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On June 23rd, The U.S. Chamber Will Be Hosting A National Summit On Equality Of Opportunity Sponsored By Major Corporations Accenture, Altria Group, Genentech, Microsoft, And Raytheon Technologies.

June 23, 2021: The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Will Be Hosting Its Second Annual National Summit On Equality Of Opportunity With Accenture, Altria Group, Genentech, Microsoft, And Raytheon Technologies Serving As Corporate Partners. [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on **Wednesday, June 23, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET** for the second annual **National Summit on Equality of Opportunity, *Moving from Conversations to Real Action***. Hear leaders across the private and public sectors discuss challenges, share successes, highlight best practices, and chart paths forward to ensure equality of opportunity for all.

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[U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, The "World's Largest Business Organization," Expressed "Fierce" Opposition To The For The People Act Of 2021, A "Sweeping" Anti-Voting Suppression Bill That The Group Claimed Would Silence Corporations And Trade Associations.

April 2021: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Expressed "Fierce Opposition" To The For The People Act, An Anti-Voting Suppression Bill Passed In The U.S. House Of Representatives That The Chamber Called "'Extremely Problematic.'" "At issue is the Chamber of Commerce's fierce opposition to the Democrats' sweeping voting bill known as the For the People Act, which advocates say would counter efforts by Georgia and other states to impose new voting restrictions. The Chamber of Commerce has slammed the legislation, which last month was approved by the US House of Representatives, as 'extremely problematic' in part because of new curbs on political advocacy by companies and associations." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

- **H.R. 1, The For The People Act of 2021, Was Introduced By Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) In The 117th Congress On January 4, 2021, And Passed The House On March 3, 2021, By A Vote Of 220-210.** [Congress.gov, [01/04/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Issued A Key Vote Alert Against The For The People Act's Senate Companion, S.1. [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [04/13/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Claimed H.R. 1 Would "'Silence'" Those Who "'Participate In The Political Process Through The Collective Action Of An Association Or Corporation.'" "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said it wants more people brought into the political process but that the bill would have "precisely the opposite effect – pushing certain voices, representing large segments of the electorate and U.S. economy, out of the political process altogether.' The Chamber, in a letter to senators, said the legislation would 'regulate and ultimately silence Americans who choose to petition their government or participate in the political process through the collective action of an association or corporation.'" [Reuters, [04/13/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Is "One Of The Most Powerful Trade Groups In The Nation," Spending \$81.9 Million To Influence Government In 2020 Alone, Second Only To The National Association Of Realtors. "The Chamber is one of the most powerful trade groups in the nation. In 2020 alone, the organization spent \$81.9 million trying to influence government policy, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The only organization that spent more was the National Association of Realtors." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce "Is The World's Largest Business Organization," With Membership That Includes "Leading Industry Associations And Large Corporations." "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector

of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations." [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [04/23/21](#)]

Although Their CEO Highlights The Company's Support Of Expanded Voter Access, Accenture Has Donated At Least \$35,000 To The National Republican Senatorial Committee, Which Recently Launched A "Seven-Figure Ad Campaign" Attacking H.R. 1, The *For The People Act*

In March 2021, Accenture CEO Julie Sweet Highlighted Her Company's Support For Voting Rights, Specifically Citing Agreement With An Open Memo Signed By 72 Black Business Leaders And The Business Roundtable's Statement On Voting Rights.

March 31, 2021: Accenture CEO Julie Sweet Highlighted Her Company Joining 72 Black Signatories Of An Open Memo Entitled, "Memo To Corporate America: The Fierce Urgency Is Now" In "Taking A Nonpartisan Stand For Equality And Democracy," While Also Supporting The Business Roundtable's Statement On Voting Rights.



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Julie Sweet Has Served As CEO Of Accenture Since September 2019. "Julie Sweet is chief executive officer of Accenture and serves on the company's board of directors, and will take on the additional role of chair of the board starting September 1, 2021. Prior to becoming CEO in September 2019, Julie served as chief executive officer of Accenture's business in North America, the company's largest geographic market." [Accenture, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

The "Memo To Corporate America" Criticized Anti-Voter Legislation Passed In Georgia And Other States As "Undemocratic," "Un-American," And "Wrong."

The "Memo To Corporate America" Was Part Of An Effort To "Oppose Legislation That Limits Voting Access In America" And Specifically Cites Georgia's Election Integrity Act As "Unquestionably" Making It Harder For Black Voters To Exercise Their Right To Vote. "The following letter was issued on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, as part of an effort—led by Kenneth I. Chenault '73, H'96 and Ken Frazier—to oppose legislation that limits voting access in America. [...] Last week, the Georgia legislature passed a sweeping set of changes to the state's election laws that unquestionably will make it harder for Black voters, in particular, to exercise their right to vote. In last year's general election, a record 1.3 million Georgians voted absentee, and they were disproportionately Black and Brown voters." [Bowdoin College, [03/31/21](#)]

The Memo Goes On To State That Georgia's Election Law And "Others Like It" Are "Undemocratic," "Un-American," And "Wrong." "The new law and others like it are both undemocratic and un-American, and

they are wrong. Make no mistake, we have seen this playbook before by those who seek to deny their fellow Americans the opportunity to make their voices heard at the ballot box. While the use of police dogs, poll taxes, literacy tests and other overtly racist voter suppression tactics are a thing of the past, Georgia and other states are rushing to impose new and substantial burdens on voting following an election that produced record turnout for both parties." [Bowdoin College, [03/31/21](#)]

The Business Roundtable's Statement On Voting Rights Called The Right To Vote "The Essence Of A Democratic Society," While Criticizing Voting Restrictions As An Attack "At The Heart Of Representative Government."

March 31, 2021: The Business Roundtable Released A Statement On Voting Rights In Which It Stated, "The Right To Vote Is The Essence Of A Democratic Society" And That "Unnecessary Restrictions On The Right To Vote Strike At The Heart Of Representative Government." "As changes to voting laws are under consideration in multiple state legislatures, Business Roundtable today issued the following statement on principles that should guide policymakers: 'The right to vote is the essence of a democratic society, and the voice of every voter should be heard in fair elections that are conducted with integrity. Unnecessary restrictions on the right to vote strike at the heart of representative government. Business Roundtable members believe state laws must safeguard and guarantee the right to vote.'" [Business Roundtable, [03/31/21](#)]

The Business Roundtable Ended Its Statement By "'Call[ing] On Elected Officials Across The Country To Commit To Bipartisan Efforts To Provide Greater Access To Voting And Encourage Broad Voter Participation.'" "Over the course of our nation's history, the right to vote was hard fought for so many Americans, particularly women and people of color. We call on elected officials across the country to commit to bipartisan efforts to provide greater access to voting and encourage broad voter participation." [Business Roundtable, [03/31/21](#)]

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Accenture Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	12/29/20	\$5,000
Accenture Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	01/30/19	\$15,000
Accenture Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	01/26/18	\$15,000
TOTAL			\$35,000

Although Tobacco Giant Altria Group Claims To Support Voter Access – Going As Far As Calling It A "Foundational Democratic Process" And Boasting Of Its Work In Supporting Non-Profit Organizations In Their Voting Initiatives – Since The 2018 Election Cycle The Company Has Donated Over \$3.2 Million To Political Committees Opposed To The Expansion Of Voter Access.

Tobacco Conglomerate Altria Group Claims To "Believe Voting Is A Foundational Democratic Process," And Has Boasted Of Its "Track Record Of Supporting Non-Profit Organizations That Encourage Engagement In The Democratic Process."

Altria Group Is The Holding Company Of Several Major Tobacco Manufacturers, Including Philip Morris. "Altria Group is the parent company of Philip Morris USA, U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company, John Middleton, Helix Innovations LLC, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Philip Morris Capital Corporation." [Altria Group, accessed, [06/21/21](#)]

Altria Group Stated It "Believe[s] Voting Is A Foundational Democratic Process And Should Be A Non-Partisan Issue." "The 2020 election was highly contentious and was conducted during a global pandemic that necessitated many emergency voting measures. Many states are now debating their election laws for the longer-term. We believe voting is a foundational democratic process and should be a non-partisan issue. All eligible individuals should have their voices heard at the ballot box." [Altria, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

Altria Has Also Highlighted Its "Track Record Of Supporting Non-Profit Organizations That Encourage Engagement In The Democratic Process," Including A "Grant To The National Urban League's Equity, Justice And Democracy Initiative" To Support Its Civic Activities, Including "Voter Education And Registration Initiatives." "Equally important, we have a track record of supporting non-profit organizations that encourage engagement in the democratic process. Most recently, as part of our commitment to address systemic racism faced by Black Americans and advance social and economic equity, we made a grant to the National Urban League's Equity, Justice and Democracy Initiative, which supports civic action and participation, including voter education and registration initiatives." [Altria, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

Altria Also Claims To Maintain A Number Of Principles Regarding Voter Participation, Including A Belief Legislation Should "Encourage More, Not Fewer, Eligible Voters To Register And Vote," While "Not Plac[ing] Undue Burdens Or Unnecessary Restrictions On Voters."

One Of Altria's Central Beliefs Regarding Voting Is That Voter Legislation Should "Encourage More, Not Fewer, Eligible Voters To Register And Vote." "It is in this context and with this history that we articulate the following principles, which are central to what we believe about any voting: [...] Legislation impacting voting rights should advance principles of equality, fairness, and transparency, and should encourage more, not fewer, eligible voters to register and vote." [Altria, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

Altria Also Believes That Voting Legislation Or Requirements "Should Not Place Undue Burdens Or Unnecessary Restrictions On Voters." "It is in this context and with this history that we articulate the following principles, which are central to what we believe about any voting: [...] Requirements governing how the right to vote is exercised should not place undue burdens or unnecessary restrictions on voters." [Altria, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

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Altria Has Also Vowed To "Actively Monitor," And When Necessary, Engage With Anti-Voting Legislation In Areas Where It Has "Significant Operations" Or A "Significant Number Of Employees."

"Guided by our history and our principles, we will: [...] Actively monitor the numerous legislative proposals across the country related to voting. While we cannot take a position on every bill in every state, in areas where we have significant operations, and a significant number of employees, and where we can have a meaningful impact, we will determine how we could engage to share our perspective [...]" [Altria, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

Since the 2018 Election Cycle, Altria Has Donated At Least \$60,000 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Which Recently Launched A "Seven-Figure Ad Campaign" Attacking H.R. 1, The For The People Act...

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Since The 2018 Election Cycle, The Altria PAC Has Donated \$60,000 To The National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount
Altria Group, Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	02/18/20	\$15,000
Altria Group, Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	03/04/19	\$15,000
Altria Group, Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	01/31/18	\$15,000
Altria Group, Inc. PAC	National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	01/30/17	\$15,000
TOTAL			\$60,000

...Over \$1.1 Million To The Leadership Committee Of Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Who Has Slammed H.R. 1 As A "Power Grab" And Claimed Its Passage Would "Create A Stunning One-Party Takeover Of Voting Laws And Elections In Our Country"...

Since The 2018 Election Cycle, Altria Client Services Has Donated \$1,175,000 to Senator McConnell's Senate Leadership Fund.

- "The Senate Leadership Fund Is A Republican Super PAC That Was Established In 2015 By Allies Of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell." [FactCheck.org, updated [10/16/20](#)]

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	12/23/20	\$50,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	11/30/20	\$200,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	09/02/20	\$250,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	06/04/20	\$250,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	11/15/19	\$100,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	10/26/18	\$100,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	10/1/18	\$100,000

Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	09/06/18	\$100,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Senate Leadership Fund	10/10/17	\$25,000
TOTAL			\$1,175,000

April 22, 2021: During Senate Floor Remarks, Senator Mitch McConnell Slammed H.R. 1 As "Creat[ing] A Stunning One-Party Takeover Of Voting Laws And Elections In Our Country." "U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding H.R. 1: 'Much of this overheated rhetoric seems like simple projection. Because there is indeed a piece of legislation that would create a stunning one-party takeover of voting laws and elections in our country. 'That would be Washington Democrats' darling, H.R. 1.[.]' 'This is the bill that was first introduced in 2019, with many Democrats still in denial that a Republican had won the White House in 2016.[.]'" [Office of Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, [04/22/21](#)]

January 17, 2019: In A Washington Post Opinion Piece, Senator McConnell Called H.R. 1 A "Power Grab" That Was Nothing More Than A "Naked Attempt To Change The Rules Of American Politics To Benefit One Party." "House Democrats won't come to the table and negotiate to reopen government, but they've been hard at work angling for more control over what you can say about them and how they get reelected. They're trying to clothe this power grab with cliches about 'restoring democracy' and doing it 'For the People,' but their proposal is simply a naked attempt to change the rules of American politics to benefit one party. It should be called the Democrat Politician Protection Act." [Washington Post, [01/17/19](#)]

And Altria Group Has Donated Nearly \$2 Million To The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC), Which In February 2021 Launched An "Election Integrity" Commission To Help Develop Voter Suppression Policies In State Legislatures Across The Country.

February 2021: The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC) Launched An "Election Integrity" Commission To Help State Policymakers "Develop Best Practices And Recommendations For Bills That Legislatures Coast To Coast Should Pass Into Law To Secure Elections In The Future." "The RSLC, the committee arm of the GOP that oversees electing and protecting state legislature and state senate officials in statehouses coast to coast as well as electing GOP secretaries of state in all 50 states, announced Wednesday morning a commission to highlight and put forward legislative solutions to stop voter fraud and secure American elections. The commission, co-chaired by Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill and Michigan state Sen. Ruth Johnson, will consider ideas from state lawmakers nationwide to develop best practices and recommendations for bills that legislatures coast to coast should pass into law to secure elections in the future." [Breitbart, [02/17/21](#)]

Democrats Called The RSLC Commission An Attempt At "Voter Suppression." "Meanwhile, Democrats responded on Wednesday by criticizing the commission as a coordinated effort of 'voter suppression.' 'Republicans are using the lies they told about election integrity to launch a coordinated effort to roll back voting rights nationwide,' said Jessica Post, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, in a news release. 'Republicans are working to make sure that they never lose another presidential election and we need to stop them.'" [CNN, [02/17/21](#)]

Since The 2018 Election Cycle, Altria Client Services Has Donated \$1,990,000 To The Republican State Leadership Committee.

Contributor	Recipient	Year	Amount
Altria Client Services LLC	Republican State Leadership Committee	2020	\$410,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Republican State Leadership Committee	2019	\$365,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Republican State Leadership Committee	2018	\$780,000
Altria Client Services LLC	Republican State Leadership Committee	2017	\$435,000
TOTAL			\$1,990,000

[Altria Political Contributions Database, accessed [06/21/21](#)]

Genentech, A Biotechnology Company Which Says It Supports A "Diversity Of Backgrounds And Perspectives" Has Given At Least \$27,500 To Republican Members Of Congress Who Have Publicly Spoken Out Against The For The People Act And Who Have Supported State Voter Suppression Laws.

Genentech, A Biotechnology Subsidiary Of The Roche Group, Claims To Support "Diversity Of Background And Perspectives."

Genentech Is A Biotechnology Company Which Is Part Of The Roche Group. "Considered the founder of the industry, Genentech, now a member of the Roche Group, has been delivering on the promise of biotechnology for more than 40 years. Genentech is a biotechnology company dedicated to pursuing groundbreaking science to discover and develop medicines for people with serious and life-threatening diseases. Our transformational discoveries include the first targeted antibody for cancer and the first medicine for primary progressive multiple sclerosis." [Genentech, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Genentech Claims To Support "Diversity Of Backgrounds And Perspectives," Believing They Help "Unit[e] Us Behind A Common Purpose." "At Genentech, embracing the increasingly diverse world around us is core to our business strategy. We believe in diversity of backgrounds and perspectives — including race/ethnicity, gender, LGBTQ+, veteran, and accessible communities — uniting us behind a common purpose and drawing on the strength of that diversity to drive better science and health outcomes." [Genentech, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Since The 2018 Election Cycle, Genentech Has Given At Least \$27,500 To Republican Members Of Congress Who Have Publicly Spoken Out Against The For The People Act And Who Have Supported Voter Suppression Laws Across The Country.

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount
Genentech Political Action Committee	Cathy McMorris Rodgers for Congress	03/31/21	\$5,000
Genentech Political Action Committee	Bucshon for Congress	03/26/21	\$5,000
Genentech Political Action Committee	Tomorrow Is Meaningful PAC	12/20/20	\$5,000
Genentech Political Action Committee	Rely On Your Beliefs Fund	12/10/20	\$2,500
Genentech Political Action Committee	Oorah! PAC	12/10/20	\$5,000
Genentech Political Action Committee	McConnell Senate Committee	04/10/19	\$5,000
TOTAL			\$27,500

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McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) Claimed The For The People Act "'Doesn't Even Come Close To'" Reducing Fraud And Increasing Transparency In Elections. "Eastern Washington Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 1.

'I support efforts to reduce fraud and increase transparency in our elections, but H.R. 1 doesn't even come close to accomplishing that.' said Cathy." [Office of Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers, [03/08/19](#)]

McMorris Rodgers Claimed That The For The People Act "Weaponizes Our Election Laws" And Includes "Blatant Attacks On Free Speech Rights." "If we truly want to protect our democracy, we need to have the tools to protect the integrity of our elections. This legislation also takes those tools away, making it more difficult for election administrators to verify residency and registration status and reduce fraud and abuse in our elections. At the same time, it makes the enforcement of election laws partisan by decreasing the number of Federal Election Commission (FEC) commissioners from six to five. This weaponizes our election laws by giving whoever occupies the White House out-sized power over our Democracy. This is the wrong approach to bringing transparency and accountability to elections, and even the ACLU opposes this bill because of its blatant attacks on free speech rights." [Office of Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers, [03/08/19](#)]

Genentech Has Given At Least \$5,000 To Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN), Who Opposed The For The People Act, Claiming It Was Aimed To Keep Democrats In Power "For As Long As Possible" And Empower "The Federal Government And Cancel Culture Mobs" To "Target And Harass" People Based On Their Political Views.

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HEADLINE: "Dr. Bucshon Votes Against Democrats' Washington Takeover Of The Nation's Election Process." [Office of U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon, [03/03/21](#)]

Bucshon Claimed The For The People Act "Is Aimed At Keeping Democrats In Power For As Long As Possible By Changing The Nation's Election System." "Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08) released the following statement after voting against House Democrats' For the Politicians Act (H.R. 1), which is a federal takeover of the election system in order maintain Democrats' power in Washington: 'H.R. 1 is aimed at keeping Democrats in power for as long as possible by changing the nation's election system in ways that benefit Democrat politicians.'" [Office of U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon, [03/03/21](#)]

Bucshon Claimed Provisions In The For The People Act Would Allow "The Federal Government And Cancel Culture Mobs" To "Target And Harass Groups" Based On Political Views. "These provisions will allow the power of the federal government and cancel culture mobs to be weaponized to target and harass groups and individuals simply based on their political and policy views." [Press Release, Office of U.S. Congressman Larry Bucshon, [03/03/21](#)]

Genentech Has Given At Least \$5,000 To Senator Tim Scott's (R-SC) Tomorrow Is Meaningful PAC – Scott Has Defended State Voter Suppression Laws Yet Blasted The For The People Act As A "Partisan Power Grab."

Genentech Gave \$5,000 To The Tomorrow Is Meaningful PAC.

The Tomorrow Is Meaningful PAC Is Associated With Senator Tim Scott (R-SC). [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

In a May 2021 Fox News Opinion Piece, Scott Called The For The People Act "A Partisan Power Grab That Would Destroy Confidence In Our Election System." "Of the many issues I shared with the country, I knew it was important to call out the dishonest narrative peddled by left-wing politicians and mainstream media on the issue of election reform. As a Black man who has voted in the South all my life, voting rights are personal to me. As I said in my speech: I support making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. So do my fellow Republicans, and so do voters. But the Democrats so-called 'For the People Act' would actually make it easier to cheat and harder to vote. It is not a voting rights bill. It is a partisan power grab that would destroy confidence in our election system." [Fox News, [05/20/21](#)]

Scott Has Defended The Georgia Voter Suppression Law, Calling The New Law "Mainstream." "Using Gov. Brian Kemp's frequent refrain, Scott said Republicans support making it 'easier to vote and harder to cheat.' He also called the new law 'mainstream,' and described the ways he said the bill will expand, not reduce, opportunities for Georgians to vote. (The AJC has reported the specifics of the bill extensively.) Mostly importantly, Scott slammed Democratic anger over SB 202 as a thinly veiled excuse to pass HR 1, a sweeping new voting proposal that would give the federal government more control over how states conduct federal elections." [Atlanta Journal Constitution, [04/29/21](#)]

Genentech Has Given At Least \$2,500 To Missouri Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Who Has Called The For The People Act "An Unprecedented Power Grab By The Federal Government."

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Blunt Called S.1, The For The People Act, "An Unprecedented Power Grab By The Federal Government At The Expense Of The States." "It's an unprecedented power grab by the federal government at the expense of the states. I think it's a transparent attempt to stack the elections in favor of one party. Election law should not be about a single party. If this bill were to pass, it would do nothing, in my view, to bolster public confidence in elections. In fact, I suspect most election officials around the country would begin to say, 'I'd like to be able to do something about that problem, but we'll have to clear that with Washington, D.C. first.' I think the divisions in the country would be worse, not better." [Office of Senator Roy Blunt, [03/18/21](#)]

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Genentech Has Given At Least \$5,000 To Senator Todd Young's (R-IN) Leadership PAC, Oorah! PAC -- In A Senate Floor Speech, Young Claimed That "Voting Has Never Been Easier Than It Is Right Now" And That The For The People Act Was An Attempt To Keep Democrats In Power.

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The Oorah PAC! Is Associated With Senator Todd Young (R-IN). [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

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Genentech Has Given \$5,000 To Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell.

April 22, 2021: During Senate Floor Remarks, Senator Mitch McConnell Slammed H.R. 1 As "Creat[ing] A Stunning One-Party Takeover Of Voting Laws And Elections In Our Country." "U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding H.R. 1: 'Much of this overheated rhetoric seems like simple projection. Because there is indeed a piece of legislation that would create a stunning one-party takeover of voting laws and elections in our country. 'That would be Washington Democrats' darling, H.R. 1.[.] 'This is the bill that was first introduced in 2019, with many Democrats still in denial that a Republican had won the White House in 2016.[.]' [Office of Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, [04/22/21](#)]

January 17, 2019: In A Washington Post Opinion Piece, Senator McConnell Called H.R. 1 A "Power Grab" That Was Nothing More Than A "Naked Attempt To Change The Rules Of American Politics To Benefit One Party." "House Democrats won't come to the table and negotiate to reopen government, but they've been hard at work angling for more control over what you can say about them and how they get reelected. They're trying to clothe this power grab with cliches about 'restoring democracy' and doing it 'For the People,' but their proposal is simply a naked attempt to change the rules of American politics to benefit one party. It should be called the Democrat Politician Protection Act." [Washington Post, [01/17/19](#)]

Microsoft's President Criticized Georgia's Election Integrity Act For Restricting Voters From Voting "Legally, Securely, And Safely" And Specifically Noted Its Restrictions On Voting Drop Boxes, Absentee Ballots, And Provisional Ballots As Hurting Voter Access.

In Late March 2021, Microsoft President Brad Smith Heavily Criticized Georgia's "Election Integrity Act" As Containing Provisions That "Unfairly Restrict The Rights Of People To Vote Legally, Securely, And Safely."

March 31, 2021: Microsoft President Brad Smith Authored A Blog Post Criticizing Georgia's "Election Integrity Act" As Containing "Important Provisions That Unfairly Restrict The Rights Of People To Vote Legally, Securely, And Safely." "We are creating thousands of new jobs, and we are proud to become a rapidly growing member of Atlanta's important business community. That's why we are concerned about many aspects of Georgia's new 'Election Integrity Act.' Two things are clear to us. First, the right to vote is the most cherished aspect of democracy. And second, this new law has important provisions that unfairly restrict the rights of people to vote legally, securely, and safely. That's why we voiced concern about this legislation even before it was passed." [Microsoft, [03/31/21](#)]

- "Smith Joined Microsoft In 1993, First Spending Three Years In Paris Leading The Legal And Corporate Affairs Team In Europe." [Microsoft, accessed [05/10/21](#)]

Smith Specifically Criticized The Georgia Law's Restrictions On Voting Drop Boxes, Absentee Ballots, And Provisional Ballots.

Smith Specifically Cited The Law's "Restrictions On Voting Drop Boxes" As Particularly Troublesome, Noting That Fulton County – "Where Most Of Microsoft's Employees Live" – Would See An "80 Percent Reduction In Drop Boxes." "Restrictions on Voting Drop Boxes. Georgia's new law requires that every county have a secure drop box for absentee ballots (which is good) but limits them to only one per 100,000 registered

voters (which is terrible). This means that Fulton County, where most of Microsoft's employees live, likely will see an 80 percent reduction in drop boxes, from 40 during the 2020 election to only about eight moving forward." [Microsoft, [03/31/21](#)]

Smith Also Criticized The Law's "Restrictions On Absentee Ballots" Such As Significantly Narrowing The Period To Request An Absentee Ballot. "Other Restrictions on Absentee Ballots. While the new law preserves absentee ballots, it imposes new and unnecessary restrictions. For example, the window to request an absentee ballot is narrower, starting 11 weeks before the election and ending 11 days before. This is less than half the 180 day window that existed before." [Microsoft, [03/31/21](#)]

Lastly, Smith Criticized The Law's As Making It More Difficult For Voters To Have Provisional Ballots Reviewed And Counted. "Restrictions on Provisional Ballots. It's also a fact of life that busy people sometimes arrive at the wrong location to vote. That's why states across the country create provisional ballots so they can be reviewed and then counted if the vote is legal and proper. But the new law makes this more difficult. For example, voters who come to the wrong precinct will not have provisional ballots counted unless they arrive after 5 p.m. and they sign a statement stating they could not make it to the correct poll." [Microsoft, [03/31/21](#)]

Although Raytheon Has Committed \$25 Million To "Support Marginalized Individuals And Communities," The Defense Contractor Has Donated Over \$240,000 To State And Federal Opponents Of Voter Access.

International Defense Company Raytheon Claims It Has Made A \$25 Million Commitment To "Support Marginalized Individuals And Communities," Including Support For "Programs Focused On Racial Justice, Empowerment And Career Readiness."

Raytheon Technologies, An International Aerospace And Defense Company, Maintains An Entire Webpage Dedicated To Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion.

www.rtx.com/social-impact/diversity-equity-inclusion

[Raytheon, accessed [04/09/21](#)]

- **"Raytheon Technologies (NYSE: RTX) Is An Aerospace And Defense Company That Provides Advanced Systems And Services For Commercial, Military And Government Customers Worldwide."** [Raytheon, accessed [04/09/21](#)]

Raytheon Aspires To "Embrace Diversity In All Its Forms" And Claims It Has A Long-Term Plan To "Create Meaningful And Measurable Progress To Advance Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Across The Company And Beyond." "Our people are the key to our long-term success — from exceeding customer expectations to stretching the boundaries of what's possible in aerospace and defense. When we embrace diversity in all its forms, we fuel opportunities for our employees, customers, suppliers, and communities. Our multi-year plan will create meaningful and measurable progress to advance diversity, equity and inclusion across the company and beyond." [Raytheon, accessed [04/09/21](#)]

Raytheon Has Made A \$25 Million Five-Year "Commitment To Support Marginalized Individuals And Communities Through Programs Focused On Racial Justice, Empowerment And Career Readiness." "As part of its commitment to improving communities, Raytheon Technologies has made a \$25 million, five-year community engagement and philanthropic commitment to support marginalized individuals and communities through programs focused on racial justice, empowerment and career readiness." [Cision, [01/06/21](#)]

Raytheon Has Supported The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation In Founding A Fellowship Program And Expanded Its Support For "Understanding And Discourse Around Issues Of Race." "The company is also supporting the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation with the establishment of its first-ever Defense and Aerospace Policy Fellowships, and has expanded its support for the Faith & Politics Institute and the Equal Justice Initiative to address understanding and discourse around issues of race." [Cision, [01/06/21](#)]

Since the 2018 Election Cycle, Raytheon Has Donated At Least \$90,000 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, Which Recently Launched A "Seven-Figure Ad Campaign" Attacking H.R. 1, The For The People Act.

In March 2021, The National Republican Senatorial Committee Launched A "Seven-Figure Ad Campaign In Georgia, Arizona, Nevada, And New Hampshire" To Attack H.R. 1, The For The People Act. "Senate Republicans' main campaign arm will unveil a seven-figure ad campaign in Georgia, Arizona, Nevada, and New Hampshire targeting Democrats' effort to expand voting, Axios has learned. Why it matters: These are the National Republican Senatorial Committee's (NRSC) first TV ads of the 2022 midterms cycle and show how potent S.1 (the Senate's version of H.R. 1) is for Republicans — both in how it would overhaul the nation's elections and as a messaging tool." [Axios, [03/25/21](#)]

Since The 2018 Election Cycle, the Raytheon and United Technologies PACs Have Donated \$90,000 To The National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Contributor	Recipient	Year	Amount
Employees of Raytheon Technologies Corporation Political Action Committee (RAYPAC)	National Republican Senatorial Committee	2019	\$15,000
United Technologies Corporation PAC*	National Republican Senatorial Committee	2019	\$15,000
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TOTAL			\$90,000

*The United Technologies Corporation PAC [was](#) the political action committee of United Technologies, which [merged](#) with Raytheon in April 2020.

Since 2015, Raytheon Has Donated Over \$150,000 To State Legislators In Support Of Voter Suppression Bills.

From 2015 To 2020, Raytheon Donated At Least \$154,050 To State Legislators In Support Voter Suppression Bills, Including \$68,500 During The 2020 Election Cycle Alone. [Public Citizen, [04/05/21](#)]

Several Business Leaders and Representatives Will Be Providing Remarks At The U.S. Chamber's National Summit On Equality Of Opportunity Despite The Organization's "Fierce" Opposition To Voting Rights Legislation, While United Airlines Will be Sponsoring A Discussion On Aviation Diversity.

On June 23rd, The U.S. Chamber Will Be Hosting A National Summit On Equality Of Opportunity Featuring Remarks From Several Major Business Leaders And Executives, As Well As A Discussion Sponsored By United Airlines.

June 23, 2021: The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce Will Be Hosting Its Second Annual National Summit On Equality Of Opportunity, With Remarks From:

- **Discover Financial Services CEO Roger Hochschild** [Twitter, [06/22/21](#)]
- **Washington Football Team President Jason Wright** [Twitter, [06/22/21](#)]
- **IBM Manager of Education Strategy & Insights Charlotte Lysohir** [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [06/22/21](#)]
- **Accenture North America CEO Jimmy Etheredge** [Twitter, [06/22/21](#)]
- **Chime Solutions President And CEO Mark Wilson** [Twitter, [06/22/21](#)]

United Airlines Will Also Be Sponsoring A Discussion On "Reaching New Heights For Diversity In Aviation." [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, The "World's Largest Business Organization," Expressed "Fierce" Opposition To The For The People Act Of 2021, A "Sweeping" Anti-Voting Suppression Bill That The Group Claimed Would Silence Corporations And Trade Associations.

April 2021: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Expressed "Fierce Opposition" To The For The People Act, An Anti-Voting Suppression Bill Passed In The U.S. House Of Representatives That The Chamber Called "'Extremely Problematic.'" "At issue is the Chamber of Commerce's fierce opposition to the Democrats' sweeping voting bill known as the For the People Act, which advocates say would counter efforts by Georgia and other states to impose new voting restrictions. The Chamber of Commerce has slammed the legislation, which last month was approved by the US House of Representatives, as 'extremely problematic' in part because of new curbs on political advocacy by companies and associations." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

- **H.R. 1, The For The People Act of 2021, Was Introduced By Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) In The 117th Congress On January 4, 2021, And Passed The House On March 3, 2021, By A Vote Of 220-210.** [Congress.gov, [01/04/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Issued A Key Vote Alert Against The For The People Act's Senate Companion, S.1. [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, [04/13/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Claimed H.R. 1 Would "'Silence" Those Who "'Participate In The Political Process Through The Collective Action Of An Association Or Corporation.'" "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said it wants more people brought into the political process but that the bill would have "precisely the opposite effect – pushing certain voices, representing large segments of the electorate and U.S. economy, out of the political process altogether.' The Chamber, in a letter to senators, said the legislation would 'regulate and ultimately silence Americans who choose to petition their government or participate in the political process through the collective action of an association or corporation.'" [Reuters, [04/13/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Is "One Of The Most Powerful Trade Groups In The Nation," Spending \$81.9 Million To Influence Government In 2020 Alone, Second Only To The National Association Of Realtors. "The Chamber is one of the most powerful trade groups in the nation. In 2020 alone, the organization spent \$81.9

million trying to influence government policy, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The only organization that spent more was the National Association of Realtors." [CNN, [04/21/21](#)]

The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce "Is The World's Largest Business Organization," With Membership That Includes "Leading Industry Associations And Large Corporations." "The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing companies of all sizes across every sector of the economy. Our members range from the small businesses and local chambers of commerce that line the Main Streets of America to leading industry associations and large corporations." [U.S. Chamber of Commerce, accessed [04/23/21](#)]

Discover Financial Services CEO Roger Hochschild Highlighted His Company's Efforts In Expanding Voter Participation Just A Month Before The November 2020 Election.

In October 2020, Discover Financial Services CEO And President Roger Hochschild Highlighted His Company's Efforts To Make It Easier For Employees To Vote, As Well As Its Membership In A Nonpartisan Coalition Seeking To "Increase Voter Participation In U.S. Elections."

October 1, 2020: Discover Financial Services CEO And President Roger Hochschild Issued An Open Letter To All Discover Employees Highlighting His Company's Steps In Making It Easier For Employees To Vote. "Elections have consequences that impact everyone. That's why it's important that everyone plays a role. It is our opportunity to participate in the process and to shape our future. A common reason people give for not voting is that they are too busy with the demands of life and work. Discover is committed to making sure every employee is able to vote." [Discover, [10/01/20](#)]

- **"Roger C. Hochschild Was Named Chief Executive Officer And President, Effective October 2018, And Was Elected To The Discover Board Of Directors In August 2018."** [Discover, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Hochschild Highlighted Discover's Decision To Designate Election Day As A "No Meeting Day' Across The Company, As Well As Its Flexibility In Allowing Employees To Use Time Off Or Adjust Their Schedules In Order To Vote. "To help, we are designating Election Day (Nov. 3) as a 'no meeting day' across the company. We will be flexible with schedule adjustments and PTO requests on Election Day or any day of pre-election, for in-person voting." [Discover Financial Services, [10/01/20](#)]

Hochschild Even Noted That "Every Discover Location Is Within A Jurisdiction That Has Some Type Of Mail-In Voting Available." Happily, every Discover location is within a jurisdiction that has some type of mail-in voting available for those who would prefer to avoid a polling place. Refer here for important voting resources and deadlines by state." [Discover Financial Services, [10/01/20](#)]

In His Letter, Hochschild Also Noted Discover Had Joined "Time To Vote, A Nonpartisan Coalition That Aims To Increase Voter Participation In U.S. Elections." "With these actions, Discover joins other major companies as a member of Time to Vote, a nonpartisan coalition that aims to increase voter participation in U.S. elections. The business community, including Discover, is standing up to be part of the solution. I'm proud of our involvement in this effort." [Discover Financial Services, [10/01/20](#)]

Washington Football Team (WFT) President Jason Wright Believes It Is "Incumbent" For Those With Influence To Work Towards "Break[ing] Down" Barriers To Voter Participation. Under His Leadership The WFT Launched An Initiative To Expand Voter Participation In The Washington Metropolitan Area And Held Events At FedEx Field Where Local Residents Could Register To Vote, Request Absentee Ballots , And Generally Learn About Voting Procedures.

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Washington Football Team President Jason Wright Has Said It Is "Incumbent" For Those With Influence To Work To "Break Down" Barriers To Voter Participation. "Washington Football Team president Jason Wright's passion for voting-rights activism stems from his family tree. [...] 'If I think of just my ancestors, they bled out for this right to vote,' Wright said. 'When I see so many other people whose lineage did the same but don't have the ability to vote or have some hindrance in the way, I think it's incumbent on all of us if we're in a space of influence to break down those barriers.'" [NBC Sports, [10/19/20](#)]

Wright's Middle Name, "Gomillion," Was "Named In Honor Of Charles G. Gomillion, A Voting-Rights Advocate Who Registered Blacks To Vote In The South During The Jim Crow Era." "Wright's middle name is 'Gomillion' - named in honor of Charles G. Gomillion, a voting-rights advocate who registered Blacks to vote in the South during the Jim Crow era. Gomillion eventually won a case before the Supreme Court that made gerrymandering illegal." [NBC Sports, [10/19/20](#)]

As WFT President, Jason Wright Helped Launch The Organization's DMVotes" Initiative Meant To Expand Voter Participation Throughout The Washington Metropolitan Area.

In August 2020, Jason Wright Was Hired To Serve As Team President Of The Washington Football Team. "Washington has hired Jason Wright as team president, making him the first Black team president in NFL history and only the fourth former player to ascend to that role." [ESPN, [08/17/20](#)]

In October 2020, The Washington Football Team Launched The "DMVotes" Initiative With The Goal Of Expanding Voter Participation In D.C., Maryland And Virginia. "With October 13 marking the last day for residents in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. to register to vote for the general election on November 3, the Washington Football Team has unveiled its DMVotes platform as it aims to have all local citizens participate in the upcoming election. In a press release, the team explained that the DMVotes initiative 'brings together various partners to hold voter initiatives with a mission of ensuring everyone across D.C., Maryland and Virginia 'Get in the Game' and casts their ballot on or before November 3rd.'" [NBC Sports, [10/13/20](#)]

Under His Leadership, The WFT Also Held Events At FedEx Field In Which The Stadium Was "Transformed Into A 'Voter Engagement Destination'" So Local Residents Could Register To Vote, Request Absentee Ballots , And Generally Learn About Voting Procedures.

Under Wright's Leadership, The Washington Football Team Held Multiple "Turnout Tuesday" Events At FedEx Field In Which The Stadium Was "Transformed Into A 'Voter Engagement Destination'" Where Local Residents Could Register To Vote, Request Absentee Ballots, And Generally Learn About Voting

Procedures. "The Washington Football Team held its final 'Turnout Tuesday' event at FedEx Field on Tuesday, part of the club's movement to encourage everyone in the D.C., Maryland and Virginia area to vote. FedEx Field was transformed into a 'voter engagement destination' that allowed those from both states and D.C. to register, request an absentee ballot and learn more about the upcoming election and the voting procedures amid the coronavirus pandemic. Tuesday, Oct. 13 was the final day to register to vote for the upcoming Nov. 3 election in all three locations." [WTOP, [10/13/20](#)]

- "Just North Of The Nation's Capital Is FedEx Field, Home Of The Washington Football Team." [Stadiums of Pro Football, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Charlotte Lysohir, The Manager Of Education Strategy & Insights At IBM, Tweeted In 2017 "We Should Be Making It Easier, Not Harder, To Vote" And Said In 2020 That She Was An Election Day Worker.

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Charlotte E. Lysohir, Whose Twitter Handle Is @charlotte_evel, Lists "Global Education Mgr @IBM" In Her Twitter Bio.



Charlotte E. Lysohir
@charlotte_evel

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Charlotte E. Lysohir @charlotte_evel · Jan 10, 2017

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#FarewellObama #ObamaFarewellAddress

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[Twitter, [10/06/20](#)]

Accenture North America CEO Jimmy Etheredge Has, On Multiple Occasions, Spoken Out In Favor Of Equality And Voting Rights, Going So Far As To Say That He Would Continue To “Help Protect Everyone’s Fundamental Right To Vote”

In February 2021, Accenture North America CEO Jimmy Etheredge Tweeted That He Was Standing For Equality So that Businesses Could Help “Combat Racism And Drive Change”

February 10, 2021: Etheredge Tweeted That He Stands With CEOs “Who Are Standing Together For Equality” In Order To “Combat Racism And Drive Change.” “I stand with #ATL CEOs who are standing together for equality. TY @atlchamber for including @Accenture. When we all come together to take action, businesses can help combat racism and drive change.” [Twitter, [02/10/21](#)]



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In Response To Georgia’s Voter Suppression Law, Etheredge Tweeted That The Law Was “Unsupportable” And That He Would “Continue To Use [His] Voice To Help Protect Everyone’s Fundamental Right To Vote

March 31, 2021: Etheredge Tweeted That “Any Law That Inequitably Restricts The Ability To Exercise The Right To Vote Is Unsupportable.” “I’ve been a proud Georgian my whole life but what’s happening in my home state is wrong. Any law that inequitably restricts the ability to exercise the right to vote is unsupportable. I’ll continue to use my voice to help protect everyone’s fundamental right to vote.” [Twitter, [03/31/21](#)]

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At @Accenture we join the 72 Black business leaders who signed the Memo to Corporate America: The Fierce Urgency Is Now in taking a nonpartisan stand for equality and democracy, and we support the Business Roundtable's Statement on Voting Rights. [#votingrights](#)

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In April 2021, United Airlines Released A Statement Speaking Out Against Legislative Efforts Restricting The Right To Vote, Describing "Legislation That Infringes On The Right To Vote" As "Wrong."

In April 2021, United Airlines Released A Statement Publicly Criticizing Efforts To Enact "Election Reform" Following The November 2020 Election, Describing "Legislation That Infringes On The Right To Vote" As "Wrong."

April 2021: United Airlines Joined Delta, American, And Southwest Airlines In Criticizing Efforts To Enact "Election Reform" Following The November 2020 Election. "All four major airlines have now criticized recent election reforms after United Airlines joined Delta's efforts on Monday." [Newsweek, [04/05/21](#)]

In Their Statement, United Airlines Called Voting A "Vital Civic Duty," While Adding That "America's Democracy Is Stronger When We're All Engaged, And Every Vote Is Properly Counted." "Our mission is to connect people and unite the world. We believe that one of the most effective ways to do this is to engage in the democratic process, which begins with voting—a vital civic duty,' United said in a statement. 'America's democracy is stronger when we're all engaged, and every vote is properly counted.'" [Newsweek, [04/05/21](#)]

United Goes On To State That "Legislation That Infringes On The Right To Vote Of Fellow Americans Is Wrong." "Some have questioned the integrity of the nation's election system and are using it to justify stricter voting procedures, even though numerous studies have found zero credible evidence of widespread fraud in U.S. elections. Legislation that infringes on the right to vote of fellow Americans is wrong,' the statement reads. 'We believe that leaders in both parties should work to protect the rights of eligible voters by making it easier and more convenient for them to cast a ballot and have it counted.'" [Newsweek, [04/05/21](#)]



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President And CEO Of Chime Solutions Mark Wilson, Who Also Sits On The Board Of Directors For The US Chamber Of Congress, Reshared His Son's April 2021 LinkedIn Post About "Efforts To Stop Voter Suppression In Georgia."

Mark Wilson Is The CEO Of Chime Solutions And Sits On The Board Of The US Chamber Of Commerce

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Mark Wilson Sits On The US Chamber's Board Of Directors. [Board of Directors, US Chamber, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

In April 2020, Mark Wilson Re-Shared A LinkedIn Post From His Son About His Son's Company's "Efforts To Stop Voter Suppression In Georgia"

In April 2020, Mark Wilson Re-Posted Ryan Wilson's LinkedIn Post About "Current Efforts To Stop Voter Suppression In Georgia."

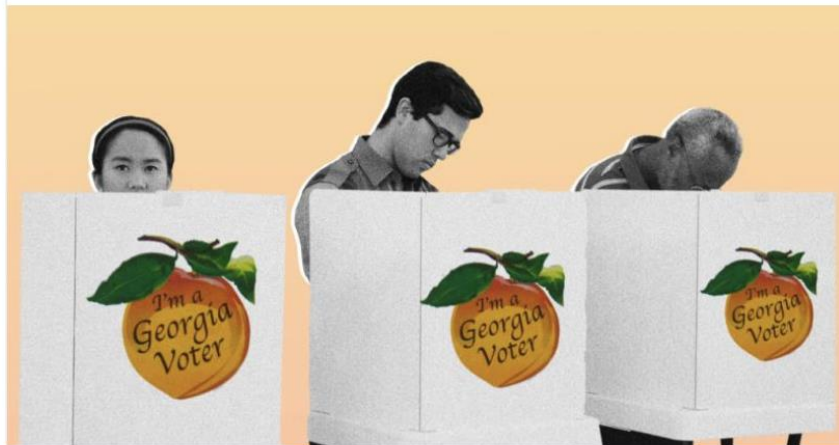


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Full circle. @d.w.emp the founder of @getempowrd has been a founding member of @thegatheringspots since 2016. We collaborated a lot when we opened on a series called "The Power of Empowrd" where we interviewed political candidates. It was a big moment for both of us that I've always been grateful for. 5+ years later we are still together this time in @incmagazine talking about our current efforts to stop voter suppression in GA. Amazing to be in community and on this journey together. #whywegather #atlgathers #dcgathers #lagathers #weallwegot



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Ryan Wilson Is The CEO And Co-Founder Of The Gathering Spot. [Ryan Wilson on LinkedIn, accessed [06/22/21](#)]

Ryan Wilson Is Mark Wilson's Son. "Two inspiring examples of entrepreneurs 'turning up' during this crisis are right here in Atlanta; Mark Wilson, CEO and Founder of Chime Solutions (and Endeavor Entrepreneur), and his son Ryan Wilson, CEO and CoFounder at The Gathering Spot (TGS). Both father and son worked relentlessly to keep over 90% of their workforce employed even though both companies are built around in-person interaction. Their inspiring stories show the power of the entrepreneurial mindset in times of crisis." [Endeavor Atlanta, [04/16/20](#)]