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Dear Acting U.S. Attorney Levy and District Attorney Tucker:

As Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections,<sup>1</sup> I write today to express my concerns over reports that ballots may have been removed illegally from voters' mailboxes. As a result, voters may have been unable to vote when they arrived at the polling place.<sup>2</sup>

For voters to have confidence in our elections, they need to have reason to believe that their mail ballot will be protected, secured, and delivered in a timely fashion. These allegations are extremely troubling and should be investigated fully and, if the facts warrant, prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

As we approach federal elections in 2024, voters are likely to resort to several different ways to cast their ballot—one of which may be voting by mail. Unfortunately, allegations like these are very easily repeatable and can harm voters' trust in our election systems. As such, any investigation into these allegations should be transparent, thorough, and seek to restore voter confidence that these events will not repeat themselves during the 2024 federal elections.

Please direct correspondence to Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at [Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov](mailto:Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Bryan Steil  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration

<sup>1</sup> Rules of the United States House of Representatives, Rule X(k)(12), <https://rules.house.gov/sites/repUBLICANS.rules118.house.gov/files/documents/Rules%20and%20Resources/118-House-Rules-Clerk.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Darren Botelho, *Video Allegedly Shows Woman Stealing Ballots from Lawrence Mailbox*, NBC BOSTON (Nov. 14, 2023), <https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/video-allegedly-shows-woman-stealing-ballots-from-lawrence-mailbox/3190864/>.

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cc: The Honorable William Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Gary R. Barksdale, Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Service  
The Honorable James Comer, Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Oversight  
The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Oversight

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