Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Keith Hall
Director, Congressional Budget Office
Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Director Hall,

We are writing to formally request a cost estimate of H.R. 1, the *For The People Act.* House Speaker Nancy Pelosi recently stated her intention to schedule H.R. 1 for a vote later this month. The House should have an opportunity to review a formal cost estimate on this bill in advance of a vote.

All members of the House are very familiar with election laws, procedures, and regulations. Members on both sides are concerned about what this all-encompassing legislation could mean for their individual districts and states. From the 6-1 taxpayer donation matching system to the My Voice Voucher Pilot Program, there have been numerous provisions identified that could easily have long-term cost implications.

To help Congress ensure that the American people are well-informed, we request the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provide a cost estimate of the bill as soon as possible. The newly-elected Majority has stated on multiple occasions their intention to produce legislation with openness and transparency. However, they have continued to move forward with consideration of legislation without the knowledge of the costs, leaving the American public and the people they elected to represent them in the dark. This is not how significant policy proposals should be considered in Congress.

We respectfully ask that you prepare a cost estimate of this bill as soon as possible. We appreciate your service and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steve Womack
Ranking Member
Committee on the Budget

Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

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