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## Dear Senator:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to express our strong support for S. 2747, the "Freedom to Vote Act." There is nothing more fundamental in a democracy than the right to vote. It's how we make our voices heard. The Freedom to Vote Act would protect the right of every American to cast our vote and have that vote counted. It is a desperately needed federal response to the attacks on voting rights occurring in state legislatures all across the country.

S. 2747 would expand the franchise by promoting early voting, as well as same day and online registration. It would also expand vote by mail options, make Election Day a federal holiday, ban partisan gerrymandering, and promote election security.

For years, right-wing groups backed by wealthy donors have been working aggressively to suppress the right of every American citizen to cast a ballot. They have supported laws to make it harder to register and to vote and they have used the corrosive power of money to drown out the voices of working people.

Record wealth inequality, mass incarceration and low voter turnout are all symptoms of a broken political system. AFL-CIO proudly supports S. 2747 as we continue the fight to fix our democracy and restore the balance of power to working people.

Sincerely,

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