

Students for Life Action Scoring Alert: Vote NO on S. 1: "For the People Act" of 2021

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Members of the United States Senate:

On behalf of our nearly 1,300 active groups and thousands of trained student activists across the nation, **Students** for Life Action urges you to vote NO on S. 1, the "For the People Act." This vote will be included in our Pro-Life Generation Scorecard for the 117th Congress.

This bill is an attempt to sideline groups like Students for Life Action (SFLAction) and Students for Life of America, drastically reconfiguring how elections are run in the United States. SFLAction depends on the dedication of our hardworking activists and the donations from our allies to further our work. Should this bill become law, the names of our thousands of supporters would be made available in a public database, potentially jeopardizing their jobs, livelihood, and safety.

Americans should continue to be able to support groups of their choice – right, left, or center – without fear of repercussions. This proposed national database would have a chilling effect on citizen participation in our government, making Americans think twice and look over their shoulder before supporting groups who share their policy goals. Such an outcome is unacceptable in a country that depends on active and engaged voters.

Additionally, S. 1 would turn federalism on its head by forcing states to follow additional federal election laws. Under the United States Constitution, states have a responsibility to administer elections through laws passed by their legislatures. S. 1 would federalize elections, imposing new election requirements on states and taking power away from state elected officials. Washington D.C. would dictate how the states should run their elections, creating a centralization of election policies that would significantly weaken the states' ability to decide how to best conduct fair elections.

S. 1 is not for the people. It is for ideologues and corrupt politicians who want to prevent millions of Americans from participating in our constitutional republic. Voters, donors, doorknockers, and pro-life activists will be put on notice that the federal government will interfere with their civic duty in an unprecedented way should S. 1 become law.

You have an opportunity to reject partisanship and promote participatory government. We are the Pro-Life Generation, so we **ask that you vote against S. 1, the "For the People Act" of 2021.** Your vote will be part of our scorecard that will be shared with our activists in all 50 states and the pro-life community.

Sincerely,

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