



Holding Power Accountable

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Dear Senator:

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In 2016, Common Cause issued a <u>Democracy Scorecard</u> based on cosponsorship of 12 key democracy reform bills. Last month, we emailed all congressional offices asking for input on what bills to include this year. After hearing from more than 20 offices on potential legislation to include, below is the list of 15 bills that we recently finalized to include in our 2018 Democracy Scorecard. We will send several other reminders throughout the summer, and the **deadline for cosponsoring a bill to be included in our Democracy Scorecard is July 26th.** In August or early September, we'll then plan to send the 2018 Democracy Scorecard to our 1.1 million members, as well as reporters and coalition allies. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me.

Best, Aaron

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Money-in-politics

- <u>DISCLOSE Act</u> (Sen. Whitehouse, 45 cosponsors)
- Fair Elections Now Act (Sen. Durbin, 26 cosponsors)
- <u>Democracy for All Amendment</u> (Sen. Udall, 41 cosponsors)
- Honest Ads Act (Sen. Klobuchar, 22 cosponsors)

Voting/elections

- Voter Empowerment Act (Sen. Gillibrand, 12 cosponsors)
- Voting Rights Advancement Act (Sen. Leahy, 48 cosponsors)
- Automatic Voter Registration Act (Sen. Leahy, 8 cosponsors)
- Secure Elections Act (Sen. Lankford, 7 cosponsors)

Ethics/conflicts of interest/abuse of power

- Presidential Conflicts of Interest Act (Sen. Warren, 29 cosponsors)
- Supreme Court Ethics Act (Sen. Murphy, 10 cosponsors)
- Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act (Sen. Graham, 3 cosponsors)
- A bill to create an independent commission regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election (Sen. Cardin, 27 cosponsors)

Media and democracy

• Net neutrality resolution of disapproval CRA (Sen. Markey, 48 cosponsors)

Census

• Every Person Counts Act (Sen. Menendez, 16 cosponsors)

Multi-issue

• We the People Democracy Reform Act (Sen. Udall, 14 cosponsors)

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Since 1970, Common Cause has been working to hold power accountable through lobbying, litigation, and organizing. Our non-partisan, pro-democracy work has helped pass dozens of reforms at the federal, state, and local levels. Our more than 1.1 million members and 25 state chapters around the country work to strengthen our democracy by empowering the voices of everyday Americans in government.

