

TO: <<INSERT NAME>>, Secretary of State and <<Insert State>> State Board of Elections
CC: <<Insert names of their communications staff>>
From: <<INSERT>>
CC: WeTheChange

<DATE>

Dear Secretary <<INSERT LAST NAME>>

As business leaders in the state of <INSERT>, we know that what is good for our state and democracy is also what is good for business.

We are asking your office to proactively manage public expectations about an extended timeline necessary for credible and fair election results to be determined. Recent bipartisan polling shows that public expectations about when we will have election results are not currently realistic. We are concerned that without your office taking the decisive actions outlined below, we could face a dangerous crisis of confidence in election results, widespread confusion, and potentially politically motivated violence.

As business leaders, we ask that your office make the following public commitments:

- Make a public announcement no later than October 25th committing that your office will not call election results until all mail-in ballots are counted.
- Starting no later than November 1st, provide regular pre-election public updates on (a) the number of ballots already received via mail-in or early in-person voting processes, and (b) the percentage of mail-in ballots still outstanding;
- Affirm that your efforts to prevent voter fraud has made it vanishingly rare, and pledge to uphold the professionalism and nonpartisan nature of our civic responsibilities
- Maintain safe voting environments free from voter intimidation, prevent political violence and illegal polling place activities, and provide regular public updates on the measures in place;
- Immediately refute attempts by any media, candidate or party to unlawfully limit or prematurely conclude the counting of all ballots, including announcements of loss or victory
- Provide for a safe and secure early and absentee voting experience, including abiding by the [US Election Assistance Commission's best practices](#) on ballot drop box administration and by endorsing the utility of ballot tracking technology;

We trust in an America with a working democracy where all voices are heard and rights are respected, no matter our party, race, level of income, or zip code. We see your leadership in taking these actions as imperative for ensuring the people of our state move forward from this election knowing that their will is represented in the outcome. As leaders from the business community in this state, we support you in taking these actions.

We ask that you return a response by no later than October 25th. Please respond to: <<insert both email and mailing address>>

Respectfully,