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EXTENSION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, recognizes the Voting Rights Act as one of the most important and effective civil rights laws, safeguarding the political rights of blacks, Hispanics and members of other language minority groups and enabling them to exercise the most precious of our constitutional rights, the right to vote.

Major provisions of the Voting Rights Act will expire in August, 1982 unless Congress acts to extend them. Voter discrimination, though significantly lessened, has not been eradicated.

Hadassah, therefore, strongly supports and urges the extension of the Voting Rights Act.