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May 16, 2022

Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
12400 Imperial Hwy.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Dear Registrar Logan:

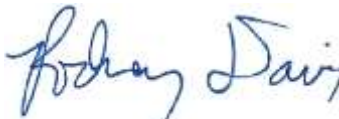
As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about a recent report that 104 live ballots were found unattended in a mail tray on a sidewalk in East Hollywood.¹

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 Los Angeles County 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 only lawful ballots are counted in the next federal election, please respond with an explanation of the processes, regulations, and laws in place to ensure that live ballots are securely delivered, received, and counted according to law. Please also include an explanation of the safeguards in place when these 104 ballots were left unattended on a sidewalk, and given this egregious break in the chain of custody, how your office intends to address these ballots and voters who may be disenfranchised as a result of this situation. Finally, please explain any procedural or regulatory changes you will make to ensure similar incidents do not recur.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by June 10, 2022, to Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

¹ Koco McAbony, *Woman finds box of mail-in ballots on East Hollywood sidewalk; LA County Registrar investigating*, FOX 11 TV (Los Angeles) (May 9, 2022, 9:12 p.m.), <https://www.foxla.com/news/woman-finds-box-of-mail-in-ballot-on-east-hollywood-sidewalk-la-county-registrar-investigating>.