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*Washington, DC 20530*

The Honorable Bryan Steil  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Steil:

Thank you for your letter to the Department of Justice (Department), dated December 15, 2023, regarding concerns over reports that ballots may have been removed illegally from voters' mailboxes.

The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy—the right from which all other rights ultimately flow. Protecting the right to vote is one of the Department's top priorities. The Department is committed to ensuring all eligible voters can cast a vote, that all lawful votes are counted, and that every voter has access to accurate election information.

We appreciate the benefit of having your views on this matter. Consistent with Justice Manual § 1-7.410, the Department acknowledges receipt of your letter and will refer your request for investigation to the proper investigative agency or component for review. The Department takes any allegation of criminal wrongdoing seriously and carefully reviews any allegation in accordance with the Principles of Federal Prosecution. *See* Justice Manual § 9-27.000. The Department does not ordinarily confirm or deny the existence of an investigation. You should not interpret this acknowledgement as confirmation of an investigation of the matters described in your letter.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Slade Bond  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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The Honorable Joe Morelle  
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