

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 10, 2018

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

We write you today as Members of the New Democrat Coalition and the Republican Tuesday Group to urge you to immediately appoint an Election Security Coordinator within the Executive Office of the President (EOP) to oversee and organize election security efforts across the federal government. It is clear Russia executed a wide-spread disinformation campaign targeting the American public in order to sow discord, undermine the American public's faith in the democratic process, and ultimately, interfere in the 2016 election. It is imperative the United States act to prevent foreign governments or entities from meddling in the electoral process. Appointing an Election Security Coordinator to the EOP would be an important first step in acknowledging and mitigating these risks to our democracy.

The evidence of foreign infiltration related to the 2016 election is clear. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), and the Intelligence Community, including Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen, and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Director Christopher Wray, have all affirmed that Russia meddled in the 2016 election. In addition, the Department of Justice recently indicted 12 Russian agents for various crimes related to infiltrating the election, in addition to the 13 Russian agents and 3 Russian entities indicted in February. There is overwhelming evidence that Russia is still trying to infiltrate our elections, and with the 2018 midterms less than 4 weeks away, we must take immediate action to counter this threat.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FBI, Election Assistance Commission (EAC), National Security Agency (NSA), and U.S. Cyber Command have all developed taskforces and initiatives to secure our elections systems and counter foreign influence. However, these various entities are operating in silos with no lead individual responsible for facilitating comprehensive interagency coordination. An Election Security Coordinator would ensure government-wide information sharing and cooperation.

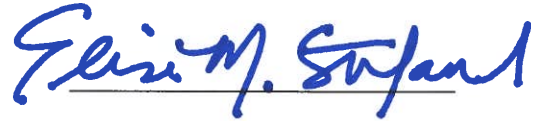
Elections are the foundation of our democracy. Protecting the integrity of the electoral process and limiting foreign influence on American public opinion requires a centralized, senior position within the EOP to effectively manage this threat across government and communicate its urgency. Protecting U.S. national security requires an Election Security Coordinator, and we urge you to appoint someone immediately.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

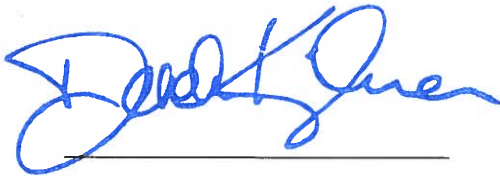
Sincerely,



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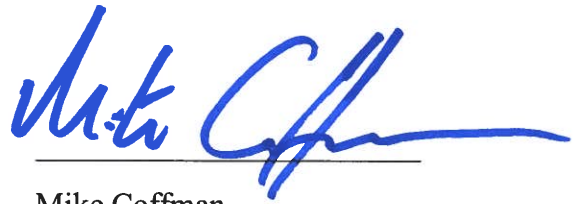
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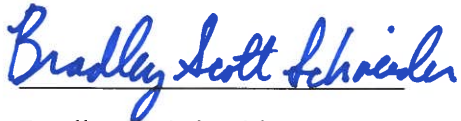
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