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Dear Chair Kaplan:

Last week, Minority staff from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration traveled to Georgia to observe the primary elections and meet with key stakeholders. As Ranking Member of the Committee, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about a report they received during their trip that early ballots were illegally tabulated in last week's primary elections and request information on the security of the early-tabulated results.

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 Macon-Bibb County 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 illegally tabulated, and any procedural or regulatory changes you will make to ensure this does not recur in the future. Further, please provide information on whether and how the security of the early-tabulated results was maintained.

I look forward to your response. Please send your response and any questions you may have by June 23, 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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