## OUR VOTE. OUR POWER.

## PASS THE NEW JERSEY VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT (\$3009/A4083)

New Jersey, one of the most diverse states in the country, must be a leader in combatting rampant voter discrimination and suppression efforts across the country by enacting a state-level voting rights act.

We must pass the John R. Lewis Voter Empowerment Act of New Jersey (S3009/A4083) to protect our voting rights and to increase access to the ballot for all our residents – especially voters of color whose rights are under attack across America.

## **SPECIFICALLY, THIS LEGISLATION WOULD:**

- Establish a "preclearance" program that requires local governments with a history of discrimination to prove that certain changes they make to the voting process will not harm voters of color before they can go into effect.
- Provide new legal tools to fight discriminatory voting rules and procedures.
- Expand language assistance for voters with limited English proficiency.
- Create strong protections against voter intimidation, deception and obstruction at the polls.
- Create a central database for election data and demographic information that will empower officials and communities to ensure accessible elections.

