



## **John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act: Selected Endorsing Organizations & Quotes**

### **Georgia:**

#### **Helen Butler, Executive Director, The Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda:**

*"Dr. Joseph Lowery said: 'Voting is a sacred right and a moral obligation.' The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act not only honors the work and legacy of John Lewis, but it ensures that every eligible voter can take part in their democracy without barriers. We enthusiastically endorse this legislation and thank Senator Warnock for his efforts to move it forward. We hope the Senate will protect the rights of voters and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act in an expeditious and bipartisan fashion."*

#### **Lauren Groh-Wargo, Interim CEO, Fair Fight Action:**

*"There is an all-out assault on our democracy by way of anti-voter legislation and actions that are focused on restricting access particularly for voters of color. Currently, there are over 200 anti-voter bills in state legislatures across the country, including many in Georgia, that severely restrict access to the ballot. Just this past November, the Georgia State Legislature convened for a special legislative session to redraw racially gerrymandered maps without providing any substantial remedy to ensure voters of color have a voice in our democracy. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would implement historic and urgently needed protections of the freedom to vote. We call on Congress to pass this critical legislation."*

#### **Andrea Young, Executive Director, ACLU of Georgia:**

*"Voting should be easy, for every citizen and every vote should count the same. It should not require heroic efforts to ensure full participation in our elections. To protect our democracy and the sacred."*

#### **Gerald Griggs, President, Georgia State Conference of the NAACP:**

*"As a steadfast advocate for civil rights and equality, I am proud to offer my wholehearted endorsement and unwavering support for the reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. In the face of mounting challenges to voting rights and democratic principles, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a critical piece of legislation that seeks to protect and strengthen every American's fundamental right to vote. We must ensure that our democracy remains inclusive and representative of all voices. In the words of the late*

*Congressman John Lewis, 'The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool or instrument in a democratic society. We must use it. Together, let us honor the legacy of John Lewis by standing up for what is right, by defending the voting rights of all Americans, and by ensuring that our democracy remains a beacon of hope and progress for generations to come by passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.'*

**Jeff Graham, Executive Director, Georgia Equality:**

*"Voting is not just a fundamental right, but is a necessity for those in the LGBTQ community who have seen our rights eroded and our lives debated in recent years and at all levels of government."*

**Deborah Scott, CEO, We Vote. We Win.:**

*"Congressman John Lewis was my mentor and friend. When our voting rights are under attack, our communities suffer. It is time for Congress to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."*

**Kimberly Scott, Executive Director of Georgia WAND (Women's Action for New Directions):**

*"Georgia WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) gives Senator Warnock our full-throated endorsement for the reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, that will reinstate and update the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that have been eroded in recent years by federal court rulings. Our great state is under threat by forces that want to obstruct and dilute the will of Georgia voters. This legislation is needed to ensure that every vote counts and that the rule of law is upheld. This legislation establishes that an ordinary citizen can request preventive relief wherever someone has engaged in or is about to engage in an act that would deny the right to register to vote, cast a ballot, or have a ballot properly counted. Additionally, and most important, the legislation adds protections to election workers and polling places needed to ensure fair and safe elections in Georgia."*

**Dr. Bambi Hayes-Brown, President and CEO, Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.:**

*"We fully support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to ensure equitable and accessible voting rights for all."*

**Rev. David Lewicki, Presbyterians for a Better Georgia:**

*"Voting is the means by which the sacred will of the people becomes real. Presbyterians for a Better Georgia supports the protection of the right of every person, regardless of party or belief, to vote for the leaders and policies we want for ourselves and our neighbors."*

**Martha Shockey, Co-convener, Indivisible Georgia Coalition:**

*"As we in Georgia continue to watch our access to the ballot box dismantled by our state legislature, we see that this advancement act as a way to provide a bulwark for our voters."*

**Jesús Rubio, Government Affairs Manager, Georgia Conservation Voters:**

*"While the state of Georgia is proudly the home of much of the history of the American Civil Rights movement, it is also one of the states where voting rights are most under attack, undermining decades of advocacy and progress by leaders like the late Congressman John Lewis of Georgia. Georgia Conservation Voters commends the work of Georgia's U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock for reintroducing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and working to protect voting rights at a federal level."*

**Carlotta Harrell, Vice President, Georgia Federation of Democratic Women:**

*"I stand in support with Senator Warnock as he reintroduces the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This country has gone backwards as it continues to disenfranchise voters of color with ridiculous state voting laws and practices. We must restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965, reestablish preclearance, protect minority communities subject to discriminatory voting practices."*

**Chadrick Mance, President, Savannah NAACP:**

*"The Savannah NAACP confidently endorses the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Through this act, we firmly believe that the constituents of Savannah and surrounding communities will be able to effectively have their voices accounted for in our electoral system. In supporting this act, it is our goal that those who call the southeast home are one step closer towards voter equity."*

**Alicia M. Johnson, Executive Director, Step Up Savannah, Inc.:**

*"Voting rights are the substratum of our democracy. Ensuring voting rights for low wealth communities is not just a right, but the cornerstone of building an inclusive democracy where every American voice, regardless of age, economic status, or skin color, resonates with equal strength."*

**Elijah B. Henderson, Co-Founder, A Better Glynn:**

*"A Better Glynn holds Civic Engagement as one of the 3 pillars of our founding. Access to the ballot is paramount to full citizenship. We are thankful for all leaders forwarding the effort to restore and preserve this right through the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."*

**Sherrell Byrd, Executive Director, SOWEGA Rising:**

*"Our country is in peril when there are those who fight to restrict rights instead of protecting them. I am extremely grateful that Senator Raphael Warnock and others continue the fight that was promised in 2020 to protect voting rights for all Americans. Now more than ever, it is critical that we ensure that there are no barriers or prohibitions to the ballot and that every American can fully exercise their right to vote. As long as Senator Warnock continues the fight in DC, we will continue the work on the ground here in Georgia to increase voter turnout by educating all citizens on the importance of their vote."*

**Bobby L. Fuse, Jr., Convener, South Georgia Voters' League, Inc.:**

*"I am endorsing my U. S. Senator Raphael G. Warnock's reintroduction of the Voting Rights Act. I encourage the Congress to move swiftly to pass this Act and urge the President sign it without delay."*

**Sabrina Newby, CEO, Coastal Georgia Minority Chamber Inc:**

*"This legislation will help ensure that every citizen has equal access to the ballot box, and I fully support Senator Warnock's efforts in advancing this important and necessary bill. Thank you for your commitment to upholding our democracy and fighting for voting rights for all."*

**Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, Sixth Episcopal District AME Church:**

*"Commendations to Senators Warnock and Durbin for reintroducing S4, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Much needed and wrongfully gutted, this provides an opportunity for the nation to correct a wrong and do justice."*

**Pastor Lee May:**

*"As a Christian Pastor, I believe that the vote is sacred and we must protect it at all costs. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will do just that."*

**Rev. Dr. Gregory V Eason Sr., Flipper Temple AME Church Atlanta GA:**

*"I support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Voting is one of the basic principles of what it means to be a democratic society. I commend Senator Warnock and others who will support this vital legislation especially in the times in which we live."*

**Pastor Berlinda A. Hart Love, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sixth Episcopal District:**

*"It is without reservation that I encourage and support Senator Warnock and Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Durbin in the reintroduction of S.4, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."*

**Rev. Carlton K. Taylor, Sr., Pastor, Jenkins Memorial CME Church, Hephzibah, Georgia:** *"Since we are, presently, in a season where unjust redistricting and gerrymandering is the norm, now, more than ever, there is a need for the restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. If we are to be a nation "of the people", "by the people", and "for the people", then we must ensure that "all of the people" are, indiscriminately, counted within the voting process. Therefore, I, gratefully, stand with Senator Warnock as a supporter of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act."*

**Presiding Elder Toni Belin Ingram, Augusta North District AME Church:**

*"As a citizen committed to democracy and equality, I wholeheartedly stand with Senators Warnock, Durbin and others to endorse the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. In these turbulent times, with democracy itself under attack, the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights*

*Advancement Act is not just a matter of policy; it is a moral imperative. It is reaffirmation of our commitment to the principles of equality, justice and representation for all people."*

**The Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda, Missioner for Racial Justice, Episcopal Diocese of Georgia:**

*"The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will improve our democratic processes and bring their reality closer to our stated values as Americans. It will protect citizens, especially in minority groups, from intentional and unintentional acts of voter suppression. I am proud to support it as an American citizen and as a clergy person who believes that all human beings are created equally in the image of God and should have equal rights and protections under the law."*

**Full list of Georgia Organizations and Individuals:**

**Organizations:** A Better Glynn; American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia; Arvintel Media; Black Voters Matter Fund; Care in Action; CME Lay Council Ministry, State of Georgia; Coastal Georgia Minority Chamber Inc.; Fair Fight Action; Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc.; Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda; Georgia Conservation Voters; Georgia Equality; Georgia Federation of Democratic Women (GFDW); Georgia State Conference of the NAACP; Georgia WAND; Indivisible Georgia Coalition; National Domestic Workers Alliance; New Georgia Project Action Fund; Peach Concerned Citizens, Inc; Presbyterians for a Better Georgia; Protect Our Care Georgia; Rep GA Institute; Savannah NAACP; South Georgia Voters' League, Inc.; SOWEGA Rising; Step Up Savannah, Inc.; The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; We Vote. We Win; Gwinnett Democratic Women.

**Individuals:** Georgia State Representative Kim Schofield; Georgia State Representative Rhonda Taylor; Angie Snow Ministries; The Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda, Missioner for Racial Justice, Episcopal Diocese of Georgia; Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant ~ Pastor, Parent and Podcaster; Reverend Darrius Butler; Pastor J. Michael Culbreth; Bishop Norris Darden, President Savannah Baptist Minister Union; Senior Pastor New Generation Church, Savannah GA; Dr. T. De Witt Smith Jr.; the Reverend Lisa M. Doege; Dr. Cheryl Davenport Dozier, Social Justice Chairperson, New Bethel AME Church; Rev. Dr. Gregory V Eason Sr.; Rev. Thomas L. Hart, Co-Pastor, Brownsville Missionary Baptist Church, Savannah, GA; Arundel Hope - Pastor of Ariel Bowen United Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Toni Belin Ingram, Presiding Elder; Bishop Reginald T. Jackson; Gregory Lewis Sr., Sixth Episcopal District for the State of Georgia Lay Vice President; Pastor Berlinda A. Hart Love, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sixth Episcopal District; Pastor Edward C. Matheny; Pastor Lee May; Bishop William Murphy; Minister Sabrina Murphy; Rev. Cassie Rapko, St. Paul UMC; Rev. Hermon Scott; Rev. Carlton K. Taylor, Sr., Pastor, Jenkins Memorial CME Church, Hephzibah, Georgia; Rev. Will Thomas; Rev. Dr. Brian Tillman; Alan Hale Wicker; Bishop Sonya E. Williams; Bishop Craig L. Oliver, Sr.

**National (Selected):**

**Leslie Proll, Senior Director of Voting Rights, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights:**

*“As we prepare to commemorate the 59th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, our voting rights are under the worst assault in decades. We urgently need the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act, and we won't stop until it becomes the law of the land.”*

**Xavier Persad, Senior Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union:**

*“As defenders of civil liberties, we cannot stand idly by as our voting rights are under siege. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a beacon of hope for those facing systemic disenfranchisement. It will not only restore basic protections we once had against racially discriminatory voting laws, but strengthen them so that every eligible voter is able to cast a ballot. Democracy does not work without Black and Brown voters. Congress must prioritize the passage of this legislation to reaffirm our commitment to a fair and inclusive democracy.”*

**Derrick Johnson, President & CEO, NAACP:**

*“The NAACP is proud to support Senator Warnock’s reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act Advancement bill. Right now, Americans, particularly Black Americans’ right to vote is under attack. While the NAACP remains unwavering in our efforts to litigate, agitate, and advocate, we can’t do this alone. Federal action must be swift and decisive. The reintroduction of this bill marks another pivotal moment in the fight to ensure every American has access to the ballot box. We know that democracy can’t exist without the Black vote. Now, it’s up to our leaders to protect it, ensuring that every voice is heard, and every vote counted. Together, we’ll repair democracy.”*

**Tiffany Muller, President, End Citizens United / Let America Vote Action Fund:**

*“In recent years, we’ve seen a dangerous rise in coordinated attacks on one of our most fundamental freedoms—the freedom to vote. The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would fully restore the power of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and ensure that any changes to voting rules cannot discriminate against voters based on race. This guarantee of equal access to the ballot box—and our democracy—is paramount in the fight to make our government more reflective and accountable to the people. We’re.”*

**Adam Lioz, Senior Policy Counsel, Legal Defense Fund:**

*“We applaud the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act: a vital piece of legislation that will safeguard the fundamental right to vote by strengthening and restoring the Voting Rights Act (VRA). LDF is proud to have defended the VRA by winning *Allen v. Milligan* at the Supreme Court last June. But we need the Voting Rights Act at full strength to protect Black voters without the need to expend significant resources on lengthy, onerous litigation, and without compromising their right to vote in the first place. More than a decade*

*after the Supreme Court undercut the VRA in Shelby County v. Holder, and as we face new attacks on the law in the lower courts, it's long past time for Congress to act."*

**Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, President and CEO, Interfaith Alliance:**

*"For generations, people of diverse faiths and beliefs have been on the front lines of the fight to build a truly inclusive democracy. As political and religious extremists continue to curtail access to the ballot box as part of their quest for power, we are called again to take action. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act restores strong federal protections to ensure every voice is counted at the ballot box. Recalling the great leader whose name this bill carries, we at Interfaith Alliance believe it is a sacred and moral obligation to protect the right to vote, which is why we are proud to endorse Senator Warnock's reintroduction of this bill in the Senate."*

**Regina Davis Moss, PhD, MPH, MCHES, President & CEO, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda**

*"In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda applauds the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. This bill is critical to ensuring Black women, gender-expansive people, and their communities have access to the ballot box. Reproductive Justice encompasses all issues that impact a person's decision to have a family and how they raise their families, including their ability to vote. Included in our 2023 Black Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a key bill in our goal to achieve Reproductive Justice."*

**Mark Collins, Director, Federal Policy, Brady:**

*"Maintaining and expanding voting rights is critical to upholding our democracy and to quashing the gun violence epidemic. Policies like universal Brady Background Checks for gun sales have the support of 90% of the American public. Yet, these vastly popular policies fail to secure bipartisan support to be signed into law because the game is rigged. Our democracy has been intentionally undermined and corporate dollars have chipped away at our voting rights, particularly those of communities of color. If we want to have our voices heard and the problems that face every day Americans – like gun violence – solved, we must secure our voting rights. Brady is proud to endorse the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to preserve and protect our democracy. We know that with expanded voting rights, we will move closer towards a future free from gun violence."*

**Michael Waldman, President and CEO, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law:**

*"The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act must become law. We are grateful to Senator Durbin, Senator Warnock, and the many others in Congress who are working to restore to full strength the protections of the Voting Rights Act. Representative Lewis dedicated his life to making our democracy work for everyone. Congress must honor his legacy and pass this bill."*

**Jody Rabhan, Chief Policy Officer, National Council of Jewish Women:**

*“Jewish texts teach that our well-being is tied to that of our community; we must take part in building the nation we want. That’s why NCJW supports policies that secure and guarantee our freedom to vote, with equitable access to the ballot box and a transparent process we can trust — like the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Our vote is our voice, and with state legislatures passing laws making it more difficult to vote — especially for people of color, individuals with disabilities, and other marginalized populations — our leaders have a responsibility to pass comprehensive legislation that protects this sacred right. For democracy to work for all of us, it must include us all, no matter our color, party, or zip code. Senator Warnock and leaders in Congress are taking critical strides in advancing this holy work by reintroducing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act – to ensure eligible voters can participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections.”*

**Rev. Jim Wallis Center on Faith and Justice:**

*“Voting rights is the critical issue that impacts and will determine every other issue that we care about. Issues like: poverty, racial justice, policing, peacemaking, climate change, immigration reform, and gun control. Just to name a few. You can see that in the fight for voting rights, everything is at stake. Not just equal citizenship, but the very future of democracy in this country. And voting rights must be named as a faith issue, even a test of faith. I and many others believe that the restriction of voting rights is part of a strategy to protect white supremacy in the United States. Pure and simple. A strategy that in many cases is racially and politically motivated. This threat to democracy is more than just a question of equal citizenship, or even politics. It is a deeply moral, religious, even theological matter. If we believe that we are all made in imago dei, the image of God, then denying someone the right to vote is silencing their God given voice. To suppress a vote on the basis of skin color is a literal assault on imago dei-- a throwing away of the image of God.”*

**Christina Harvey, Executive Director, Stand Up America:**

*“Fifty-nine years after Bloody Sunday, anti-democratic politicians across the country are still erecting barriers to the ballot box aimed at voters of color. They’ve been empowered and emboldened to do so by a right-wing Supreme Court that has systematically chipped away at the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We are grateful to Senators Warnock and Durbin for their efforts to restore this landmark legislation, and our millions of members across the country are ready to do whatever they can to move this legislation forward.”*

**Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., CEO and President, Hip Hop Caucus:**

*“Hip Hop Caucus is encouraged by and is in full support of the reintroduction of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act as many Americans, particularly voters of color, are subject to efforts that aim to suppress their votes and limit fair access to democracy. The late Rep. John Lewis once said that, “The vote is precious, almost sacred.” This legislation both honors his legacy and underscores the transformative power of the vote.”*



**Ben Jealous, Executive Director, Sierra Club:**

*"The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a vital part of restoring our democracy and protecting the right to vote for all. Voting rights are a pillar of environmental justice. All people deserve unfettered access to the ballot box to vote to protect their freedom to breathe clean air and drink safe water. This legislation—together with the Freedom to Vote Act and the Native American Voting Rights Act—will help further enshrine rights for all regardless of race, color, or creed. As a former President of the NAACP and someone who has spent his entire life working to advance equity and justice, I urge the Congress to work swiftly to pass these measures and protect the freedom of all to make their voices heard."*

**Justin Kwasa, Democracy Program Director, League of Conservation Voters:**

*"We're thrilled Senator Warnock, Senator Durbin, and so many cosponsors are leading the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to help protect every voter's fundamental right to make their voice heard at the ballot box — no matter their race, language, ability, or zip code. For over a decade, extremist MAGA justices on the Supreme Court have attacked the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and since the January 6th insurrection, states have passed more laws to restrict voting rights than ever. We urge Congress to swiftly pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and other crucial voting rights legislation, including the Freedom to Vote Act and D.C. Statehood, in order to ensure our democracy works for all."*

**Jeremy Ben-Ami, President, J Street:**

*"If we fail to preserve and protect the right to vote, we will be imperiling the future of American democracy itself. As a proud advocate for the liberal, democratic values held by the large majority of American Jews, J Street is committed to doing all we can to defend and promote democracy. We have supported previous iterations of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and are proud to endorse the bill upon its reintroduction. It is past time to pass this vital legislation into law."*

**Mary J. Novak, Executive Director, and Joan F. Neal, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer, NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice:**

*"The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will ensure that all voters have a voice in selecting the leaders who represent them through the free and fair exercise of the right to vote. Throughout our history, people have given their lives to protect and expand the franchise. In this time of increasing efforts to limit the access and ability of some voters to the ballot, this legislation will ensure that every eligible person can safely and freely cast their votes. Preserving and protecting the right to vote is an imperative not just for communities of color but for all Americans if we are to maintain our representative form of governance and ensure a more inclusive democracy. This is a fundamental responsibility of our government, and Congress should pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act now, without reservation."*

**Dom Kelly, Co-Founder, President and CEO, New Disabled South:**

*“As the first and only regional disability organization in the country and one that works exclusively in the South, we have seen firsthand the impact of the Voting Rights Act's gutting on the disability community, especially on disabled people of color. Unchecked changes to voting laws, especially those made since the 2020 election cycle, have made it more difficult for disabled voters in our region to cast their ballots freely, fairly, and independently. We wholeheartedly endorse the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to strengthen the VRA and ensure that the most marginalized voters, especially those with disabilities, are protected from changes to voting laws that hinder their access to democracy.”*

**Christine Chen, Executive Director, Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote:**

*“It is critical now more than ever to update the Voting Rights Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act does that. APIAVote and the Asian American and Pacific Islander community stand ready for the fight to make this bill a reality.”*

**Margaret Fung, Executive Director, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund:**

*“Despite our status as the country's fastest growing racial group, Asian Americans remain woefully underrepresented. Asian Americans and other communities of color have had to turn to ‘good trouble’ to fight for our fair share. With the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, our communities will have a critical tool to ensure we have the voice we deserve and the power to elect leaders that truly represent us.”*

**Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block, Bend the Arc: Jewish Action:**

*“It's no accident that since the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act, we have seen a tsunami of voter repression measures, along with the disturbing rise of anti-democratic authoritarianism. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will restore the power of voting to the people, where it belongs, and is a crucial step for this country to move closer to becoming a true multi-racial democracy.”*

**Ethan Rice, Senior Attorney, Lambda Legal:**

*“The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is an absolutely necessary piece of legislation to restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and prevent ongoing voter suppression efforts. Laws that suppress voting, which are targeted particularly at communities of color, have been rampant since the U.S. Supreme Court started tearing apart the ability to enforce the Voting Rights Act. Transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming (TGNCNB) people, especially those who are people of color, are impacted by voter suppression efforts such as voter ID laws, that may prevent thousands of TGNCNB people from accessing the ballot. We need the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act now!”*

**Sarah Bonk, Founder, Business for America**

*"The business community is proud of our role in encouraging our employees, customers, and communities to exercise their right to vote, because a vibrant democracy is essential to a thriving economy. Congress reauthorized the Voting Rights Act by overwhelming bipartisan majorities four times since its original passage; we are calling on them to work together again to pass the VRAA."*

**Lisa Gilbert, Executive Vice President of Public Citizen:**

*"We applaud the Senate for the reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Now, Congress must pass it. Here we are, in 2024 – nearly 60 years after Bloody Sunday and almost 11 years since Shelby v. Holder gutted the Voting Rights Act. Since Shelby, over half of U.S. states have passed nearly 100 laws that make it harder to vote for communities of color. It's a stain on our nation that must be reversed."*

**Phi Nguyen, Director of Democracy, Dēmos:**

*"In the decade since the Shelby decision, we've seen an overwhelming number of attempts by state legislators to weaken the political power of Black and brown communities. The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is a critical and long overdue step to protecting access to the ballot and stemming the tide of discriminatory and unfair elections practices. The time for bold federal action is now."*

**Gregg Orton, National Director of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans:**

*"From providing language access at the ballot box to protection from discriminatory voting laws, voting rights legislation allows Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and other communities of color to make their voices heard. Now, more than ever, we need to stand together against voter suppression aimed to divide and keep us away from the ballot box. John Lewis fought tirelessly to expand voting rights and voting access, and NCAPA is honored to continue advancing his legacy by supporting the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act to ensure that every American is able to cast their vote. We thank Senator Warnock's leadership and continued commitment to advancing this bill."*

**Amy Spitalnick, CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs:**

*"We're witnessing a wave of voter suppression and it isn't happening in a vacuum -- it's part of a broader effort to undercut communities' fundamental rights and our democracy. Safeguarding the right to vote by preventing discriminatory laws is at the core of how we must fight back, which is precisely why the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is so critical. JCPA is proud to support this vital bill, because we know that all of our safety is inextricably linked with the health and vibrancy of our democracy."*

**Endorsing Groups Include:**

Advancement Project; American Civil Liberties Union; American Humanist Association; Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF); Asian and Pacific Islander American

Vote (APIAVote); Bend the Arc: Jewish Action; Brady; Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law; Business for America; Center for Common Ground; Church World Service; Climate Hawks Vote; Declaration for American Democracy Coalition; DemCast USA; Demos; End Citizens United // Let America Vote Action Fund; Fix Democracy First; Hip Hop Caucus; Impact Fund; In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda; Interfaith Alliance; J Street; Lambda Legal; LatinoJustice PRLDEF; Lawyers for Good Government; League of Conservation Voters; NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; National Action Network; National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Childrens Campaign & Shenita Binns; National Council of Jewish Women; National Network of Arab American Communities (NNAACC); National Organization for Women; National Wildlife Federation; NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice; New Disabled South; People Power United; Progressive Turnout Project; Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)Arnold; Public Citizen; Secure Elections Network; Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Sierra Club; Sojourners-SojoAction; Stand Up America; T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights; The Andrew Goodman Foundation; The Episcopal Church; The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Transparency International U.S.; Union for Reform Judaism; Union of Concerned Scientists; Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice; United Church of Christ; Vote.org; WALKING TO FIX OUR DEMOCRACY; WE ACT for Environmental Justice; When We All Vote; The Workers Circle; Campaign Legal Center; National Community Action Partnership; YWCA USA.