

Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

Sign the Petition to Urge Congress to Protect Our Freedom to Vote

it's been exactly 59 years since the passage of the *Voting Rights Act* — the landmark legislation that helped to protect voters of color from racially discriminatory voting practices.

But in 2013, the Supreme Court gutted one of its core protections and made it easier for states to restrict the right to voting — especially for people of color.

In the decade since, legislators across the country have imposed barriers and barely concealed their intent to deter people of color from voting. In that time we Unitarian Universalists passed:

- [Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights and a Multiracial Democracy](#), 2021 Action of Immediate Witness
- [Our Democracy Uncorrupted](#), 2019 Statement of Conscience

So today, on the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, UUSJ joins the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Faithful Democracy and many others to lift up our continued moral plea, and push our elected leaders to support major voting rights legislation:

- **The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**, a bill that would restore the *Voting Rights Act* and modernize this historic civil rights law
- **The Freedom to Vote Act**, a bill to create baseline national standards to ensure we all have equal access to the ballot
- **DC Statehood**, which would finally give voting representation in Congress to the nearly 700,000 residents of DC
- **The Native American Voting Rights Act**, a bill that would address the unique challenges Native voters face — like limited transportation, limited broadband access, fewer polling places, and limited assistance in Native languages

Add your name to [the multi-organization petition, tell Congress](#) in order to ensure every person has a voice in shaping our communities and our futures, they must pass these bills.

Thanks for your attention, please take action,