"The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have." - John Lewis

In 2022, we see little to no progress on the passage of federal legislation to protect the vote.

From Black History Month, launching our 1 Million for Voting Rights Campaign, redistricting and more - Black Voters Matter continues to mobilize many in multiple states.

Take a look at our February Wrap-Up Report!
This month, like every month, we celebrated our history and impact in the world.

Throughout the month of February, we highlighted Black activists on our platform who got their start as youth. Take a look at some of our top posts!

In honor of Black History Month, we also urged President Biden to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court following the retirement announcement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Read our full statement here.
GEORGIA

HBCU's Got Something To Say! In Georgia, we launched listening sessions to hear from HBCU students about issues important to them on campus and in their surrounding communities.

The top issues were:

- Mental health
- Education
- Police Violence
- Gun Violence
- Climate Change
- Student Debt
- Voter Suppression

Also in Georgia, we launched our #LoveAndPower Collard Green Caravans! Partners visited Farm Lawrence in Reynolds, GA to harvest greens before the collective prepares to turn the fields for new crops. We were able to cut food waste and donate to the community.
In Louisiana, we held a Redistricting Takeover! We joined our partners on the ground to continue to raise awareness about the importance of fair maps!

The Redistricting Takeover is centering the voices of the most marginalized, yet most impacted people of the state of Louisiana. The takeover included a press conference, testimony, and lobbying of individual members of the Joint Committee that will be making the ultimate decision on the maps that come out of the redistricting process.

We are reclaiming our power by not only being a part of the process before it starts, but seeing this process to the finish line by being a part of the work until it's done!
In Texas, we launched our Campus Blackout Tour to educate and mobilize college students across the state in spreading love and building power ahead of Valentines Day!

Black Voters Matter traveled to college campuses in the following areas:

- Houston
- San Antonio
- Austin
- Dallas
- Fort Worth
- East Texas Region
1 MILLION FOR VOTING RIGHTS

On the late Congressman John Lewis’ 82nd birthday, February 21st, we launched our 1 Million for Voting Rights Pledge to secure one million signatures from folks across the country who are ready to stand with us in demanding immediate action on voting rights! #1MStrong!

Dangerous Supreme Court decisions, state-level voter restrictions, and Senate inaction threaten to turn back the clock on election freedom and our ability to build power and make gains on the issues impacting our communities.

Join us. Take the pledge here.
The focus of the Hill-Snowdon Foundation’s approach to grantmaking is grounded in a philosophy of justice and fairness for some of the most vulnerable members of society, low-income families - particularly low-income, youth of color and low-wage workers. Over the past 20 years or so we have focused on supporting our grassroots partners in DC (where the foundation is based), equity, justice, and civic engagement work, and lifting up Black-led organizing. The foundation has also developed a particular focus on supporting community organizing in the U.S. South, and the majority of our grant funds are now directed in this region.

"The reach and impact of Black Voters Matter have been critical to local communities to provide non-partisan support, encouragement, resources, and media attention to local and state races. We support Black Voters Matter because it offers a necessary and unique intervention in the world of civic engagement and building the political power of the Black community. Its focus on Black rural voters, lifting up the leadership of Black women, doing deep relational organizing, and engaging Black communities based on the interests they express and not a candidate -- is a direct counter to an electoral complex where Black voters are consistently taken for granted." - Hill-Snowdon Foundation
BVM IN THE MEDIA

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- BNC
- Kens 5
- BR Proud
- NBC News

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