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PRO--DEMOCRACY COALITION OF FORMER SENATORS CALL FOR SENATE RULES CHANGE TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Birmingham, 18 January 2022 - In an opinion piece published to Medium, today Former Senator Doug Jones joined together with nine other former senators to lay out a case for changing the rules of the senate to pass voting rights legislation. In addition to Former Senator Jones, [Senators Tom Daschle](#) (SD), [Kent Conrad](#) (ND), [Byron Dorgan](#) (ND), Bob Graham (FL), [Heidi Heitkamp](#) (ND), [Mary Landrieu](#) (LA), Blanche Lincoln (AR), Mark Pryor (AR), and [Mark Udall](#) (CO) spoke to their collective belief that without badly needed institutional reforms in the Senate there is little hope that legislation on important issues such as voting rights will ever make it to a vote.

The text of the entire piece can be viewed at

<https://doug-jones.medium.com/restoring-the-senate-to-protect-the-freedom-to-vote-4f1760ed83d5>.

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About Former Senator Doug Jones: Doug Jones is a celebrated prosecutor who brought long-overdue justice to the victims of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, Senator Jones has built his career on fighting impossible battles. In 2017, he shocked the political establishment by winning a special election to fill a U.S. Senate seat in Alabama—the first Democrat to do so in 25 years in the state. On Capitol Hill, he quickly built a reputation as a well-regarded and effective legislator, passing more than two dozen bipartisan bills into law in just three years.

Senator Jones is the author of *Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that Changed the Course of Civil Rights* which recounts a key moment in our long national struggle for equality and the successful prosecution of two klu klux klan members 40 years later. Senator Jones currently serves as legal counsel with Arent Fox. He is also a Senior Distinguished Fellow with the Center for American Progress, and beginning this month will be the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor at Boston College Law School for the Spring 2022 semester.

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