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Statement on Voting Rights Legislation

CHICAGO, January 13, 2022 – The Greater Chicago Food Depository calls on the United States Senate to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

Passage of these bills will remove barriers to voting for millions of Americans and ensure protections for all eligible voters.

As a nonpartisan anti-hunger organization, the Food Depository believes that voting is more than an essential right for all American citizens. Voting empowers people to shape communities, states and a nation that can be free from hunger and poverty. Recent suppression efforts have disproportionately restricted voting rights for Black and Hispanic voters and other citizens that are at greater risk for hunger – including people living in poverty, older adults, and people with disabilities.

We must ensure that every eligible American can easily and safely participate in the democratic process through voting.

As we approach the annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we urge the Senate to act with urgency to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.