



December 5, 2019

Dear Representative:

Democracy 21 strongly urges you to vote for H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, scheduled to be considered by the House on Friday, December 6, 2019.

The right to vote is at the core of our constitutional system of government. It ensures that the American people have the power to decide who will represent them and who will govern them at the national, state and local levels.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965, historic civil rights legislation, was enacted to prevent acts of racial discrimination and voter suppression from denying people of color their constitutional right to vote. The Voting Rights Act was seriously damaged in 2013 by the Supreme Court decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*.

H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, is essential legislation to repair the damage done by the destructive *Shelby* decision. It does so by modernizing the Voting Rights Act and by restoring protections necessary to prevent racial voter discrimination and voter suppression and thereby to preserve the inalienable right to vote for all eligible voters.

H.R. 4 must be enacted into law to ensure that race is not used to prevent any eligible voter from exercising a uniquely powerful right provided in our democracy – the right to vote.

Democracy 21 strongly urges you to vote for H.R. 4 and to oppose any effort to weaken or undermine the legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Fred Wertheimer

Fred Wertheimer
President