



# Public Policy

## A CALL TO ACTION

### Urging Congress to Pass Critical Voting Rights Legislation

***Our democracy is under attack. Now is the time to act!***

The rights that our ancestors fought, bled, and died to gain are under attack. Two voting bills will be addressed in the upcoming weeks that can make sweeping changes to protect voting rights and secure elections.

The Freedom to Vote Act introduced in the Senate September 14, 2021, creates a set of standards for federal elections to ensure that voters have similar access to the ballot box. The bill addresses voter registration and voting access, election integrity and security, redistricting, and campaign finance.

The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act is an update to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The bill would restore and update the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 which stopped states from enacting racially discriminatory voting restrictions. It would also strengthen the government's ability to respond to voting discrimination. In 2021, 49 states introduced more than 400 anti-voter bills and at least 19 states have passed 33 of them. These voting restrictions disproportionately impact people of color, women, voters with disabilities and young and older voters, making it more difficult for them to access the ballot box.

A Call to Action – NCBW rebukes all voter suppression tactics used to keep African Americans from exercising their Constitutional right to vote. NCBW supports the Freedom to Vote Act and the expansion of voter registration.

NCBW Chapters shall

1. Send advocacy letters/emails to their federal legislators in Congress in January 2022.
2. Seek an opportunity for a state virtual legislative meeting to discuss state issues.
3. Send follow-up "Thank you" emails; include NCBW Voter Suppression Resolution updated with your state issues.
4. Anticipate receiving feedback on our concerns

NCBW is a National 501c3 non-profit organization. Through advocacy, we work as change agents to influence policies that promote gender equity in health, education, and economic and political empowerment.



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