

Corporations That Claim To Support The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act Have Donated Over \$164,000 In 2021 To Republican Senators Who Blocked The Bill

SUMMARY: The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would have restored provisions of the Voting Rights Act and [strengthened protections](#) against discriminatory state laws. Senate Republicans, however, refused to support the bill and [blocked](#) debate on the legislation.

Since July 2021, hundreds of businesses have signed on to a [letter](#) in support of restoring the Voting Rights Act. Yet, so far in 2021, major corporate signers of the letter have donated at least **\$164,500** to the Senate Republicans that blocked the bill the companies claim to support. These corporations include:

- **Microsoft Corporation** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$15,500** to Senate Republicans.
- **Amazon** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$22,500** to Senate Republicans
- **Facebook** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$26,500** to Senate Republicans.
- **Intel Corporation** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$7,500** to Senate Republicans.
- **Cisco** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$5,000** to Senate Republicans.
- **Target** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$32,000** to Senate Republicans.
- **Dell Technologies** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$38,500** to Senate Republicans.
- **Boston Scientific** signed on to the letter, but donated a total of **\$17,000** to Senate Republicans.

The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 Outlawed Discriminatory Voting Practices And Has Been Reauthorized Multiple Times In The Decades Since Its Original Passage With Bipartisan Support.

The Voting Rights Act Became Law In 1965 To Outlaw Discriminatory Voting Practices That Mainly Targeted Black Voters, Including Bureaucratic Restrictions Meant To Deny Them The Right To Vote.

The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 “Outlawed The Discriminatory Voting Practices Adopted In Many Southern States After The Civil War, Including Literacy Tests As A Prerequisite To Voting.” “This act was signed into law on August 6, 1965, by President Lyndon Johnson. It outlawed the discriminatory voting practices adopted in many southern states after the Civil War, including literacy tests as a prerequisite to voting.” [OurDocuments.gov, Accessed [10/8/21](#)]

The Voting Rights Act Was Created In Response To Decades Of Black People Facing “Tremendous Obstacles To Voting, Including Poll Taxes, Literacy Tests, And Other Bureaucratic Restrictions To Deny Them The Right To Vote.” “This ‘act to enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution’ was signed into law 95 years after the amendment was ratified. In those years, African Americans in the South faced tremendous obstacles to voting, including poll taxes, literacy tests, and other bureaucratic restrictions to deny

them the right to vote. They also risked harassment, intimidation, economic reprisals, and physical violence when they tried to register or vote. As a result, very few African Americans were registered voters, and they had very little, if any, political power, either locally or nationally.” [OurDocuments.gov, Accessed [10/8/21](#)]

The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 Has Been Reauthorized Multiple Times By Congress With Bipartisan Support, Including Bills In 1982 And 2006, Which Were Both Backed By Current Republican Senators.

In 1982, Congress Reauthorized The Voting Rights Act Of 1965 And Extended Its Preclearance Requirements. “(Measure passed Senate, amended, roll call #190 (85-8) (Inserted text of S. 1992, as amended)) Amends the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to extend from August 6, 1982, to August 6, 1984, the current preclearance requirements (under which jurisdictions covered through the triggering mechanism must submit proposed electoral changes to the Department of Justice). Establishes a new standard for jurisdictions to “bail-out” of these requirements effective August 6, 1984.” [Congress.gov, Accessed [10/12/21](#)]

In 1982, The Senate Voted On H.R.3112 In Lieu Of S. 1992, The Voting Rights Act Amendments Of 1982, With 85 Yeas And 8 Nays. [Congress.gov, Accessed [10/8/21](#)]

- **Grassley Was A Cosponsor Of The Senate Version Of The Voting Rights Act Amendments Of 1982.** [Congress.gov, Accessed [10/25/21](#)]

In 2006, The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, And Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization And Amendments Act Of 2006 Passed The Senate With A Vote Of 98 To Zero And Passed The House With A Vote Of 390 To 33. [Congress.gov, Accessed [10/8/21](#)]

- **Sens. McConnell, Grassley, Shelby, Murkowski, Collins, Burr, Inhofe, Graham, Thune, And Cornyn All Voted For The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, And Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization And Amendments Act of 2006.** [GovTrack, [7/20/06](#)]
- **Sens. Blackburn, Blunt, Boozman, Capito, Moran, And Wicker — All Members Of The House Of Representatives At The Time — Voted For The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, And Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization And Amendments Act Of 2006.** [GovTrack, [7/13/06](#)]

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, Or HR4 — The Latest Voting Rights Act (VRA) Reauthorization Bill — Passed The House, But Senate Republicans Blocked The Legislation.

HR4, Which Would Restore Key Provisions Of The Voting Rights Act, Passed The House In August 2021.

In Late August, The House Passed The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. “The House on Tuesday passed voting rights legislation named for the late Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a party-line vote that underscores the bill’s nearly impassable upward climb in the Senate.” [Politico, [8/24/21](#)]

Republicans Opposed HR4, Which Would Restore Key Provisions Of The Voting Rights Act That Were Struck Down In 2013 By The Supreme Court. “But most Republicans also oppose the more targeted Lewis-named legislation, which would restore key provisions of the Voting Rights Act that were struck down by the Supreme Court in 2013.” [Politico, [8/24/21](#)]

The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act Would “Modernize And Restore Preclearance,” Prevent Laws That Unevenly Burden Voters Of Color, Limit Gerrymandering, And Ensure Politicians Can’t “Handpick Their Voters And Entrench Their Power.” “The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would modernize and restore preclearance. It would prevent voting laws that unevenly burden voters of

color. It would take important steps to limit gerrymandering and make sure that politicians don't get to handpick their voters and entrench their power. In short, it would be the most significant federal expansion of voting rights in a generation." [The Hill, [9/3/21](#)]

Senate Republicans, Apart From Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Blocked The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act In November.

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- **Sen. Murkowski Was The Only Republican That Voted In Favor Of Taking The Bill To Debate.** "Senate Republicans blocked the John Lewis Voting Rights Act from advancing on Wednesday when the Senate took a procedural vote on whether to open debate on the legislation. The final tally was 50 to 49 with GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska voting with Democrats in favor." [CNN, [11/3/21](#)]

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Friends Of Mike Lee Inc	Microsoft Corporation Stakeholders Voluntary PAC	\$4,000	6/21/21	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)
Boozman For Arkansas	Microsoft Corporation Stakeholders Voluntary PAC	\$4,000	9/30/21	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
Moran For Kansas	Microsoft Corporation Stakeholders Voluntary PAC	\$2,500	9/30/21	Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
TOTAL:		\$15,500		

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Alaskans for Dan Sullivan	Amazon.Com Services LLC Separate Segregated Fund	\$5,000	6/16/21	Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Ben Sasse For U.S. Senate, Inc.	Amazon.Com Services LLC Separate Segregated Fund	\$5,000	5/19/21	Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
Friends Of Mike Lee Inc	Amazon.Com Services LLC Separate Segregated Fund	\$2,500	5/21/21	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)
Grassley Committee, Inc.	Amazon.Com Services LLC Separate Segregated Fund	\$4,000	5/19/21	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
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TOTAL:		\$22,500		

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Friends of John Barrasso	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)

Alaskans For Dan Sullivan	Facebook Inc. PAC	-\$2,500	4/16/21	Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Friends of Pat Toomey	Facebook Inc. PAC	-\$1,500	4/16/21	Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)
Ben Sasse For U.S. Senate, Inc.	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
Boozman for Arkansas	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$1,500	6/30/21	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
Deb Fischer For US Senate	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)
Friends of Todd Young, Inc.	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
Moran for Kansas	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
Thom Tillis Committee	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	6/30/21	Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)
Alaskans For Dan Sullivan	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	9/30/21	Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Friends of Mike Lee Inc	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	9/30/21	Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT)
Jim Risch For U.S. Senate Committee	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$1,500	9/30/21	Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID)
Marco Rubio for Senate	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$1,000	9/30/21	Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Rand Paul For US Senate	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$1,500	9/30/21	Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)
Steve Daines for Montana	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	9/30/21	Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
Tim Scott For Senate	Facebook Inc. PAC	\$2,500	9/30/21	Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
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Friends of John Thune	Intel Corporation Political Action Committee	\$2,500	6/28/21	Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
Friends of John Thune	Intel Corporation Political Action Committee	\$2,500	6/28/21	Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
Friends of Todd Young Inc.	Intel Corporation Political Action Committee	\$2,500	3/26/21	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
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Marco Rubio For Senate	Cisco Systems, Inc. Federal PAC	\$2,500	6/29/21	Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Texans For Senator John Cornyn Inc	Cisco Systems, Inc. Federal PAC	\$2,500	3/31/21	Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
Friends of Todd Young	Cisco Systems, Inc. Federal PAC	\$2,500	3/31/21	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
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Grassley Committee, Inc.	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,500	9/21/21	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Bill Cassidy For US Senate	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$1,500	9/21/21	Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Boozman For Arkansas	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,500	9/21/21	Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)
Bill Cassidy For US Senate	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,500	7/21/21	Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Ben Sasse For U.S. Senate, Inc.	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,500	7/21/21	Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
Tim Scott For Senate	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$5,000	6/15/21	Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
Moran For Kansas	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$3,000	6/15/21	Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)
McConnell Senate Committee	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$5,000	6/15/21	Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Friends Of John Thune	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,000	6/15/21	Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
Cramer For Senate	Target Corporation Citizens Political Forum (Targetcitizens Political Forum)	\$2,500	6/15/21	Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)
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Responsibility & Freedom Work PAC	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	6/15/21	Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Mike Crapo For US Senate	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	3/31/21	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)
Tim Scott For Senate	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$2,300	3/29/21	Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
Tim Scott For Senate	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$2,700	3/29/21	Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)
Sensible American Solutions Supporting Everyone PAC	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	3/29/21	Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)
Friends Of Todd Young, Inc.	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	3/29/21	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
Friends Of John Thune	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	3/29/21	Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
Bill Cassidy For US Senate	Dell Technologies, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,000	3/29/21	Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
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