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Dear Ms. Reynolds,

This year, Congress appropriated \$75 million for Election Security Grants to states as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. Each state is guaranteed to receive a minimum of \$1 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funding. States will be required to match 20% of the funding they receive.

We, the undersigned organizations, urge every state to prioritize these funds for election security by implementing new election integrity provisions many states have adopted in the past year.

As Americans are losing confidence in the fairness, integrity, and security of their vote, redoubling our commitment to secure elections cannot come soon enough. Recent elections have been marred by chaos and confusion. Dark money special interests exploited the COVID pandemic to change voting rules across the country. Activists and partisan politicians in Washington continue to attempt a federal takeover of elections. And in 2020 alone, a single billionaire funneled \$400 million into election offices—with funds going disproportionately to jurisdictions that voted Democratic.

We urge this latest round of federal funds be devoted to improving the security and transparency of elections. Under the terms of HAVA, grants may be used for many purposes including:

- Voter list maintenance.
- Post-election audits and process reviews.
- Voter fraud investigations and the operation of voter fraud hotlines.
- Investigations into misfeasance or malfeasance by election officials.
- Purchasing security cameras for drop boxes and voting facilities.
- Enhancing cybersecurity.
- Acquiring new voting equipment, such as voting machines that produce voter-verifiable and auditable paper trails.
- Training for election officials.
- Voter education campaigns to raise aware of new or modified voting procedures.

We urge you to meet the challenge of declining confidence in elections with a renewed focus on the security and transparency of our elections. Devoting the forthcoming HAVA funds to the implementation of state election integrity laws will do much to restore and bolster public confidence in our elections. After all, the American people want it to be easy to vote *and* hard to cheat.

Sincerely,

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