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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to express our support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, H.R. 4, introduced by Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL) and John Lewis (D-GA).

Since the 2013 Supreme Court *Shelby County v. Holder* decision, which challenged portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, several states have enacted laws that restrict access to the polls by shortening early voting hours, enacting strict voter ID requirements, and decreasing the number of polling locations. These changes to the law disproportionately affect minority and disenfranchised communities.

H.R. 4 would help to reverse the negative effects of these restrictive laws by requiring states and localities with a history of voting rights violations to pre-clear any changes to election laws with the Department of Justice. This important legislation will ensure that elections across the country remain fair, and will restore the portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that the disastrous Supreme Court decision eliminated. In addition, this legislation will ensure that multi-lingual voting materials are more widely available, and that polling places do not disproportionately serve privileged communities over communities of color.

For decades LUNA has stood side by side with civil rights activists as they marched and took to the streets to fight for the critical issue of voting rights, one of the cornerstones of our democracy. LIUNA will continue to speak out against discriminatory laws and practices that attempt to disenfranchise voters. Ensuring all Americans have equal access to their constitutionally enshrined right to vote is a top priority. LIUNA supports H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, and urges you to cosponsor this much-needed legislation.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to express our support for the Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019, S. 561, introduced by Senator Leahy and Senator Jones.

Since the 2013 Supreme Court *Shelby County v. Holder* decision, which challenged portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, several states have enacted laws that restrict access to the polls by shortening early voting hours, enacting strict voter ID requirements, and decreasing the number of polling locations. These changes to the law disproportionately affect minority and disenfranchised communities.

S. 561 would help to reverse the negative effects of these restrictive laws by requiring states and localities with a history of voting rights violations to pre-clear any changes to election laws with the Department of Justice. This important legislation will ensure that elections across the country remain fair, and will restore the portions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that the disastrous Supreme Court decision eliminated. In addition, this legislation will ensure that multi-lingual voting materials are more widely available, and that polling places do not disproportionately serve privileged communities over communities of color.

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