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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

We, the following clergy and faith leaders from diverse faith traditions within the African American community, write about the urgent need to pass the Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.

We watched our president and Vice President deliver their recent voting rights message - to you in the U.S Senate – speaking in a place represented long and nobly by the late civil rights champion and congressman John Lewis. We prayed their strength and the opening of hearts to receive and ears to hear.

As voting rights advocates, we feel the urgency of the moment. Many of us have taken to the streets, risked arrest, made calls and visits, signed petitions, joined hunger strikes, prayed without ceasing for you to seize this historic moment and secure passage of legislation that will protect our people’s right to vote – a fundamental right far more important to our democracy than the current version of the Senate’s filibuster rules. We see this vote as nothing less than our elected representatives being on the right side of history by doing whatever it takes to get voting rights legislation passed and placed on the president’s desk.

With history all around him, President Biden said: “I will not yield, I will not flinch. I will defend the right to vote and our democracy against all enemies, foreign, and yes, domestic.” We ask the same of you.!

Dr. King once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." We urge you to show the moral courage to protect our democracy and ensure passage of these crucial pieces of voting rights legislation.

This ecumenical body will continue to teach, preach, speak, post, #WeWantVotingRightsNow! We will continue to pray God’s victorious right hand remain upon you and this administration and that you remain encouraged to stay engaged in this fight, for the word of God tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV), “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Sincerely,

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