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October 26, 2022

Hon. Francisco J. Rosado Colomer
Chairman
Puerto Rico State Elections Commission
P.O. Box 195552
San Juan, PR 00919-5552

Dear Chairman Rosado Colomer:

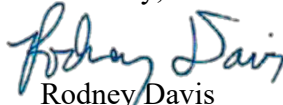
As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to inquire about the status of any funding requests being developed by the State Elections Commission in preparation for the upcoming federal general election in 2024 and to offer my support for the timely approval of all funds necessary to ensure that election operates smoothly.

As you know, I traveled to Puerto Rico earlier this year to learn more about your election processes and procedures. During that trip, I was made aware of the severe the funding approval challenges your office faced with respect to its administration of elections in the 2020 cycle, which led to an election emergency and a judicially extended balloting process. Solvable but unresolved issues like this one 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.

Following the difficulties of the 2020 election cycle, I am committed to doing all that I can to ensure that the Commission will receive funding adequate to administer the next general election successfully in a timely manner so that the people of Puerto Rico experience no unnecessary delays or difficulties. I understand that the SEC typically begins the process of developing funding requests two years or so before each general election. I ask that you keep the Committee and me informed of your progress in developing such election funding requests so we may remain as engaged as possible and lend our support to your efforts.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by November 11, 2022, to Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
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