FAIRVOTE

THE FAIR REPRESENTATION ACT

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate A	1	2	3
Candidate B	1	2	3
Candidate C	1	2	3

"If we wish to restore peace among us, we actually need to rethink our system of representation... adopting measures such as multi-member districts and ranked choice voting to broaden representation."

- Danielle Allen, James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University

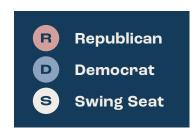
This is the most polarized and divisive political climate in our lifetimes. Our gerrymandered, winner-take-all elections incentivize elected officials to listen to a small sliver of their base instead of representing all constituents. Millions of Americans have no voice in Congress.

Our country is ready for reform. Now is the time for Congress to act. The Fair Representation Act is the bold, comprehensive solution that can effectively solve partisan gerrymandering, render uncompetitive elections a thing of the past, and encourage politicians to represent everyone instead of just their base.

- Multi-winner districts and strict rules for redistricting will effectively eliminate gerrymandering, allowing nearly every voter to elect a candidate they support.
- Ranked choice voting for all U.S. House and Senate elections will free voters to support their favorite candidates, while encouraging candidates to reach out to more voters for second-choice support.









Elections with single-winner districts are broken

When 51% of votes earns 100% of representation, mapmakers can lock most voters into congressional districts that skew heavily toward one party. Voters are left behind, unrepresented and powerless to affect outcomes.

Massachusetts Republicans haven't elected a House member in more than two decades. Arkansas and Oklahoma Democrats are similarly shut out. Minor parties are shamed as "spoilers." Women remain deeply underrepresented, making up only 29% of the "People's House." People of color are similarly underrepresented.

A record 85% of U.S. House districts are completely safe for the party that holds them. This shifts accountability for members of Congress exclusively to low-turnout primary elections, distorting outcomes and making the House ever more dysfunctional.

BENEFITS OF THE BILL

Better representation

The Fair Representation Act will create more opportunities for women, people of color, urban Republicans, rural Democrats, and independents to run and win.

Better governance

Districts will elect representatives from more than one party, incentivizing collaboration across party lines. By making every vote count in the general election, the Fair Representation Act will reward elected officials for their ability to tackle the big issues of our generation.

Better campaigns

Successful candidates will have to appeal to more voters and different bases of support, often asking for 2nd- and 3rd-choice support. Issues, rather than mudslinging, will take center stage.

62 MILLION AMERICANS

live in congressional districts safe for the party they oppose.

"One reform to save America. If we're going to have just one structural reform to head off that nightmare, ranked choice voting in multimember districts is the one to choose."

— David Brooks, New York Times columnist

