

February 24th, 2023

Dear members of the Minnesota House Human Services Finance Committee,

Minnesotans showed up for the 2022 elections not only to participate in our democracy, but to protect it. And we know the best way to protect our democracy is to expand it.

Expanding democracy means improving voter access to ensure every Minnesotan has the freedom to vote and putting power back in the hands of people by reducing the influence of corporations and wealthy special interests in our elections. Minnesota voters expect state legislators to take meaningful action to protect, strengthen and expand our democracy. This session, it's time to take action.

Throughout our state's history, we have fought to ensure more Minnesotans have our right to vote honored. We are proud of our free and fair elections and of our status as one of the highest voter turnout states in the nation. We also know there's more we can do to bring our elections into the 21st century and ensure *all* Minnesotans have the freedom to vote.

If there is any path to meet the needs of all of our communities, we must move forward together by ensuring that every eligible Minnesotan can cast a ballot and have a say in the decisions that impact our lives.

Policies like **automatic voter registration**, pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds, providing translated language resources at the ballot box and requiring campaign finance disclosure are popular with Minnesotans and the right things to do.

That is why our organizations support Representative Emma Greenman for leading on HF3, the Democracy for the People Act as it begins to make the promise of democracy real for us all.

Thank you for leading this charge to make sure we protect the freedom to vote and protect our democracy by expanding it.

Sincerely,

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