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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

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The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

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The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 Seventeenth Street NW
Washington, DC 20503

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

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Secretary
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

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The Honorable Julie Su
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Su,

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The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

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The Honorable Miguel Cardona
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

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The Honorable Adrienne Todman
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.,
Washington, DC 20410

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The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

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Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Becerra,

As Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections¹, I (we) write today exercising our Constitutional oversight responsibility over the Executive Branch of the Federal government about a matter of great concern to American citizens: the integrity and fairness of our national elections.² In particular, our inquiry is examining Presidential Executive Order 14019 and its implementation at both and State and Federal Level.

We are certain you agree with us that every eligible U.S. citizen who chooses to register to vote must have the opportunity to do so; furthermore, every lawful vote must count. Increased voter registration and participation is a goal all Americans share. At the same time, our system requires that our actions must always comply with the Constitution and federal law. According to Article I, section 4 of the Constitution, states have the primary role in establishing election law and administering elections. And, to the extent the Elections Clause contains a federal "fail-safe," it is the Congress to which the Constitution delegates that power—not the President. The President's role is limited to enforcing enacted legislation passed by Congress; therefore, the President must exercise great restraint when attempting to act on election law. Furthermore, the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution protects the right for citizens to vote. For Federal Employees this means in part, compliance with the Hatch Act and the Anti Deficiency Act. Additionally, Congress has made it a crime (18 U.S.C. 611 and 18 U.S.C. 2) for non-citizens to vote and for anyone to assist non-citizens to vote.

Please provide the following:

- 1) All documents that address any plan to implement Executive Order 14019.

¹ 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>.

² Under Article 1 "necessary and proper" clause Congress has wide authority to exercise oversight over programs that is creates and funds. See in particular, *Watkins v. United States*: The "power of the Congress to conduct investigations is inherent in the legislative process. That power is broad. It encompasses inquiries concerning the administration of existing laws as well as proposed or possibly needed statutes." *Barenblatt v. United States*: The "scope of the power of inquiry ... is as penetrating and far-reaching as the potential power to enact and appropriate under the Constitution. "*Trump v. Mazars USA, LLP*: "Without information, Congress would be shooting in the dark, unable to legislate 'wisely or effectively.'"

- 2) All documents that support or describe the use of appropriated funds to implement Executive Order 14019.
- 3) All documents that list agencies or programs including any programs located at the regional, state or community level that are implementing Executive Order 14019.
- 4) All documents that list partnerships with any non-governmental organizations or state or local government agencies that are working with a federal entity to implement Executive Order 14019,
- 5) All documents that commemorate any relationship between any entities listed in Question 4.
- 6) Any guidance memoranda that have been provided to any entity listed in Question 3 and 4.

In compliance with the document request please review and comply with the attached guidance
(Rules for Compliance with Committee on House Administration Document Requests)

that includes a definition for the term “documents”. The documents must be Bate stamped and delivered in electronic form within two weeks from the date of this letter to: T. March Bell, General Counsel, Committee on House Administration at March.Bell@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Bryan Steil
Chairman
Committee on House Administration

