

WHO: Grassroots volunteers, voting rights advocates, civil rights leaders, faith leaders and youth activists from across the country, joining with groups like the Declaration for American Democracy, Black Voters Matter, DC Vote, Drum Majors for Change, the League of Conservation Voters, Public Citizen, the League of Women Voters, the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda and more!

WHAT: Everyday Americans are coming together to walk, run, bike and ride from West Virginia to Washington, D.C., to call for action on the Freedom to Vote Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and D.C. statehood.

WHEN/WHERE: The three-day relay kicks off on Wednesday, Oct. 20, with a caravan starting in Charleston, W.Va., then travels from Harpers Ferry, W.Va. to Point of Rocks, Md., on Thursday, Oct. 21. The final day of the relay is Friday, Oct. 22, when walkers and riders journey from Glen Echo Park in Maryland to Ben's Chili Bowl in Washington, D.C. The event will conclude on Saturday, Oct. 23, with a celebratory rally, joined by the family of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., outside the U.S. Capitol. <u>Click here to view the relay route</u>.

WHY: In state after state, a cadre of politicians are pushing through one anti-voter bill after another, attacking our freedom to vote. At the same time, they're drawing new district maps to benefit themselves, carving up our communities and silencing our voices. And the same faction that lied about the 2020 election and fueled the deadly attack on the Capitol is blocking the Freedom to Vote Act. That's why we need action NOW to prevent election sabotage, stop billionaires from trying to buy our elections, set national standards for voting and ensure fair districts.

What we're facing today is nothing new. Throughout our history, we have fought to ensure more Americans have our right to vote honored and that every eligible American is able to cast their vote and have it be counted. The Freedom to Vote relay will trace our nation's historic struggle for freedom from historic Civil War sites in West Virginia, to civil rights landmarks in Maryland, to the U.S. Capitol. The relay is a reminder that it was everyday people who stood up, sat in and spoke out that won our freedom to vote, and we will win, once again.

HOW: Want to get involved?

- Check out <u>FreedomToVoteRelay.org</u> to sign up to join the relay or show your support.
- Click here to RSVP for the Freedom to Vote rally on Saturday, Oct. 23.
- Can't make it? Spread the word on social media!