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Dear Editor,

At a time when too many states across our country are passing legislation to restrict voting access, the Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill, the VOTES Act (H.805/S.459) that would increase—not decrease—our citizens' ability to cast a ballot.

We salute two of our Newton legislators, Senator Cynthia Creem and Representative John Lawn, for bringing the VOTES Act to the legislature as the lead sponsors of the bill.

The League of Women Voters of Newton urges the legislature to move quickly to pass this bill. The VOTES Act would make permanent the provisions for voting by mail and expanded in-person early voting that were put in place on a temporary basis during the pandemic. Those changes helped produce a record turnout last fall. The bill would also bring same day voter registration to Massachusetts, a reform already in place in 21 other states.

Massachusetts can be a beacon for democracy in the face of voter suppression efforts elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Marcia Johnson

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