

# Big Biz and Corporations Pressure Conservative States to Drop Voting Laws that Prevent Fraud



Leftist activists are pressuring leading companies to move their business from Republican majority states pursuing election reform laws, following the example of Major League Baseball (MLB), which moved the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta in protest of Georgia's new voting law. Georgia's new law requires ID for absentee ballots, however, it still allows no-excuse absentee voting and automatic registration. Texas is now under fire for proposing legislation that would stop local officials from sending applications for mail-in ballots before voters request them. Democrats and mainstream media are pushing the narrative that the election fraud in the 2020 election is a "lie" and that laws designed to prevent voter fraud, such as limiting mail-in voting and requiring ID, are racist.

Other leftist activist groups are demanding that corporations focus on Washington, where congressional Democrats are pushing national measures to override state laws that would make it easier for Americans to vote via automatic registration, early voting and mail-in voting, but open voting systems to fraud.

Liberal activists are stepping up calls for corporate America to denounce Republican efforts to tighten state voting laws, and businesses accustomed to cozy political relationships now find themselves in the middle of a growing partisan fight over

voting rights.

Pressure is mounting on leading companies in Texas, Arizona and other states, particularly after Major League Baseball's decision Friday to move the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta. A joint statement from executives at nearly 200 companies, including HP, Microsoft, PayPal, Target, Twitter, Uber and Under Armour, took aim at state legislation "threatening to make voting more difficult" and said "elections are not improved" when lawmakers impose new barriers to voting.

The outcry comes a week after Georgia Republicans enacted an overhaul of the state's election law that critics argue is an attempt to suppress Democratic votes.

Other companies have, somewhat belatedly, joined the chorus of critics.

Delta Air Lines and The Coca-Cola Co., two of Georgia's best-known brands, this past week called the new law "unacceptable," although they had a hand in writing it. That only angered Republicans, including Gov. Brian Kemp and several U.S. senators, who accused the companies of cowering from unwarranted attacks from the left.

The fight has thrust corporate America into a place it often tries to avoid – the center of a partisan political fight. But under threat of boycott and bad publicity, business leaders are showing a new willingness to enter the fray on an issue not directly related to their bottom line, even if it means alienating Republican allies.

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