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Dear Commissioners Deeley, Bluestein, and Sabir:

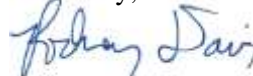
As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to once again express my concern about a recent report of voter fraud in Philadelphia. In this instance, former Congressman Michael "Ozzie" Myers pleaded guilty to "stuffing ballot boxes for Democrats in the 2014-18 Pennsylvania elections."¹

America's decentralized elections system is the best in the world. Over the past two years, 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 Philadelphia do real damage to voter confidence in our election systems and outcomes at a time when we can least afford it, especially considering Philadelphia's long history of election struggles.²

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 only lawful ballots are cast and counted, including a detailed explanation of the safeguards in place when Mr. Myers filled the ballot boxes with falsified ballots marked for Democrats. Please also explain any procedural or regulatory changes you will make to ensure similar incidents do not recur.

Please submit your response no later than July 13, 2022. Should you have questions, please contact Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
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¹ George Stockburger, *Former Philadelphia Congressman pleads guilty to election fraud charges*, ABC 27 (June 6, 2022)

<https://www.abc27.com/news/pennsylvania/former-philadelphia-congressman-pleads-guilty-to-election-fraud-charges/>

² Katerine Tully-McManus, *Campaign Aide to Rep. Robert Brady Found Guilty on 9 Counts*, ROLL CALL (December 3, 2018, 7:20 PM),

<https://www.rollcall.com/2018/12/03/campaign-aide-to-rep-robert-brady-found-guilty-on-9-counts>; See also *Former Philadelphia Judge of Elections Convicted of Conspiring to Violate Civil Rights and Bribery*, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-philadelphia-judge-elections-convicted-conspiring-violate-civil-rights-and-bribery> (last visited October 19, 2021); See also Michael DeCourcy Hinds, *Vote-Fraud Ruling Shifts Pennsylvania Senate* at A1, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 19, 1994), <https://www.nytimes.com/1994/02/19/us/vote-fraud-ruling-shifts-pennsylvania-senate.html>; See also *Election Worker Pleads Guilty to Intimidating Voters Who Wanted to Vote for Non-Democratic Candidates*, CBS PHILLY (May 9, 2018, 4:45 PM), <https://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2018/05/09/thurman-george-pleads-guilty-election-fraud/>; See also Sam Newhouse, *Philly Election Officials Plead Guilty*, METRO PHILLY (Jan. 14, 2016), <https://philly.metro.us/philly-election-officials-plead-guilty/>.