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Via Email: ST-PRESS@pa.gov; RA-Elections@pa.gov

The Honorable Al Schmidt
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Pennsylvania Department of State
302 North Office Building
401 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Widespread Election Administration Issues

Dear Secretary Schmidt:

I represent the Republican National Committee and Donald J. Trump for President 2024, Inc. On October 26, 2024, Governor Shapiro posted on “X” that he cast his mail ballot at a Montgomery County Satellite Office “all on site.” Unfortunately for the rest of Pennsylvania, Governor Shapiro’s smooth experience appears to be an outlier. Voters consistently report to us that at Boards of Election Offices across the Commonwealth, they are told that “computers are down,” the site will be closing early, they are not accepting any more voters, and that mail ballots will not be counted. Pennsylvanians deserve the same effortless experience boasted about by Governor Shapiro but county offices appear unable or unwilling to provide it.



This weekend, you proclaimed that you are there to support the counties with “..whatever they need, any equipment, anything else like that we can provide, we’re there for them.”



On behalf of all Pennsylvania voters, we ask that you provide that promised support **immediately**. Tomorrow, October 29, 2024, is the last day to request a mail-in ballot in person at a county election office. If you truly believe that every vote is “equally precious,” as you stated on October 26, 2024, we urge you to act with the necessary urgency so that every voter in this Commonwealth has the same experience enjoyed by Governor Shapiro. No voter should be turned away, told an office is closing early, or told they cannot be accommodated if they appear during the posted business hours.

If a voter visits a Board of Election Office to request, fill out, and return a mail ballot anywhere in the Keystone State during the posted office hours, they should be provided the opportunity. No one should be told to go home. **If they get in line before the posted closing time, each voter should be able to request, fill out, and return their mail ballot.**

In a recent CNN, you reassured the country that “the Presidential election in 2024 . . . is going to be free, fair, safe, and secure.”¹ Kindly use your position to provide any and all support necessary so that the Boards of Elections in all 67 counties provide the same opportunity to everyday Pennsylvanians as enjoyed by the Governor and live up to the promises that you made to the American people at large.

Very truly yours,

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¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2024/10/25/politics/video/the-lead-2024-election-philadelphia-democrat-republican-fraud-voting-jake-tapper>.