

## Press Release



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### **Over 50 Advocacy Organizations Press Corporate America to Affirm Commitment to Civil and Voting Rights**

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and 52 national advocacy organizations today urged business leaders to affirm their commitment to equal opportunity that supports civil rights laws, voting rights, and equal representation. In an open letter to the business community, civil rights advocates pressed businesses to respond to the call issued by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) earlier this week. The CBC’s call came in the wake of the Roberts Court’s decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which [attacked the power of Black and Brown voters](#).

“At a time of continued attacks on multiracial democracy, the many constituencies we serve are looking for principled leadership. Over the years, we have seen that leadership. We urge companies to once again stand in support of multiracial democracy where every voice and every vote counts,” the signers wrote.

This letter follows a [statement of support](#) from Maya Wiley, president and CEO of The Leadership Conference, for the CBC in their call to business leaders. In May 2025, The Leadership Conference also [reminded private sector leaders](#) that their civil rights obligations remained in force, no matter the intimidation tactics taken by the current administration. In January 2026, The Leadership Conference also issued a [public call specifically to tech companies](#) urging their leaders to prioritize people’s rights over profit and political influence.

The full letter and signers are available [here](#) and below:

**Dear Corporate America,**

**For 76 years, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights has served as the nation’s oldest, largest, and most diverse civil and human rights coalition. Throughout our history, we have valued the partnership of companies and business leaders that have stood alongside civil rights organizations in support of multiracial democracy, equal opportunity, and fair representation.**

**Today, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the 52 additional undersigned organizations urge your company to respond in the affirmative to the Congressional Black Caucus’ letter dated May 26, 2026, to publicly affirm your commitment to voting rights and equal representation by the requested deadline. We ask companies across the business community to support the following actions:**

- Issue an individual or joint public statement condemning efforts to dilute the voting strength of communities of color by dismantling the protections of the Voting Rights Act;
- Accept the invitation to participate in a national convening alongside Congressional Black Caucus members, civil rights leaders, advocates, and movement organizations to discuss the urgent defense of voting rights and the collective political power of the communities we represent; and
- Report on corporate political spending, contributions, and relationships connected to elected officials, organizations, and efforts advancing discriminatory redistricting schemes or attacks on voting rights.

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Sincerely,

**The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights**

**A. Philip Randolph Institute**

**AFL-CIO**

**AFSCME**

**AFT**

**All Voting is Local**

**American Association of University Women (AAUW)**

**American Atheists**

**Andrew Goodman Foundation**

**Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)**

**Bazon Center for Mental Health Law**

**Clearinghouse on Women's Issues**

**Common Cause**

**Communications Workers of America (CWA)**

**Community Change**

**Defend the Vote Action Fund**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc**

**DemCast USA**

**Dubois Bunche Center for Public Policy**

**Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)**

**End Citizens United**

**Equal Rights Advocates**

**Everybody Votes Campaign**

**Feminist Majority Foundation**

**Freedom From Religion Foundation**

**Japanese American Citizens League**

**LatinoJustice PRLDEF**

**League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)**

**Legal Defense Fund**

**Matthew Shepard Foundation**  
**NAACP**  
**National Action Network**  
**National Association of Social Workers**  
**National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)**  
**National Council of Churches**  
**National Education Association**  
**National Fair Housing Alliance**  
**National Health Law Program**  
**National Low Income Housing Coalition**  
**National Partnership for Women & Families**  
**National Women's Law Center Action Fund**  
**NCNW**  
**OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates**  
**People For the American Way**  
**Public Citizen**  
**Service Employees International Union (SEIU)**  
**Sojourners**  
**Southern Poverty Law Center**  
**UnidosUS**  
**United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry**  
**Voices for Progress**  
**Vote.org**  
**YWCA USA**

*The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights is a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 240 national organizations to promote and protect the rights of all persons in the United States. The Leadership Conference works toward an America as good as its ideals. For more information on The Leadership Conference and its member organizations, visit [www.civilrights.org](http://www.civilrights.org).*

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