Transformative Justice Coalition Statement
The Impact of the Decision
Of the U.S. Senate in
Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act

Georgia closes polling places in jurisdictions with significant numbers of young voters, vulnerable voters and voters of color to intentionally complicate their ability to exercise their right to vote; Florida, following Georgia’s lead, makes it illegal to provide water or food to seniors, or other people waiting in long lines for hours to vote because of the closed and consolidated polling places; North Carolina creates voting districts that are drawn with, what the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals termed, “surgical precision” to water down and decrease the impact of African American voters; Texas has idiotically disallowed voters to vote in mobile polling places from their vehicles to protect them during the Covid crisis; Arizona enacts laws that voters, who honestly but mistakenly vote in the wrong precinct, will not have their votes counted, even as provisional ballots; and the Georgia legislature is now attempting to outlaw drop boxes throughout the State of Georgia to make it more difficult for working people to exercise their franchise. In an affront to all senses, Arizona now has introduced legislation to require all in-person voters need to be fingerprinted before voting.

The question has been posed, “What is the impact of the failure of the U.S. Senate to pass the Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act?” The answer is clear. If the Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act had been enacted many of these voter suppression pieces of legislation would have been unlawful. The impact of the failure of the U.S. Senate to protect America’s voters leaves open to state legislatures the opportunity to impose with “surgical precision” legislation, polling place closures and other suppressive voting practices intended to discourage, block and to reduce the participation of young voters, vulnerable voters and voters of color. In failing to pass the Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act, the U.S. Senate has endorsed voter suppression legislation by states throughout this country.

The Transformative Justice Coalition (TJC) and its Founder/President and Co-Leader, Attorney Barbara R. Arnwine and its Board Chair and Co-Leader Attorney Daryl D. Jones will tirelessly and relentlessly continue to fight against voter suppression. The battle continues and TJC will take the anti-voter suppression contest out of the well of the U.S. Senate and “take it to the streets.” As Co-Leader Attorney Daryl D. Jones sat in at the U.S. Capitol and was arrested the next day following the anti-Democracy vote of the U.S. Senate’s denial to protect America’s right to vote, TJC will work feverishly to educate, protect and encourage people to vote and elect representatives that best serve their interests. TJC will be working with coalitions of Young, Vulnerable, Voters with Disabilities and Voters of Color Communities every step of the way in every state in America to fight the imposition of voter suppression legislation and to build a robust, inclusive and multiracial democracy!