

Dear Governor Abbott:

At a time when so many Americans have lost trust in our elections—and, for that matter, have lost hope for the future of America—Texas serves as a beacon of light. We, the undersigned leaders of organizations across the nation, thank you for your leadership at this critical juncture.

We are particularly grateful to you for making election reform an emergency item in 87th Texas Legislature. Know of our support for those reforms moving forward, particularly as you weather the hollow threats of “woke” corporations who know virtually nothing about Texas election law.

We do have a specific request for you. Though the legislation moving through the Texas House and Texas Senate would represent good progress toward ensuring fair and transparent elections in Texas, the two omnibus elections bills—HB6 and SB7—both fail to include a crucial provision: voter verification for mail-in ballots, as Georgia recently passed. Even with the good provisions in those bills, not closing that loophole would leave Texas open to massive fraud via mail-in ballots. This is particularly concerning, considering usage of mail-ballots in your state has increased fivefold since 2012, to nearly 10% of all ballots cast in 2020. If that growth continues, and if that loophole remains, all the election reforms passed by the Legislature this year will be for naught.

The good news is that the public is on your side. A recent poll, conducted by WPA Intelligence for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, shows that [four out of five Texans](#) believe voting in person and by mail should have the same voter identification requirements. Securing that reform will go a long way toward minimizing the threat of fraud—and toward restoring Texans’ confidence in future elections.

We will continue to advocate for these reforms, so know that you can count on us to amplify Texas’ progress, should they be enacted. Again, Governor Abbott, we thank you for your leadership when all eyes truly are on Texas.

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