

**JULY 28, 2021**

# Advocacy & Litigation Fiscal Year 2021 Wrap Up

*Presented by: Advocacy and Litigation Team*

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## Agenda

Join us for an advocacy  
adventure!

**We'll provide an  
overview of work in the  
areas of:**

- Advocacy
- PPFM
- Litigation

**And we'll take  
questions!**

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# Housekeeping

- All trainings will be recorded to keep accurate notes to share with attendees and others after the call.
- If you are not speaking, please mute yourself to minimize sound issues.
- Make sure you identify yourself (name, League, State & pronouns) when asking questions
- **Staff will be monitoring the chat box.** If you have any questions or thoughts throughout the call, please feel free to drop them in the chat box.

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# Community Norms

! Bring your full self and limit distractions

💬 Use the chat box to add thoughts, experiences, and/or questions

🌱 What is learned here, leaves here

💬 No one knows everything, together we know a lot

🍷 Don't yuck my yum

🩹 Oops, ouch, and educate

😊 Assume best intentions



# Resources and Programs

Legislative Priorities

Congressional Interview Program

Monthly Policy Webinars

# Congressional Reception

**THE NEXT 100  
YEARS OF  
DEMOCRACY**

A Conversation with Congressional Staff



VIRGINIA KASE  
SOLOMÓN



ALLISON HUNN



LAURA PETERSON



BILL VAN HORNE



# Federal Legislation

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★ ★ ★ H.R. 1 ★ ★ ★  
**FOR THE PEOPLE ACT**

#FORTHEPEOPLE



# For the People Act: Voting Rights, Money in Politics and Redistricting

- Voting Rights
  - Same Day Registration
  - Restoration of Voting rights for the previously incarcerated
  - Automatic Voter Registration
- Money in Politics
  - Small Dollar Donations
- Redistricting
  - Independent Commission



What has  
LWVUS done  
so far to  
support  
passage of the  
*For the People  
Act*

Mobilized our  
Lobby Corps

Sent targeted  
letters to  
Representatives

Organizing  
District  
Meetings

Educating the  
public through  
trainings

Sent out an  
Action Alert  
Email blast

Organized  
friendbanks



# John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JLVRAA)

- What does it do?
  - New Formula
  - Defined preclearance guidelines
  - Greater Transparency

The VRAA requires states with a recent history of voter discrimination to seek federal preclearance for election changes.

**H.R. 4**  
**VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT**  
★ ★ ★ ★  
**#RESTORETHEVOTE**

**51<sup>st</sup>  
STATE.**

**DC STATEHOOD NOW.**



**DC  
Statehood**

# Climate Change

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- Executive Orders on Climate Change
- RECLAIM Act
- Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution



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# Other Issues

## **RACIAL JUSTICE**

- George Floyd Justice in Policing Act
- Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Commission Resolution
- Counseling not Criminalization in Schools

## **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT**

- Support concurrent joint resolution to remove ERA ratification time limit

## **IMMIGRATION**

- Dream and Promise Act of 2021
- No BAN Act
- NO HATE Act

# COVID Relief Legislation

United States Postal Service  
changes

Election funding and support

COVID-19 Relief for Basic Human  
Needs

Census Bureau



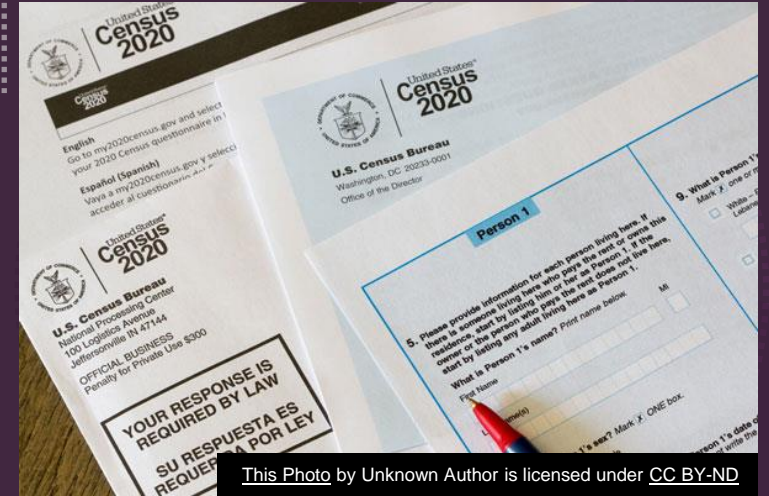
# Census Data and Support

United States®  
**Census**  
**2020**

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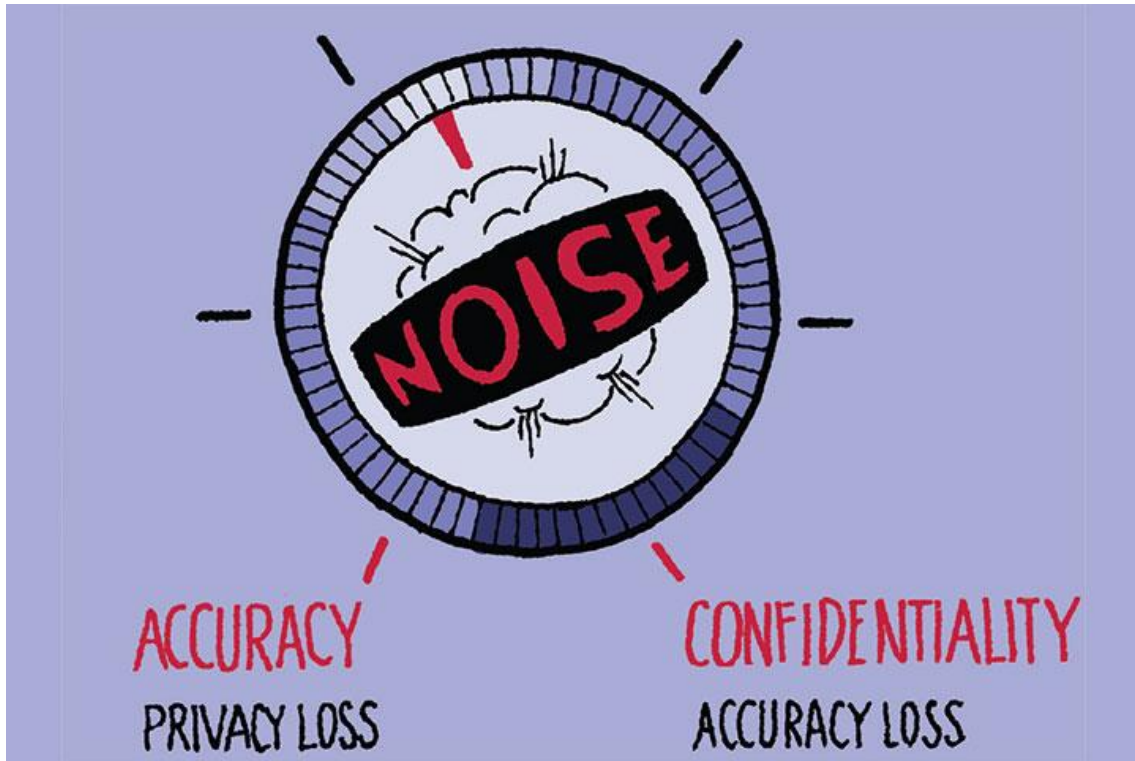
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# Census: Differential Privacy

- What is it?
- Why is it important?





# PEOPLE POWERED FAIR MAPS

**People Powered Fair Maps™** is a national redistricting program of the League of Women Voters focused on creating fair political maps nationwide in all 50 states + D.C. In June 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Rucho v. League of Women Voters of North Carolina* that no fair test exists for courts to determine when partisan gerrymandering has gone too far. As a result, federal courts will be hands-off in the redistricting process even when new district lines are drawn to intentionally decrease the voting power of voters based solely on their political party. People Powered Fair Maps was launched in September 2019 to create fair and transparent, people-powered redistricting processes that eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering nationwide.



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# OUR IMPACT



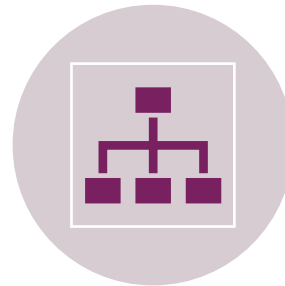
Communications



Legislative Advocacy



Litigation



Organizing

# WHAT IS BASECAMP?

*People Powered Fair Maps*<sup>™</sup>  
campaign management tool

## We Use Basecamp To...

- Connect National Office to Redistricting Champions
- Ensure Information Flows Both Ways
- Foster Interstate Collaboration
- Provide Campaign Resources & Strategy
- Tell the Story of the People Powered Fair Maps



# BASECAMP FEATURES: HQ

Here You Can ...

- Group Chat with all PPFM™ Staff and League Leaders
- Set Reminders for all Redistricting Champions
- Share resources about redistricting, gerrymandering, and the Census.
- Collaborate on national opportunities to promote PPFM™

## League of Women Voters HQ

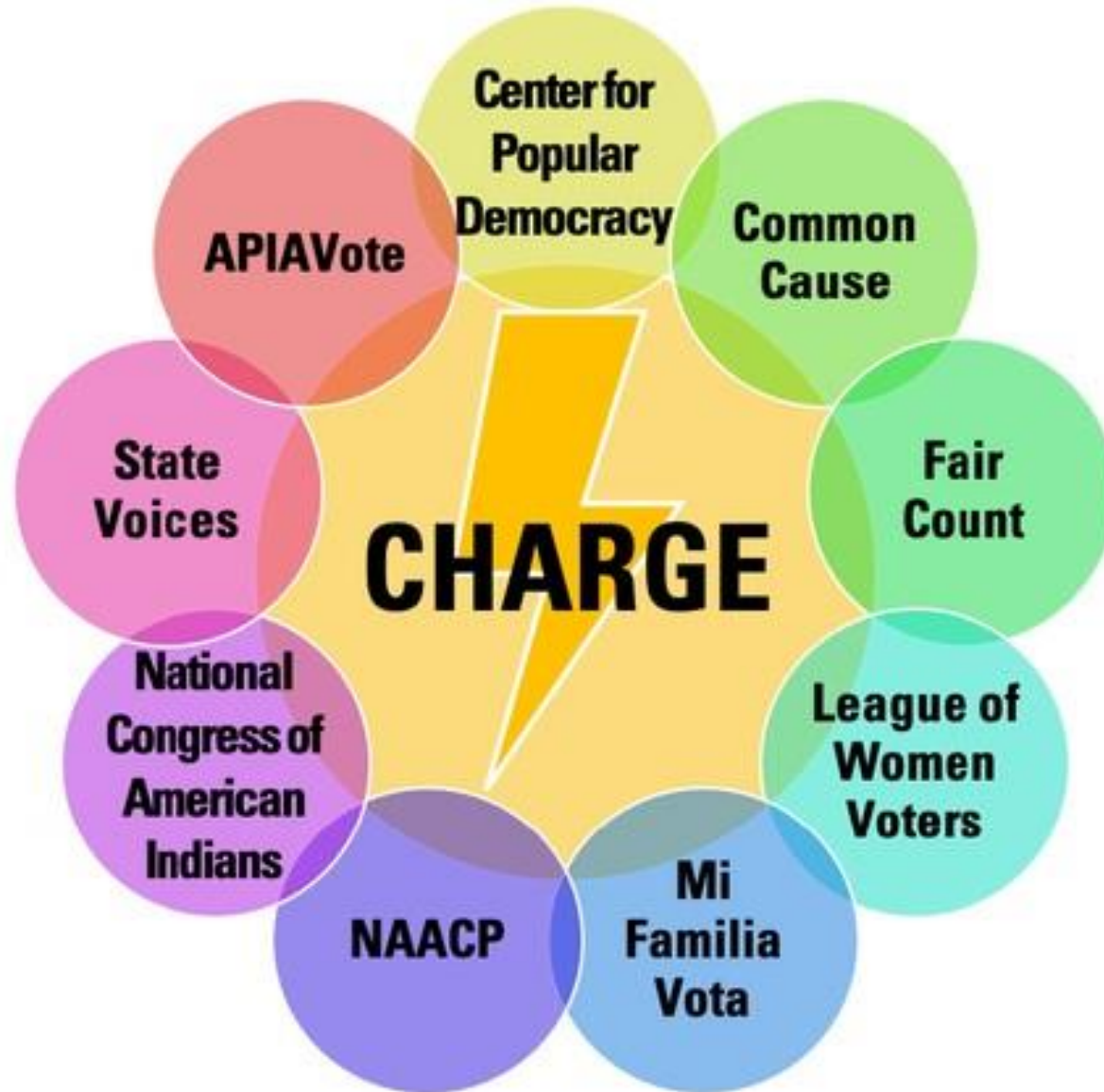
Company-wide announcements and stuff everyone needs to know.

The screenshot displays the Basecamp interface for the League of Women Voters HQ. At the top, there is a header with the title "League of Women Voters HQ" and a subtitle "Company-wide announcements and stuff everyone needs to know." Below the header is a row of user avatars represented by colored circles with initials: AK, AA, BB, CR, C.J., two profile pictures, CS, CW, CS, CC, CS, DO, DW, and D. To the right of the avatars is an "Add/" button. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Message Board:** A central section with a title "Message Board" and a list of items:
  - RA: Census and COVID-19 Question — How are you (3)
  - pp: Grant Deliverables and COVID 19 (3)
  - pp: Reports Due today 4/10 Announcement — (4)
  - LOW: Media Article Our first media article on our
- To-do:** A section with a large green checkmark icon and the text "Make lists of work get done, assign i dates, and i".
- Automatic Check-ins:** A section with the text "Taking 72 people every Monday at 8am. How are you redirecting your".
- Docs &:** A section with a folder icon and the text "Communic".

On the left side of the interface, there is a "Group Chat" section with a title "Group Chat" and a list of messages:

- 3/13am: It, if would be h...
- 3/22am: n, I'll check with...
- 11:37am: se these materL...
- 5:00pm: e I wanted to ac...
- 3:07pm: o much!





# COALITION HUB FOR ADVANCING REDISTRICTING THROUGH GRASSROOTS ENGAGEMENT



- CHARGE, Coalition Hub Advancing Redistricting & Grassroots Engagement, is a space for groups that organize people in the states and in local communities. While each organization brings different skillsets, has presence in different states, and deploys different strategies, we are all united around the common goal that redistricting must be transformed to allow more voices to participate, be heard, and ultimately be represented.
- We are committed to empowering people who have intentionally been excluded from voting and electoral politics to have a seat at the redistricting table. We are grounded in the reality that, as important as this process is, redistricting is NOT at the top of most people's minds, and we need to build points of entry that meet people where they are.
- CHARGE has 9 organizations that work collaboratively to anchor the work: [APIAVote](#), [Center for Popular Democracy](#), [Common Cause](#), [Fair Count](#), [League of Women Voters](#), [Mi Familia Vota](#), [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#), [National Congress of American Indians](#), and [State Voices](#)

# LET'S MAP TOGETHER



UNDERSTAND WHAT MAPPING TOOL BEST FITS  
YOUR NEEDS



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MAPPING TOOLS  
AVAILABLE BUT RESEARCHING AND COMPARING  
THEM ALL CAN TAKE A LOT OF TIME. THE  
REDISTRICTING DATA HUB SURVEYED MOST OF  
THE TOOLS OUT THERE AND COMPILED THIS  
INFORMATION INTO THE "CHOOSE YOUR MAPPING  
TOOL" FEATURE, WHICH ENABLES YOU TO EASILY  
FIND THE RIGHT TOOL BASED ON YOUR NEEDS.

# CHOOSING YOUR MAPPING TOOL...

## Choose Your Own Mapping Tool

Use the table down below to compare and contrast various mapping tools. Scroll to see the full table.

Map...	Source	Purpose	Cost	Geographic Coverage	Available Data	
1	Districtr	MGGG	District Mapping COI Mapping	Free	All States	Boundaries Demographic data Election results
2	AutoBound EDGE by Citygate GIS	Citygate GIS	District Mapping COI Mapping	Paid	All States	Boundaries Demographic data Import your own
3	AutoBound for ArcGIS - Extension for ArcGIS ...	Citygate GIS	District Mapping COI Mapping	Paid	All States	Boundaries Demographic data Import your own
4	DistrictBuilder (2.0)	Azavea, Inc.	District Mapping COI Mapping	Free (Statewide)	Limited (Currently 25 states c...	Boundaries Demographic data

[Choose Your Own Mapping Tool - Redistricting Data Hub](#)

# MAPTITUDE

Maptitude for Redistricting is the professional tool for political redistricting. The newest version represents a major leap forward with advanced features, the latest Census geography and data, one-button conversion of existing plans to the latest TIGER geography, new and enhanced reports, a state-of-the-art interface, open access to industry-standard file formats, interoperability with Google Maps and Google Earth, an updated manual, video tutorials, context-sensitive Help, web solutions, and more.

**COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SOFTWARE!**



# DAVE'S REDISTRICTING APP

Click to add text



**DRA 2020**

DRA 2020 is a free web app to create, view, analyze and share redistricting maps for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. DRA 2020 includes demographic data from the 2010 census and 2018 5-Year ACS estimates and extensive election data. Official congressional and legislative district maps are included and can be used to start new maps, or you can create maps from scratch. A comprehensive feature set makes it easy to create and modify maps while keeping them within the accepted parameters. DRA 2020 also includes a rich set of analytics, including measures of proportionality, competitiveness, minority representation, compactness and splitting.

# DISTRICTR

DistrictR is a free, public webtool for districting and community identification. The tool was developed by the MGGG Redistricting Lab to help state legislatures, nonpartisan commissions, and community organizations collect public input throughout the redistricting process. It features a user-friendly mapping interface built on top of vetted electoral and demographic data

**THIS SOFTWARE IS FREE!**



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FAIR MAPS™

# REPRESENTABLE

Representable is a free, open-source Community of Interest mapping platform. Designed to be as easy to use as possible, Representable provides civic organizations, community members, and mapmakers with the ability to quickly gather quality Community of Interest maps from community members, annotated with the various interests that bind said COI together. Maps can also be visualized in aggregate and exported for use with other mapping software.

representable

# NEED MORE INFORMATION...

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- **People Powered Fair Maps:** <https://www.lwv.org/peoplepoweredfairmaps> for all things redistricting, activism, timelines, Census, and more!
- **CHARGE Hub resources:** [www.redistrictingcommunitycollege.com](http://www.redistrictingcommunitycollege.com) for more information on redistricting 101, community mapping, community organizing and how to present effective testimony
- **All About Redistricting:** <https://redistricting.ils.edu> for info on state rules and timelines
- **Redistricting Data Hub:** <https://redistrictingdatahub.org/> for all things data
- **Local Redistricting:** [www.localredistricting.org/research?active=0](http://www.localredistricting.org/research?active=0) in depth information about best practices for local redistricting. California focused, but useful everywhere.





# Promoting A Representative Government

- *Americans for Prosperity v. Bonta (formerly Becerra) (federal)* -
  - Money in Politics Case
    - *Gaspee v Mederos* (Rhode Island)
- *Brnovich v. DNC (federal)* -
  - Section 2 of the *Voting Rights Act* Case
    - *LWVKS Vote America v Schwab* (Kansas)

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# Protecting the Environment

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- *Center for Biological Diversity v. EPA (federal)* -
  - Environmental Protection Case
- *Juliana et al., v. United States (federal)* -
  - Climate Change Case

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# Social Policy Cases

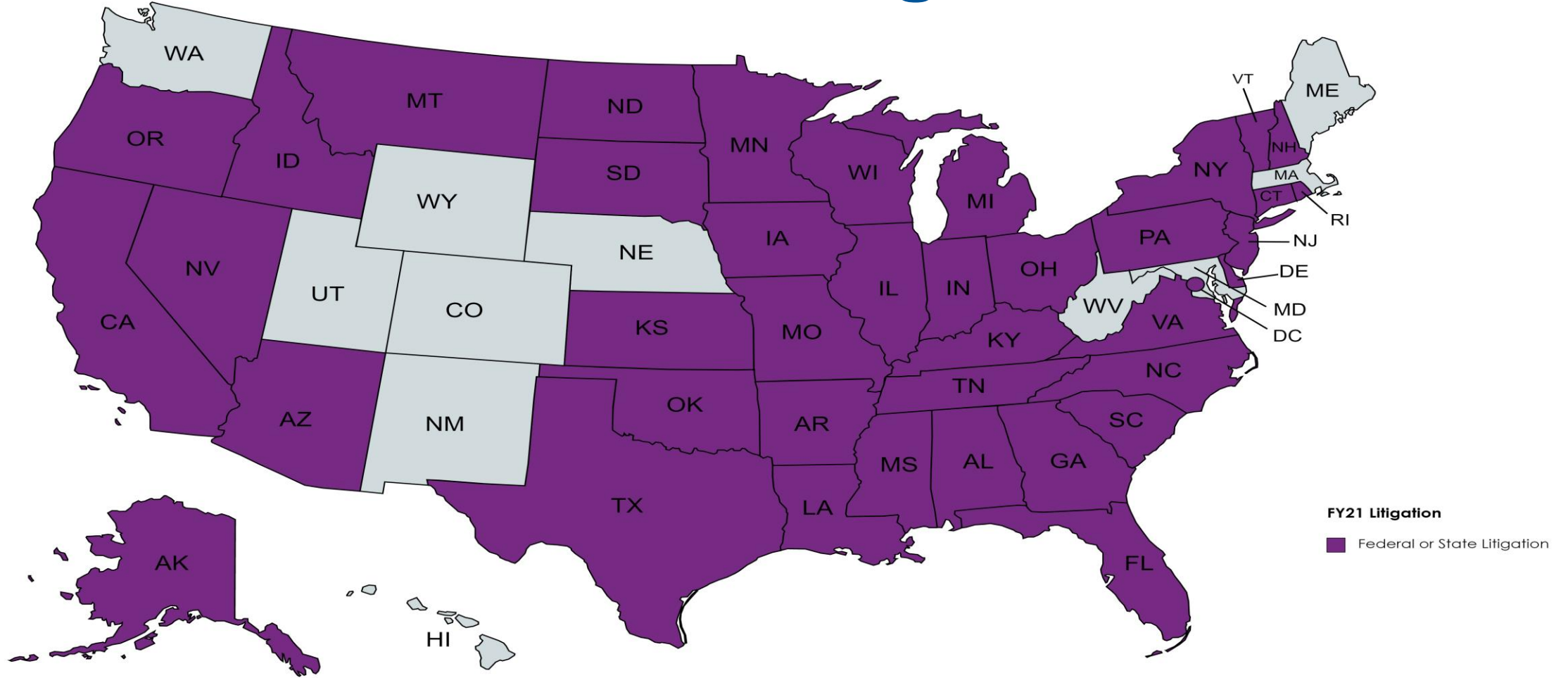
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- *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia. (federal)* -
  - LGBTQ+ Foster Care Case
- *Hamilton v. Dallas County (federal)* -
  - Gender Discrimination Case

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# FY21 Federal & State Litigation



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# Pending Federal Litigation

- *NAACP GA et al v Raffensperger* (Georgia)
  - Case challenging the anti-voter bills that were passed in Georgia that would make it harder to vote by mail, the availability of drop boxes, and would penalize people for giving voters food or water to people in line to vote.
- *Harriet Tubman Freedom Fighters Corp, et al v Lee (consolidated with LWV FL v Lee)* (Florida)
  - LWV FL challenged the anti-voter bill, SB90, that would make it harder to vote by mail and the availability of drop boxes.
  - This bill would affect voters of color, students, and the elderly.

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# Pending State Litigation

- *Wattson v Simon* (Minnesota)
  - Redistricting case that is challenging Minnesota's legislature's historic failure to find consensus on redistricting maps.
  - We are asking the courts to set up the special redistricting panel in preparation for the legislature to fail.
- *LWV Arkansas v Thurston* (Arkansas)
  - Challenge to the anti-voter bill in the state that would cause (1) a new stricter signature matching requirement; (2) an earlier deadline for in-person absentee ballot drop-off; (3) ending the sworn statement option for voters casting provisional ballots; (4) a total ban—with criminal penalties—on distributing food and water within 100 feet of a polling place or allowing anyone who is not a voter from being within that space (Act 728).
- *LWV Kansas v Schwab* (Kansas)
  - Challenge to HB2183 which limits out of limits actors from mailing Kansas applications for a mail ballot, mandating election officials match the signatures on advance ballots to a person's voter registration record, and makes it a crime to impersonate an election official.
  - The interpretation of an election official provision has been interpreted to mean the League has to stop our voter registration efforts.
- *In re Chris Turner v Davidson* (Texas)
  - Amicus brief that we filed in the case that challenges the Governor of Texas's defunding of the state legislature and subsequent calling of a special session.
  - We filed our amicus brief on July 5th.



Questions?