration can use its ERA guidance to create new incentives to programs that are able to spend down their allocations more quickly. For example, Treasury can announce that programs that have successfully spent down their funds will receive an increased allocation of recaptured funds. The administration should also set clear performance goals and benchmarks for programs, i.e., limiting or preventing evictions for nonpayment of rent.

### *Partnerships with Legal Aid Organizations*

The Biden administration should encourage state and local governments to subcontract with legal aid organizations, including those working directly out of eviction courts, to directly administer ERA funds. Legal aid attorneys are in direct contact with renters facing eviction, and they can quickly deploy funds to those most at risk of losing their homes.

### *Navigator Programs*

The White House should reaffirm and strongly encourage state and local ERA programs to utilize the maximum allowable amount of funding to support outreach, housing navigation, and other services that will assist households, particularly those who are the most marginalized, in accessing and successfully navigating ERA and stabilizing their housing. Additionally, the White

House should encourage local programs to contract with community-based organizations, particularly organizations located in and providing services to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and extremely low-income communities to provide outreach and navigation services. The White House should also encourage state and local programs to contract with “peers” and people who have been beneficiaries of ERA programs and services as community navigators to assist others through the process. Community service organizations should have “ERA tables” in eviction courts, with a stack of applications and staff available to assist landlords and tenants with filling them out.

### *Flexible Definitions of “Other Housing Expenses”*

Treasury should encourage states and localities to use “other housing expenses” to address reasonable expenses beyond those listed in guidance. Grantees are currently only allowing expenses explicitly identified in the Treasury guidance. Additional flexibility could very well be the difference between grantees that are able to spend down all their allocation and those who are not.

### *Renter Protections*

In the updated Treasury guidance, program administrators are encouraged to bar landlords receiving ERA from evicting renters for a certain period of time. This guidance can be strengthened by encouraging program administrators from barring landlords from evicting tenants while an application is pending.

Greater enforcement and oversight of these protections are needed; NLIHC has heard from some renters who have received ERA funds, but who are now facing eviction by their landlords. Some landlords are charging renters fees – as much as \$150 – to apply for ERA on behalf of the renter. In cases where an application for ERA is denied, renters are left with even more debt, resulting in greater housing instability.

The Treasury Department or the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau should create a hotline for renters to call to report landlords acting in bad faith.

### *Technical and Technology Supports*

Many programs face capacity and technology challenges. NLIHC has heard from several state and local administrators that their ability to quickly stand up a technological system to process applications and disburse an unprecedented amount of funds has been severely limited due to the urgency of opening programs and limited capacity to invest in these systems. The White House should deploy the U.S. Digital Service and teams from other federal agencies to provide broad tech support to help simplify and speed up the administration of ERA programs. Many state and local governments do not have the technology systems in place to allow them to scale up their programs quickly, and support from the U.S. Digital Services can help address these needs. Moreover, HUD should provide technical assistance to communities to help shape programs.

## **Ensure Data Transparency**

### *Data Transparency*

The emergency COVID-19 relief package requires that Treasury, in consultation with HUD, publish reports quarterly on program outcomes. Collecting meaningful data allows for proper oversight and for policymakers and advocates to discern best practices and areas for improvement in programs and program design. Despite these clear benefits to data transparency, Treasury has not made such data publicly available nor has it identified the process it will use for data-sharing agreements regarding non-public data. Treasury should immediately make publicly available all data it has already collected from program administrators and the process for data-sharing agreements.

Advocates in communities across the nation are already struggling to access program data that could be used to help identify barriers and solutions. Only 13 states maintain real-time dashboards to inform the public of their progress. In Puerto Rico, advocates do not even know which territorial agency is tasked with distributing funds. Access to this basic information is critical to ensuring proper oversight and addressing barriers as they arise.

### *Data Collection and Dissemination*

The Treasury Department must ensure that states and localities fully comply with reporting requirements by providing specific directions to states and localities on the data needed to comply with reporting requirements.

For example, when reporting “the acceptance rate of applicants for assistance,” Treasury should clarify that grantees should report both the number of applicants deemed eligible and the number of eligible applicants who also accepted assistance. Grantees should also report the number of applicants deemed ineligible and the reasons for denial. When reporting “the outcome...for the eligible household at the end of the assistance period,” Treasury should clarify what date signifies the end of the assistance period for households only receiving back rent and for households who receive future rent payments.

The statute requires data collected by Treasury to be publicly disaggregated by the gender, race, and ethnicity of the applicant. Treasury should further require that data be disaggregated by the smallest geography possible, such as block group or census tract, while protecting personally identifiable information. Disaggregating data by geography will allow researchers, academic institutions, and advocates to better understand gaps in program design and opportunities for policy improvements.

The statute also directs the Treasury Department to make full and unredacted data available for statistical research purposes. The Treasury Department should ensure that the process for obtaining such data is open to any research entity capable of maintaining the security of the data and provide clear information about this process in its guidance.

With at least 6 million renter households still behind on rent as the expiration of the eviction moratorium nears, the Biden administration must work quickly and aggressively to avert an historic wave of evictions this summer and fall. The National Low Income Housing Coalition, and our broad network of thousands of partners throughout the country, stand ready to assist.

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