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## Sample Letter to a Friend

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# WRITE A FRIEND TO BUILD SUPPORT OF LET NY VOTE

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Best,

[            ]

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## Sample Letter to a Friend in an IDC District

Hi [            ],

I wanted to pass along some local information that might be relevant to your district.

Your neighborhood is represented by NY State Senator [            ], who ran as a Democrat but broke away and now votes with Republicans - they call themselves the Independent Democratic Conference, or IDC. This gives Republicans the majority in the Senate, where they block most legislation proposed by Democrats.

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We especially need people in these breakaway districts to help advocate for the Senate to pass these basic modernizing voting rights.

Best,

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## IDC Members & Districts

District 34 (Bronx, Westchester) - Jeffrey D. Klein

District 53 (Madison, Oneida, Onondaga) - David J. Valesky

District 38 (Rockland, Westchester) - David Carlucci

District 23 (Staten Island, Brooklyn) - Diane J. Savino

District 11 (Queens) - Tony Avella

District 13 (Queens) - Jose Peralta

District 20 (Brooklyn) - Jesse Hamilton

District 34 (Manhattan) - Marisol Alcantara