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August 24, 2022

Virginia Ross
Director
Pinal County Elections Department
168 S. Main Street
Coolidge, AZ 85128

Dear Director Ross:

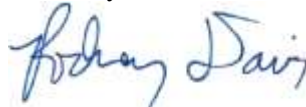
As Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about a recent report that an estimated 63,000 erroneous ballots were sent out to voters for the recent primary election.¹

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 Pinal County have the potential to 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 voter confidence in our elections processes and outcomes is protected in the next federal election, please respond with an explanation of how these ballots were mistakenly sent out. Also, in a recent statement, Jeffrey McClure, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, stated, "We are taking immediate steps to ensure the November election runs smoothly, as elections in Pinal County have historically done prior to this primary."² Please share what steps you have developed to remedy this problem from recurring in the future, including any procedural or regulatory changes you will make.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by September 14, 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 Sasha Hupka, *Pinal County backs away from plan to send supplementary ballots to voters*, Detroit Free Press, (July 11, 2022) <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/pinal/2022/07/11/pinal-county-goes-back-plan-send-supplementary-ballots-voters/10034601002/>

² *County Announce Changes in Elections Department Leadership*, Pinal County Board of Supervisors, (August 4, 2022) <https://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/News/Pages/Article.aspx?myID=1657>

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