



August 6, 2025

To: Members of the US Congress

From: Celina Stewart, CEO, League of Women Voters of the United States  
Dianna Wynn, President, League of Women Voters of the United States  
Presidents of all 50 state LWV affiliates and the District of Columbia

Re: Now is the time for a strong *Voting Rights Act*

Today we mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the *Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA)*. The League of Women Voters (“the League”), along with our affiliates in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, call on Congress to pass legislation that will modernize and restore the vital protections of the VRA. Thanks to the leadership of Representative Terri Sewell and Senators Durbin and Warnock, the opportunity to restore this historic legislation exists in the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JLVRAA)*. This is the most pressing piece of legislation we can pass to prevent discrimination and restore the VRA. The League applauds the work of members of Congress who are championing this bill to protect the sacred right to vote and strengthen our democracy, especially in the face of attacks and efforts to undermine the voice of voters.

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) was founded in 1920, working on the front lines of voter education to assist newly enfranchised women in casting their ballots following the ratification of the 19th Amendment. We are a grassroots organization comprised of over one million members and supporters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, with more than 750 local and state Leagues. The League is nonpartisan — neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government — and is committed to protecting every person’s freedom to vote. The League uses advocacy, education, litigation, and organizing to achieve our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. We base our work on policy positions developed through consensus by League membership to ensure our advocacy reflects best practices and a nationwide perspective.

Since the Supreme Court’s decision in *Shelby County v. Holder* rolled back key provisions of the *Voting Rights Act* in 2013, discriminatory voting laws have been enacted across the country. We must restore and strengthen the full protection of the VRA by passing the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*. This vital legislation is needed to fully restore and modernize the VRA and ensure that discriminatory voting policies are stopped in their tracks. In recent elections, voters have faced a variety of obstacles, from reduced polling locations and stringent voter identification requirements to the illegal removal of registered voters from the rolls and restrictions that limit voters’ options when it comes to how they cast their ballots. We cannot risk further erosion of the freedom to vote and equality of opportunity for all eligible voters to cast their ballots.

We urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress to pass the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*, which will ensure that voters are able to cast their ballots free of discriminatory or



administrative barriers. In the decades since it was passed into law, the VRA has been reauthorized every time with bipartisan support and signed by Presidents of both political parties. We urge you to uphold this bipartisan history by supporting the VRA. This legislation will ensure that those who seek to prevent voters of color, voters with language access needs, and voters with disabilities from casting their ballots are not allowed to infringe upon the right to vote.

Although the JLVRAA is a federal piece of legislation, the impacts of voting policies — both positive and negative — are felt acutely at the local level. For millions of Americans, it is now harder to register to vote, cast their ballot, and have their voices heard equally. This stands in stark opposition to the promise and values of American democracy.

Access to the vote is not a partisan issue. We hope to partner with your office to protect all voters. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff via Jessica Jones Capparell, Director of Government Affairs for the League of Women Voters of the US, at [jjones@lwv.org](mailto:jjones@lwv.org) or Kristen Kern, Federal Policy and Advocacy Manager for the League of Women Voters of the US, at [kkern@lwv.org](mailto:kkern@lwv.org).

Respectfully,

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Dianna Wynn, President  
League of Women Voters of the United States

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Celina Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Celina Stewart, CEO  
League of Women Voters of the United States

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Kim Bailey, President  
League of Women Voters of Alabama

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Marianne Mills, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Alaska

Patricia L Redmond, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Alaska

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Emily Bridson, President  
League of Women Voters of Arizona



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Bonnie Miller, President  
League of Women Voters of Arkansas

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Gloria Chun Hoo, President  
League of Women Voters of California

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Irene R. Tynes, President  
League of Women Voters of Colorado

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Patricia A. Rossi, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Connecticut

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Laura Smits, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Connecticut

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Tiffany Geyer Lydon, President  
League of Women Voters of Delaware

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Barbara Zia, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of the  
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Anne Stauffer, Co-President  
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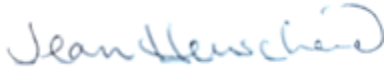
Jessica Lowe Minor, President  
League of Women Voters of Florida

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Nichola Hines, President  
League of Women Voters of Georgia

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Judith Mills Wong, President  
League of Women Voters of Hawaii

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Jean Henscheid, President  
League of Women Voters of Idaho

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Becky Simon, President  
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Linda Hanson, President  
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Holly Oppelt, President  
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Marlene Merrill, President  
League of Women Voters of Kansas

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Jennifer A. Jackson, MD, President  
League of Women Voters of Kentucky

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M. Christian Green, President  
League of Women Voters of Louisiana



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Anna Kellar, Executive Director  
League of Women Voters of Maine

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Linda Kohn, President  
League of Women Voters of Maryland

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Courtney Rau Rogers, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts

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Denise Hartsough, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Michigan

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Lynne Kochmanski, Co-President  
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Laura Helmer, President  
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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Ruth O'Dell, President  
League of Women Voters of Mississippi

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Kay Park, President  
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Rosanne Nash, President  
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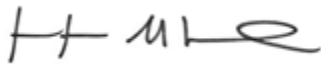
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Nancy Rosenthal, President  
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Barbara Headrick, President  
League of Women Voters of North Dakota

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Pam Wilson, President  
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Lynn Staggs, President  
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Lisa Bentson, President  
League of Women Voters of Oregon

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Susan Gobreski, President  
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Nina P. Rossomando, Co-President  
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Nancy L. Williams, President  
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Debby Gould, President  
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Katharine Biele, President  
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Pelin Kohn, President  
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Joan Porte, President  
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Karen Crowley, President  
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Lyn Widmyer, Co-President  
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Jeanne Roberts, President  
League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

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Linda Barton, President  
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