

Sample Membership Email

Dear Members of organization [X],

This summer, we are working closely with our partners at the Democracy Initiative (DI) to raise awareness about the ongoing, coordinated attack on our voting rights. The DI is a powerful coalition of more than 69 progressive organizations. We are proud to be part of the DI, and to collaborate on important pro-democracy campaigns. Please sign our coalition petition, to demand that local election officials, here in [X] State, ensure that all eligible voters are registered, they are able to access the ballot, and that their votes will be counted.

The coordinated attacks on voting rights are mounting against us. Wealthy interests and corporations are actively encouraging the purging of voting lists, the use of voter ID laws, and other policies that disenfranchise the working poor and communities of color. Polling places are being closed and early voting and voting hours are cut back, making it more difficult to vote. Funding for election security is scarce. As a result, trust in the political process has plummeted, and voter participation rates are at all-time lows. In 2014, the midterm elections had the lowest turnout in 70 years, with just 36.4% of voters going to the polls. This November, 26 million young people, women, and people of color who voted in 2016 are predicted to not vote. We need these 26 million voices to be heard. We need ALL of our voices to be heard.

To demonstrate the growing public demand for voting rights and election security, we are collecting signatures on a petition, titled 'Don't Mess With Our Vote' petition. The petition will be delivered to election officials, including governors, secretaries of state, and county clerks. By signing the petition we collectively demand:

- A 21st century voting system in which all eligible voters are registered and every vote is counted,
- An end to voter suppression laws such as Voter ID,
- A voting process that is both efficient and accessible through reforms like same day registration automatic voter registration, accessible and widespread early voting locations, and statewide vote by mail options,
- Significant investment in electronic election security to reduce the possibility of digital election interference.

We can't and won't sit idly by. Special interests and the wealthy few can't silence our collective voices or match our power. Join us as we demand state officials enact policies that increase turnout, guarantee all eligible voters have the right to vote, and dramatically boost funding in election security. Our right to vote is too important to be left in the hands of electoral officials alone, who act in their self-interest or for wealthy and corporate interests. If we want politicians and laws that support our interests—protection of civil rights, access to affordable healthcare, clean water and air, and higher wages—raising our voices is the only way to win.

The petition can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/ycmnbv4c>.

