

Declaration for American Democracy Mission Statement

Together we must build a democracy where everyone participates, every vote is counted, voting rights are fully enforced, and everyone's voice is heard. We deserve to have a say in decisions that affect our lives, and to be fairly represented by elected officials who are responsive to our needs in order to make our lives better.

Today our system is in crisis. Powerful corporate and wealthy interests regularly defy the foundational principles of fairness, equity, ethics, accountability, and respect for the rule of law, and we are heading towards an impending constitutional catastrophe. Some states are passing laws that make it harder for voters, particularly minority voters, to gain access to the ballot. Long-standing voluntary standards that created a framework for some executive branch accountability are no longer enough to forestall corruption, and our current system of laws is inadequate. It is with a backdrop of Congressional paralysis and increasing contempt for democratic values that we reaffirm the need for real momentous democracy reform.

We know that from calamity, opportunities arise – as does the chance to collectively build the democracy we demand and deserve.

We, the undersigned organizations, reaffirm that at the opportune moment, we will work collectively to create and pass a series of fundamental reforms to rebalance our moneyed political system, empower everyday Americans, ensure equal justice for all, protect the public's right to know, reduce barriers to participation in our elections, vigorously enforce voting laws, and fix our ethics laws. We will not be satisfied with any single reform, and will continue to press for the structural changes necessary to rebalance power for people. We will not accept anything less than a strong democratic system that reflects, responds to, and represents us.

- American Oversight
- American Promise
- Blue Future
- Brave New Films
- Brennan Center for Justice
- Business Initiative for Health Policy
- Campaign for Accountability
- Campaign to Unload
- Center for American Progress
- Center for Common Ground
- Center for Community Change Action Fund
- Center for Popular Democracy
- Center for Emergent Diplomacy
- Church Women United in New York State
- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington
- Citizen Works
- Clean Elections Texas
- Coalition to Preserve, Protect and Defend
- Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
- CODEPINK
- Color of Change
- Common Cause
- Communications Workers of America
- Concerned Citizens For Change
- Conference of Major Superiors of Men
- Conscious Elders Network
- Courage Campaign
- CREDO
- CT Citizen Action Group

- Daily Kos
- Demand Progress Action
- Democracy 21
- Democracy for America
- Democracy Initiative
- Democracy Matters
- Democracy Spring
- Demos
- End Citizens United
- Every Voice
- Franciscan Action Network
- Free Speech for People
- Friends of the Earth
- Generation Progress
- Greenpeace
- Illinois Democratic Women
- Indivisible
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- International Corporate Accountability Roundtable
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- Left Action
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- The League of Women Voters
- Main Street Alliance
- March for Truth
- MAYDAY America
- Mi Familia Vota
- Missouri Jobs With Justice Voter Action
- MoveOn
- NAACP
- NARAL Pro-Choice America
- National Action Network
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Center for Lesbian Rights
- National Council of Jewish Women
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- National LGBTQ Task Force
- National Partnership for Women & Families
- National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
- National Redistricting Action Fund
- NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
- Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance
- Northwest Side Housing Center
- Open the Government
- Participatory Politics Foundation
- Pay 2 Play
- People for the American Way
- People Demanding Action
- People's Action
- Planned Parenthood
- Platform
- Power Shift Network
- Presbyterian Church USA
- Pride at Work
- Project On Government Oversight
- Public Citizen
- Rethink Media
- Revolving Door Project
- RootsAction.org
- SEIU
- Sierra Club
- Stamp Stampede
- Stand Up America
- State Voices
- Student Debt Crisis
- Sunlight Foundation
- Tikkun's Network of Spiritual Progressives
- Voices for Progress
- Wisconsin Democracy Campaign
- Wolf PAC
- Women Donors Network
- Working Families Party
- The Workmen's Circle

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