Dear Reps. Krishnamoorthi, Lewis, Lofgren, and Sarbanes,

We write to express our sincere thanks to the above members for the inclusion of provisions within the Help Students Vote Act, originally introduced by Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi and Senator Cory Booker, into H.R. 1, the For the People Act. As organizations that are committed to promoting civic learning and electoral engagement among college students, we are excited to see reforms made that will encourage college administrations to take a more active role in ensuring their student bodies are registered to vote. We appreciate the consideration shown by policymakers by responding to our concerns and inserting language to do the following:

- Direct all institutions of higher education to designate an administrator as the “Campus Vote Coordinator” to answer students’ questions about voter registration and sharing that person’s contact information with the public
- Ensure that the Campus Vote Coordinator is sending timely, useful communications containing voter registration forms and registration information twice a year to the student body concerning federal and state elections
- Allow public and private institutions of higher education to apply for federal grants to expand nonpartisan student voter engagement efforts
- Keep existing language in the Higher Education Act that forms the baseline for institutions of higher education to remain committed to registering their students to vote

As a community dedicated to increasing civic engagement among college students, we feel these changes are necessary to aid in our mission and when combined with other reforms contained within the bill, they pave the way for a large increase in the number of students registered to vote over the next several years. This will benefit our democratic process and strengthen the civic commitment of the next generation of American leaders as they inherit the challenges of governance.

We thank you again for your decision to include these important provisions, and look forward to working with you all as the legislative process moves forward.

Best,

Absentee Ballots Now
Alliance for Youth Action
The Andrew Goodman Foundation
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)
Black Girls Vote, Inc.
Bus Project
Campus Compact
Campus Vote Project
Campus YMCA Congress
Center for Civic Justice at Stony Brook University
Civic Nebraska
Common Cause
Common Cause North Carolina
Connecticut Public Interest Research Group (ConnPIRG Students)
Demos
Feminist Majority Foundation
Generation Progress
Georgia Shift
Institute for Democracy and Higher Education
LeadMN - College Students Connecting for Change
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
League of Women Voters of Maryland
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
National Campus Leadership Council
One Wisconsin Now
Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions
Rock the Vote
Student Public Interest Research Groups
Tufts University
University of Michigan
Young Invincibles
YVote