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The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2442 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Watson Coleman:

Jobs With Justice strongly endorses the Workforce Promotion and Access Act of 2020 and calls on members of Congress to co-sponsor and pass the bill.

Jobs With Justice believes that all workers should have collective bargaining rights, employment security, and a decent standard of living within an economy that works for everyone. We bring together labor, community, student, and faith voices at the national and local levels to win improvements in people's lives and shape the public discourse on workers' rights and the economy.

With the United States experiencing double-digit unemployment, it is time for the federal government to provide the economic stability that the Workforce Promotion and Access Act promises.

Moreover, the COVID pandemic and the ongoing pandemic of police violence has revealed the fundamental fragility and injustice of our current system. The Workforce Promotion and Access Act would help inject democracy into our economic system. Currently, corporations hold life-and-death power over the people from whose labor they profit. Working people who stand up to corporate bosses and get fired as a result face loss of income, loss of housing, loss of medical care, and food insecurity. The Workforce Promotion and Access Act blunts the threat of firing and allows working people to demand a role in our economic system and would especially benefit Black people and other communities of color that have been most affected by the twin pandemics. Therefore, the Workforce Promotion and Access Act is an important step to realizing our economic democracy.

In tandem with the Workforce Promotion and Access Act, we also call on Congress and state and local governments to foster economic democracy by creating working people's councils to advise government

officials on how to safely reopen the economy, reshape our economic system, and implement the federal jobs guarantee.

Please contact Jobs With Justice Senior Policy Analyst Adam Shah at [adam@jwj.org](mailto:adam@jwj.org) to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E K Smiley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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