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BUSINESS LEADER STATEMENT ON THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

IN SUPPORT OF VOTING RIGHTS,
ACCOUNTABILITY IN
GOVERNMENT, ELECTION
SECURITY, AND TRANSPARENCY
IN POLITICAL SPENDING



BUSINESS FORWARD
FOUNDATION



INTRODUCTION:

Business Forward Foundation helps local business leaders make the “business case” for climate action, affordable healthcare, immigration reform, diversity and inclusion, sensible tax laws, criminal justice reform, infrastructure investment, and other pro-growth reforms. These leaders brief policymakers, work with local media, publish op-eds, submit testimony, advocate online, and organize their communities. We also promote their recommendations through issue briefs, survey reports, training manuals, and podcasts. More than 650 mayors, governors, members of Congress, and senior Administration officials have participated in our briefings.

We asked business leaders across our network to add their name to a statement in support of the *For The People Act*. Hundreds of business leaders responded, and their comments are featured in this statement document.

STATEMENT:

We are small business owners, executives, entrepreneurs, and investors from across the United States, and we are writing to urge you to support the *For the People Act*, a set of reforms for protecting and improving American democracy. The bill strengthens voting rights, promotes accountability in government, enhances election security, and increases transparency in political spending.

Rebuilding trust in elections is a critical step toward assuring voters that their votes will count and voices will be heard. Key reforms to democracy would ensure a government that reflects voters' vision to increase local investment, create good jobs, and foster equitable economies. Local business leaders understand what their communities need to achieve these goals.

Americans want a system that works for every voter. For far too long, barriers to voting have undercut the power and representation of Black, Latinx, AAPI, Native Americans and people with disabilities.

As businesses committed to supporting the communities our employees live and work in, we urge Congress to take immediate action.

670 BUSINESS LEADERS SIGNED THIS STATEMENT:

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Businesses can't plan ahead when there is no transparency or accountability.

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- KATHIE NORMAN
OWNER, KEES, INC.
SHEBOYGAN, WI

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Trust & faith in our system is essential for ethical business practices.

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- CHARLES STATHOS
INVESTOR
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“ Democracy will keep and attract the best and most talented people. ”

- JIM CANNON
PARTNER, SYSTEM3 ANALYTICS
DEERFIELD, NH

“ The stability of the government is extremely critical to business. ”

- RONALD BREUER
CUTCHOGUE, NY

“ America is losing its way, disenfranchising people whose voices matter as much as any corporate voices do... We just had fair and safe elections during a deadly pandemic. We're a democracy. Safeguard our ability to remain one. ”

- FAYE SHOLITON
BEACHWOOD, OH

“ The alternative to voting by mail needs to be time off to vote -- but not everyone has jobs where time off to vote is feasible and in urgent situations, I've seen employees foregoing voting. We need to have vote by mail and early voting standardized across states. ”

- JOANNE LADENSON
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“ Special interests continually attempt to undermine the best interests of the U.S. ”

- BRADFORD CLAPP
INVESTOR
RICHARDSON, TX

“ A stronger, more responsive democracy makes our economy run smarter and stronger. More opportunity means more clients, more business, more profit. ”

- SACHIN CHHEDA
PARTNER, NATION CONSULTING
MILWAUKEE, WI

“ Voting needs to be made easier for all people to be able to exercise their right. ”

- KRISTIN EMERSON
EVENT PROJECT COORDINATOR,
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SAINT PAUL, MN

“ Every voter has the right to choose who they want to represent them on issues that they feel are important and best for their community. ”

- CHRISSEDA COLUMBUS
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“ The For the People Act will limit the dark money that is flooding politics today, and that is good for all of the people in the U.S. ”

- ANITRA HOUSE,
BLOOMINGTON, IN

“ I want to be certain that my patients, people with disabilities and chronic health conditions, and their families, have access to free and fair elections. I want to know that their voices and views count with elected representatives who put each individual voter first, without undue, hidden influence from corporations or lobbyists. ”

- DR. KAREN WILLIS
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

“ Election accessibility, security and transparency benefit all Americans. ”

- ROBERT HAKES JR.
KINGSLAND, GA

“ SME businesses feel that the buying of access puts them at a disadvantage. Corruption or perception of it prevents merit entrepreneurs from participating in the economy. ”

- JESSICA WASSERMAN
PARTNER, WASSERMANROWE
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John Courts, La Grange, IL
John Duffy, Hatboro, PA
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John Long, Buffalo, NY
John O'Connor, Santa Fe, NM
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Kristin Emerson, Saint Paul, MN
Kristine Winnicki, Chester, VT

“ Increased transparency around political donations provides a more level playing field for businesses and more accountability all around. ”

- JUAN HINDO
PROGRAM MANAGER, IBM
CHICAGO, IL

“ We need to do everything we can to involve everyone and ensure people meet their potential. To do otherwise wastes human capital, a critical resource for economic growth... ”

- DAVID DICKSON
PARTNER, CROSSROADS RMC
CHICAGO, IL

“ A thriving economy depends on an orderly, functioning democracy. ”

- JON BRUSS
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATOR
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

“ Stronger voting rights are essential to my small business. It strengthens my voice as a small business owner and voter who cannot afford to make big political contributions in order to be heard. ”

- CARL VILLELLA
PRESIDENT, ACCEPTANCE
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Michael Mosley, Roselle, IL
Michael Reitman, Boynton Beach, FL
Michael Ruszczynski, Pasadena, CA
Michael Stella, Key West, FL

“ Voting rights ensure representation of all community members, and in this community there are many in poverty and people of color who must be represented. Laws and policies should not go to the highest bidder. ”

- SUSAN SHELQUIST
BEMIDJI, MN

“ It is important that a majority vote represents a majority of the people. ”

- ELEANOR BIDERMAN
PLATTSMOUTH, NE

“ I am the founder and CEO of a company that exports to over two dozen countries around the world. The last few years have hurt our stature as a U.S. company, and the emerging voter suppression is a potential death blow... ”

- SKI MILBURN
EXECUTIVE, VAIREX AIR SYSTEMS
BOULDER, CO

“ Currently the largest corporations are given a large and overwhelming voice and benefit, prioritizing their growth and profit over all public good. For democracy to survive, this needs to be changed. ”

- MARIE VENNER
CO-CHAIR, BUSINESSES FOR
A LIVABLE CLIMATE
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Richard Boersema, Clarkston, MI
Richard Bowie, Edmonds, WA
Richard Camp, San Bernardino, CA
Richard Han, Ann Arbor, MI
Richard Metayer, Mystic, CT

“ I work for a nonprofit that serves low-income working families. They do not always have the ability to get to the polls because of work hours, transportation or lack of child care. ”

- KERRIE MCKEOUGH
GLENVIEW, IL

“ Political favors should not be sold to the highest bidder. Right now in America every political policy is supported by rich people and corporations. The average American has very little influence over what happens within our country. ”

- JUDITH RITENBURGH
OWNER/MANAGER,
GROUP FOSTER HOME
TRAPPER CREEK, AK

“ Our local economy is dependent on shift workers & service industry workers... Since it is often difficult for these important workers to vote within the confines of Election Day hours, the expansion of early & mail in voting has improved voter turnout for Independents, Democrats and Republicans equally... this law will ensure the most comprehensive approach to ensure that opportunity is afforded to every eligible voter. ”

- TRACY CONARD
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Our healthcare providers serve economically disadvantaged populations whose voices are critical to a properly functioning democracy... Without their participation, their needs will go unmet and misunderstood and ultimately require greater expenditures by the state on social services. ”

- RITU CHATTREE
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I believe increased transparency about political processes and protection of voting rights for our citizens will help to reduce the disharmony currently in our country. This can only act to improve conditions for small businesses, such as mine, to have a brighter future and a broader market appeal. ”

- CURTIS LISLE
CONSULTANT, KNOWLEDGEVIS LLC.
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL

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This legislation supports an environment of greater innovation, stronger business starts and more consistent business success in rural and urban areas. ”

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Strengthening the right of citizens to vote will empower them in all aspects of their lives. They will know their perspective and opinions matter. This recognition will carry over into the workplace. Employees will be more empowered to contribute to innovation when they see how they matter to how this country is run. ”

- PAMELA ROACH
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“

With huge, wealthy corporations able to ‘buy’ Congresspeople and Senators, who then are beholden to these donors... small businesses pay a very high price by being excluded in having a say in how this country is governed... ”

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