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Jimmy Eure
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Dear Chair Eure:

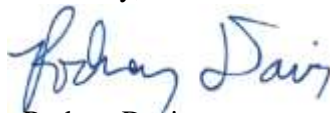
As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about a recent report that some of Gates County's voting equipment was inoperable for nearly 4 hours on the day of the recent primary election.

America's decentralized elections system is the best in the world, and Republicans are committed to ensuring all eligible voters who want to participate are able to cast ballots and have those ballots counted according to law. Since last Congress, I have met with Secretaries of State, Lt. Governors, and local election administrators from states as wide-ranging as Alaska, Iowa, and New York, among others, to learn about and promote the many first-rate examples of excellence in election administration across the country. Unfortunately, rather than add to those efforts, situations like this one in Gates County have the ability to do real damage to voter confidence in our election systems and outcomes at a time when we can least afford it.

In the interest of ensuring that all individuals eligible to vote have the opportunity to do so, please respond with an explanation of when and for how long voting equipment was inoperable. Please also share any procedural or regulatory changes you will make to ensure this does not recur for the upcoming federal election in November.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by June 23, 2022, to Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
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