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Dear Business Leaders,

As a bipartisan coalition of current and former governors, lieutenant governors, state attorneys general, and secretaries of state, we are deeply concerned about the wave of voter restrictions sweeping the country. We applaud the business leaders and corporate executives who have already spoken out against anti-democratic efforts to restrict the freedom to vote. We urge all corporate leaders to engage on this issue.

During the 2020 election cycle, when disinformation and violence threatened irreparable damage to our country, Republican and Democratic officials, corporate leaders, and many others condemned the violence. It was a dangerous moment, but thanks to overwhelming support for voting rights, the tireless work of state and local election officials and volunteers, and the perseverance of American voters, the 2020 election saw record-breaking voter participation, and no evidence of significant fraud.

Now, more than 360 bills aimed at restricting voting access have been introduced across 47 states. Many of them are based on the same lies that led to violence during the 2020 elections, and they add barriers to voting that disproportionately impact voters of color, the elderly, our veterans, and those with disabilities.

We are asking the business leaders in our states, and throughout the country, to add their voices to the growing chorus of corporations standing on the right side of history. When the foundation of our democracy—the freedom of citizens in our states to cast their ballots—is under attack, it is powerful and important when Americans speak up, especially those in leadership positions.

Companies, and the people who work for them, are vital parts of our communities. We've seen the power of corporate leadership in the past on issues foundational to our democracy. We've seen corporations rightly rally to the side of equal rights and racial justice. We've worked with state and local business leaders to confront the economic struggles of a global pandemic. And now, we need more companies to add their public support for protecting voting rights.

It's time for more businesses in our states to step up and join those to whom we are so grateful for speaking out. Your leadership matters— please speak out.

Sincerely,

Governor Arne Carlson, Minnesota (Fmr)
Governor Roy Cooper, North Carolina
Governor Bill Weld, Massachusetts (Fmr)
Governor Christine Todd Whitman, New Jersey (Fmr)
Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan

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Wonderful – will do. Many thanks!

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It's great to meet you, Joanna! I look forward to working with you as well.

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Wonderful. Welcome, Leslie! We really look forward to working with you.

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Thanks, Joanna. Will get back to you asap.

Also wanted to introduce you, Fiona, and VPP to our new General Counsel, Leslie Nino Piro (copied here). Please include her going forward on emails about meetings and activities. She'll be attending with and/or for me going forward. Thanks again.

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Best regards,

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