

STATEMENT : Q3 2021

BUSINESS LEADER STATEMENT ON THE FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

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



BUSINESSFORWARD
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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 in our network to add their name to a statement in support of the democracy reforms originally outlined in the *For the People Act*, which passed the House in May but subsequently stalled in the Senate. Hundreds of them responded, and their comments are featured in this document.

In September, a group of nine Senators announced a revised, compromise version of the bill, called the *Freedom to Vote Act*. Our statement has since been updated to reflect the new legislation, and local business leaders from across the country have joined. Both statements’ signatories are included in the following list.

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 *Freedom to Vote Act*, a set of reforms for protecting and improving American democracy. The bill strengthens voting rights, enhances election security, prevents corruption in government, 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.

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

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“ Democracy will keep
and attract the best and
most talented people. ”

- JIM CANNON
PARTNER, SYSTEM3 ANALYTICS
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“ The stability of the
government is extremely
critical to business. ”

- RONALD BREUER
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“ 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
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“ 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. ”

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

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

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

- KRISTIN EMERSON
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“ 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. ”

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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,
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“ 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.
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“ 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
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“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
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“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.”

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“ 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
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“ 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. ”

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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. ”

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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. ”

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