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Tailored Senator Scripts for Calling about the For the People Act & the Filibuster: *Use these scripts to ask your friends in other states to call their Senators! (You don't need to spend time looking for/making scripts and neither do they!)*

Congress needs to pass the **For the People Act** by August 1 so that states have time to be in compliance with the new law - this is *especially* important for states that need to set up non-partisan redistricting commissions. (Check out this [short video](#) explaining why passing For the People is so important.) This means that the Senate needs to **address the filibuster** in some way - it's unlikely the Senate will nuke it, but perhaps there can be a carve-out for voting rights bills, or we can bring back the talking filibuster. (Check out this [short video](#) on how the filibuster stands in the way of the For the People Act and lots of other good stuff.)

To address the filibuster, the main focus has been on Manchin and Sinema because they have been most vocal about opposing filibuster reform. However, those two will be the last two to get on board, so we need to line up the other 48 Senators - and they need to hear from their constituents. We need to send the following messages to Senators (mostly focused on those caucusing with the Democrats because they are the Senators who want to pass the For the People Act):

- **For those who are against filibuster reform:** urge them to do whatever it takes to pass the For the People Act (S. 1 in the Senate), including abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster
- **For those who are open to filibuster reform:** thank them for their openness, and urge them to be champions for filibuster abolition
- **For those who are champions of filibuster reform:** thank them for being filibuster reform champions and urge them to lobby the members of their caucus!

The scripts below are tailored for each Senator, based on what we know from two whip counts - [People's Whip Count](#) and [Equal Citizens](#) - as well as what we know about the best way to approach specific Senators. [Click on your state in the list below and jump to the scripts and contact info you need.](#) (Scripts are for guidance only - feel free to use your own words!) And you can call as often as once a day! (It helps to not leave your name - just your ZIP code.)

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Arizona

Kyrsten Sinema:

DC: (202) 224-4521

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Arizona and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I want to thank Senator Sinema for co-sponsoring the For the People Act. This is more urgent than ever in Arizona.
- I know how important it is to her to pass S. 1, and I urge her to vote to abolish or deeply reform the filibuster to make that happen. We know that there are not 10 Republican Senators who will vote for S. 1, even if compromises in the bill are made.
- There are ways to keep the filibuster and pass S. 1 - for example, by using a carve-out that exempts voting rights bills from being filibustered.
- I hope the Senator will do the right thing and do whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - the people of Arizona deserve the freedom to vote!
- Thank you!

Mark Kelly:

DC: (202) 224-2235

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Arizona and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I want to thank Senator Kelly for co-sponsoring the For the People Act. This is more urgent than ever in Arizona.
- I also want to thank the Senator for being open to filibuster reform! We simply can't let the filibuster stand in the way of democracy. I urge the Senator to vote to abolish or deeply reform the filibuster to pass S. 1.
- I hope the Senator will do the right thing and do whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - the people of Arizona deserve the freedom to vote!
- Thank you!

California

Senator Feinstein:

(415) 393-0707 • DC: (202) 224-3841; (email)

- Hi! I'm a constituent and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Feinstein has recently shown openness to reforming the filibuster! We absolutely must pass the For the People Act and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated. I want Senator Feinstein to fight to abolish the filibuster. At the very least, I hope that she will fight to abolish it for legislation related to voting rights (like S. 1).

Senator Padilla:

(415) 981-9369 • DC: (202) 224-3553; (email)

- Hi! I'm a constituent and my zip code is _____.

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- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I want to thank Senator Padilla for supporting the For the People Act, and for standing up against the filibuster. I want him to keep speaking out, and to do everything he can to convince Senator Feinstein and other Senators to support abolishing the filibuster.

Colorado

Michael Bennett

DC: 202-224-5852

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Colorado and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Bennett for supporting the For the People Act, and for being open to reforming the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- It's incredibly important that he commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster..
- Thank you!

John Hickenlooper

DC: 202-224-5941

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Colorado and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Hickenlooper for supporting the For the People Act, and for being open to reforming the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- It's incredibly important that he commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster..
- Thank you!

Georgia

Senator Warnock:

DC: (202) 224-3643

- Hi! I'm a constituent and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Warnock supports S. 1, and believes in reforming the filibuster, since it's just a rule protecting the minority in the Senate, rather than paying attention to what the majority of voters want.
- I hope that Sen. Warnock can advocate with Sen. Ossoff and convince him to also champion filibuster reform, since S. 1 will not pass with the filibuster serving as McConnell's veto.
- Thank you!

Senator Ossoff:

DC: (202) 224-3521 ([email](#))

- Hi! I'm a constituent and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Ossoff is open to reforming the filibuster! We absolutely must pass the For the People Act and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated. I want Senator Ossoff to fight to abolish the

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filibuster. At the very least, I hope that he will fight to abolish it for legislation related to voting rights (like S. 1).

- Thank you!

Maryland

Ben Cardin:

(202) 224-4524

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Maryland and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I want to thank Senator Cardin for supporting S. 1!
- And I very much appreciate that Senator Cardin is prepared to eliminate the filibuster if bipartisan approaches to reforming the Senate are not feasible. We absolutely must pass the For the People Act and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated.
- I hope that no matter what, Senator Cardin will not let the filibuster stand in the way of passing S. 1.
- Thank you!

Chris Van Hollen:

(202) 224-4654

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Maryland and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I want to thank Senator Van Hollen for supporting S. 1, and for championing filibuster reform, since we can't pass S. 1 if the filibuster is in the way!
- I hope that the Senator will work with his colleague, Senator Cardin, to convince him that passing S. 1 by eliminating or reforming the filibuster is the best thing to do for the people of Maryland - so that all its citizens have the freedom to vote.
- Thank you!

Michigan

Debbie Stabenow:

(202) 224-4822

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Michigan and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Stabenow is championing an end to the filibuster! As the Senator knows, the For the People Act is must-pass legislation, and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated.
- I hope that the Senator will work with her colleague, Senator Peters, to convince him that passing S. 1 by eliminating or reforming the filibuster is the best thing to do for the people of Michigan- so that all its citizens have the freedom to vote.
- Under no circumstance can we let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1.
- Thank you!

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Gary Peters:

(202) 224-6221

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Michigan and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Peters is open to the possibility of filibuster reform. As the Senator knows, the For the People Act is must-pass legislation, and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated.
- I hope that the Senator will join other Democratic Senators who are ready to abolish the filibuster - or to support a reform that eliminates the filibuster for voting rights bills. This will allow Congress to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.
- The Senate can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1.
- Thank you!

New Jersey

Cory Booker:

DC: (202) 224-3224

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New Jersey and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Booker for supporting the For the People Act, and for championing an end to the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- I want him to keep speaking out, and to use his leadership in the Senate to do all he can to convince Senator Schumer to support an end to the filibuster - especially given how much power Sen. Schumer has in the caucus.
- Thank you!

Robert Menendez:

DC: (202) 224-4744

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New Jersey and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Menendez for supporting S. 1, and for being open to filibuster reform, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- Reinstating a talking filibuster might be the way to go - *and* I want to encourage the Senator to consider other, more fundamental types of reforms, like a carve-out for voting rights bills. But the bottom line is that we can't sacrifice the freedom to vote for the filibuster.
- Thank you!

New Mexico

Martin Heinrich

DC: (202) 224-5521

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New Mexico and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Heinrich for supporting S. 1, and for being a champion of filibuster reform, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- I want him to keep speaking out, and to do all he can to convince his colleagues in the Senate to support an end to the filibuster.
- Thank you!

Ben Luján

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DC: (202) 224-6621

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New Mexico and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Lujan for supporting S. 1, and for being a champion of filibuster reform, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- I want him to keep speaking out, and to do all he can to convince his colleagues in the Senate to support an end to the filibuster.
- Thank you!

New York

Kirsten Gillibrand

DC: (202) 224-4451; ([email](#))

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New York and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Gillibrand for supporting the For the People Act, and for championing an end to the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- I want her to keep speaking out, and to do everything he can to convince Senator Schumer to support an end to the filibuster - especially given how much power Sen. Schumer has in the caucus.
- Thank you!

Chuck Schumer

DC: (202) 224-6542; ([email](#))

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in New York and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Schumer for fighting so hard for S. 1.
- He always says that "failure is not an option" for S. 1 - and it's clear that unless we abolish the filibuster or deeply reform it in some way, then S. 1 will fail.
- Will Senator Schumer promise to push the Democratic caucus to eliminate the filibuster? Or at least to make a carve-out for voting rights bills?
- Thank you!

Ohio

Sherrod Brown:

DC: (202) 224-2315

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Ohio and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Brown for supporting the For the People Act, and for championing an end to the filibuster!
- I want him to keep speaking out, and to do everything he can to convince other Senators to support an end to the filibuster so that the Senate can pass S. 1!
- Thank you!

Pennsylvania

Pat Toomey

(202) 224-4254

- Hello - I'm a constituent living in Pennsylvania and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].

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- I am calling to urge Senator Toomey to join with Democrats to abolish the filibuster. The filibuster is a racist Jim Crow relic, and it blocks the ability of the Senate to be a majority rule institution, which the founders intended it to be.
- I also want the Senator to vote yes on S. 1: the For the People Act. It is extremely popular among Republican voters, including Senator Toomey's constituents. Every ordinary voter wants easy access to the ballot box, and doesn't want millionaires and billionaires to be able to buy elections.
- Can you tell me what the Senator's position on S. 1 is? [As of 5/21 his position is unknown - see the whip count [here](#) for any updates. Be pushy!]

Bob Casey

(202) 224-6324

- Hello - I'm a constituent living in Pennsylvania and my zip code is _____.
- I'm a member of [any groups you're affiliated with, like Indivisible or the Working Families Party].
- I very much appreciate that Senator Casey is championing an end to the filibuster! As the Senator knows, the For the People Act is must-pass legislation, and we know that McConnell will block it with the filibuster unless it is radically reformed or eliminated.
- I hope that he is urging his colleagues to make sure that S.1 can pass with 50 votes!
- Thank you!

Utah

Mitt Romney (*this script is adapted from a script developed by in-state activists, shared by Jamie Carter from Salt Lake City, and of Indivisible and DemCast - thank you Jamie!*)

DC: 202-224-5251

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Utah and my zip code is _____.
- I want Senator Romney to vote YES on S. 1.
- His father marched for civil rights. He marched for Black Lives Matter. Does he really believe that Black Voters Matter? Will he live up to the legacy of his father?
- The choice is simple: the filibuster or democracy. I urge the Senator to come down on the side of democracy.
- Thank you!

Vermont

Patrick Leahy

DC: 202-224-3441

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Vermont and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Leahy for supporting the For the People Act.
- But S. 1 will not pass unless the Senate either eliminates or reforms the filibuster. For example, the Senate might have a carve-out for voting rights bills.
- It's incredibly important that the Senator commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster.
- The choice is simple: the filibuster or democracy. I urge the Senator to come down on the side of democracy.
- Thank you!

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Bernie Sanders

DC: 202-224-2621

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Vermont and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Sanders for supporting the For the People Act, and for seeing so clearly that the choice before us is either the filibuster or democracy.
- It's incredibly important that she commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster. I hope that Senator Sanders will use the power he has in the Senate to convince his colleagues to let nothing stand in the way of passing S. 1 - we know that failure is not an option!
- Thank you!

Washington

Maria Cantwell

DC: 202-224-3441

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Washington and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Cantwell for supporting the For the People Act, and for being open to reforming the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- It's incredibly important that she commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster..
- Thank you!

Patty Murray

DC: 202-224-2621

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in Washington and my zip code is _____.
- I want to thank Senator Murray for supporting the For the People Act, and for being open to reforming the filibuster, since we can't let the filibuster stand in the way of S. 1!
- It's incredibly important that she commit to doing whatever it takes to pass S. 1 - either abolishing or deeply reforming the filibuster..
- Thank you!

West Virginia

Joe Manchin (*Script adapted from the work that Common Cause is doing with in-state organizers - thank you Common Cause!*)

Please call Sen. Capito too! Grassroots organizers in WV have shared that it's important to Sen. Manchin that voters put the pressure not just on him, but on both WV Senators.

DC: 202-224-3954

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in West Virginia and my zip code is _____.
- I'm calling to thank Senator Manchin for supporting the For the People Act in 2019, and I urge him to support it in 2021 and do whatever it takes to pass it.
- I was happy to hear that the Senator might support restoring a "talking filibuster" so that no Senators can stop a bill in its tracks just by sending an email to threaten to filibuster. I agree with him that Senators should actually debate the merits of a bill on the Senate floor.
- I hope that he will also consider a carve-out of the filibuster - not abolishing it, but creating an exception for voting rights bills.

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- All West Virginians deserve the freedom to vote - with safe elections for all eligible voters! I hope that Senator Manchin will vote yes on S. 1, and do right by his constituents.
- Thank you!

Shelley Moore Capito

DC: 202-224-6472

- Hi! I'm a constituent living in West Virginia and my zip code is _____.
- I'm calling to urge Senator Capito to support the For the People Act.
- All West Virginians deserve the freedom to vote - with safe elections for all eligible voters! I hope that the Senator will vote yes on S. 1, and do right by her constituents.
- Thank you!