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The Honorable John Sarbanes  
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Legislative Director: [Dvora.Lovinger@mail.house.gov](mailto:Dvora.Lovinger@mail.house.gov)

Re: **HR 1 For the People Act of 2021 - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for HR 1, the For the People Act of 2021. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions including Civil Rights, which states: "We believe in and promote full and equal rights for all. We advocate for legislation advancing equity in areas such as voting access." <https://sbwpc.org/positions>. Our strategy includes "demanding political representation that truly reflects the diversity of our communities...and promoting political engagement and participation by all people." Our position is in agreement with your statement that "the 2020 election underscored the need for comprehensive, structural democracy reform. Americans ... were forced to overcome rampant voter suppression, gerrymandering and a torrent of special-interest dark money just to exercise their vote and their voice in our democracy. ... It shouldn't have to be this way."

SBWPC strongly supports this bill because the proposed changes to voter registration requirements, additional funding for election security, and new ethics rules for the President, Vice President, Congress, and the Supreme Court will bring transparency, increased voter participation, and honesty to the legislative process.

**SBWPC therefore enthusiastically supports HR 1, the For the People Act of 2021 and wishes to sign on as a supporter of this bill.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at [info@sbwpc.org](mailto:info@sbwpc.org) or visit our website: [www.sbwpc.org](http://www.sbwpc.org).

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin  
President SBWPC

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