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Dear Representative,

The Center for Faith, Justice, and Reconciliation (CFJR) strongly supports the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5746, the **Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act** which will ensure that voters can safely and freely cast their ballots, protect against election sabotage, and stop partisan gerrymandering.

As a community of scholars, faith leaders, organizers, and citizens dedicated to being and building a beloved community in Virginia and beyond; our faith calls us to take action and advance justice on issues that threaten the ideals of democracy in support of all humanity. We call on you to protect voting rights in this country by passing the Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

History shows us that voter suppression is real and has moral implications for all citizens. In 2021, nineteen states enacted 34 new laws that restrict access to the ballot box and more are under consideration today. Candidates are running for top election offices peddling the Big Lie. States are passing racially-gerrymandered maps that dilute the power of Black and Brown voters. This legislation would fight back against all these attacks and ensure the ability for *every* American to participate in safe, accessible, and transparent elections.

We call on you to take action! Every senator who fails to rise up and protect it will contribute to the fallacy of American democracy. Their legacies and our legacy as a country are on the line. The choice in front of every senator is a simple one: Do you support the freedom to vote?

Our organization fully endorses this bill and urges you to support this legislation.

Graciously,

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President