

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 7, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Trump:

We write today to express our opposition to any Executive Order or other administrative action to limit the ability of Americans to vote by mail. Voting by mail is one of the many secure, convenient ways that people exercise their right to vote and make their voices heard. Mail voting has been in use since the Civil War and has increased in usage over the last 45 years.¹

After the November 4, 2025 elections, which led to resounding victories for Democratic candidates in New Jersey and Virginia, and the overwhelming approval of Proposition 50 in California, you made the baseless accusation that the vote on the California redistricting proposition was “RIGGED,” and that “All “Mail-In” Ballots, where the Republicans in that State are “Shut Out,” is under very serious legal and criminal review.”[sic]²

Shortly thereafter, Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt reiterated to reporters that “the White House is working on an executive order to strengthen our elections in this country, and to ensure that there cannot be blatant fraud, as we’ve seen in California, with their universal mail-in voting system.”³ Asked for evidence supporting the Administration’s claims of voter fraud, Leavitt insisted “it’s just a fact.”⁴

Accusations that voting by mail permits voter fraud are completely without merit and have been repeatedly disproven. States take multiple approaches to ensuring votes cast by mail are secure and legitimate. In California, when one registers to vote they must provide a drivers license number, California identification number, or the last four digits of one’s social security number. If a voter does not provide this information upon registration, they must provide a photocopy of other personally identifying information before the election. If a voter’s identity cannot be verified, then their ballot will not be opened or counted.⁵ These protections ensure that mail-in voting is safe and secure.

Additionally, there is no reason to believe that allowing voting by mail favors any political outcome. Voting by mail has wide bipartisan uptake. Older Americans vote by mail more frequently than younger voters.⁶ In 2024, one third of urban and suburban voters, and one fourth of rural voters voted by mail. 20% of Republicans and 25% of Democrats voted by mail. This data reflects that voting by mail is not a partisan preference – it is critical to guarantee access to the ballot.⁷

Despite these protections, and the bipartisan appeal of voting by mail, restrictions on mail-in ballots have become a familiar drum beat in Republican-led states like Georgia, Texas, and Florida, which have passed

¹ <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/report/mail-voting-is-safe-secure/>

² <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/115492361756063244>

³ <https://www.democracymonitor.com/news-alerts/new-trump-anti-voting-order-coming-white-house-confirms/>

⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/videos/press-secretary-karoline-leavitt-briefs-members-of-the-media-nov-4-2025/>

⁵ <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail>

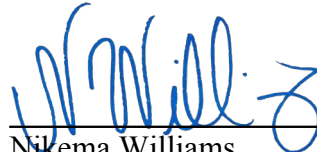
⁶ <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/who-votes-mail>

⁷ <https://statesunited.org/resources/americans-vote-by-mail-2024/>

restrictive measures limiting the right to absentee vote.⁸ Your administration has also attempted to intimidate states by threatening election funding if they accept ballots which are cast on or before election day, if they arrive after election day.⁹

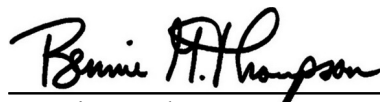
We call on you to recognize the validity of mail voting, and refrain from further restricting access to the ballot by arbitrarily curtailing this method of voting.

Sincerely,

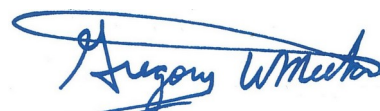

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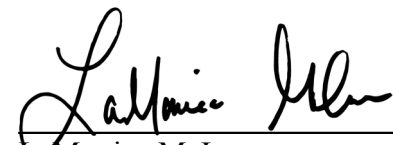

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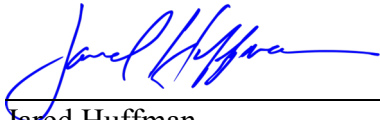

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⁸ <https://www.democracydocket.com/news-alerts/new-trump-anti-voting-order-coming-white-house-confirms/>

⁹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/preserving-and-protecting-the-integrity-of-american-elections/>



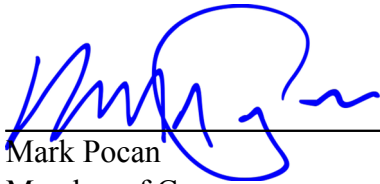
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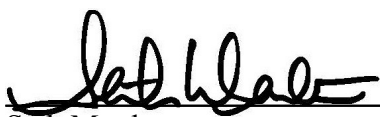
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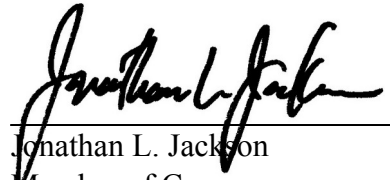
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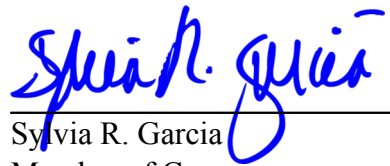
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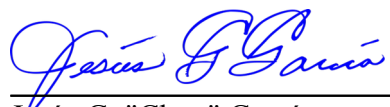
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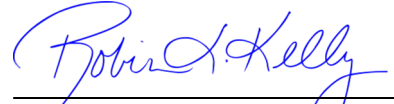
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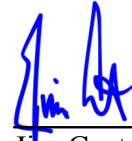
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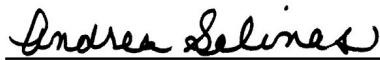
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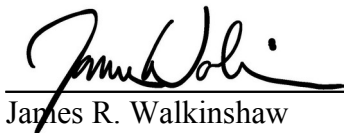
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