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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.:

We are writing on behalf of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), one of the oldest and most respected social science organizations in the United States, to condemn concerted attacks against institutions and laws that form the bedrock of our democratic system. The newly enacted Georgia Voting Bill and similar legislation introduced in 42 other states; resistance to the passage of the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*, designed to combat racial discrimination in voting by restoring and strengthening the protections of the *Voting Rights Act of 1965*; and the anti-legal protest bills championed by Florida’s Governor and Legislature; all demonstrate efforts to degrade democracy and disenfranchise our most marginalized citizens. These negative legislative actions are accelerating at an alarming rate and demand swift and concerted responses.

Thus, we recommend the following specific actions be taken as soon as possible. *The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act* and *For the People Act* must be brought to the floor of the Senate for immediate passage. In addition, the Judiciary Committee must move to the floor, as soon as possible, all pending judicial appointments. This action is necessary to ensure a judiciary that best represents the ideological, economic, and demographic diversity of the United States.

As a 70-year-old, U.S.-based international organization of scholars, practitioners, and advocates working for evidence-based social justice policies, we have a large reservoir of interdisciplinary expertise in subjects relevant to the actions recommended above. We stand ready to share this expertise with you, by providing whatever informed assistance (e.g., written testimony, research, data analysis) you require to secure a legislative agenda aimed at solving the acute problems of inequity and inequality confronting our nation.

Please contact our Executive Officer, Dr. Héctor Delgado, hector.delgado49@gmail.com, with any questions or responses that may help bring a fair and just resolution to these matters.

Sincerely,

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