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Good morning Hannah,

Please see the attached letter to Secretary Duffy from Chairman Steil regarding Biden EO 14019 ("Promoting Access to Voting"). Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Thank you,  
Robert

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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

Congratulations on your recent nomination and confirmation as Secretary of Transportation. I appreciate your service to our nation and your willingness to take on such an important leadership role during this critical time. As Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration (“the Committee”), which has broad oversight of our nation’s federal elections<sup>1</sup>, I write today exercising the Committee’s constitutional oversight responsibility over the Executive Branch of the federal government on a matter of great concern to American citizens: the integrity and fairness of our nation’s elections.<sup>2</sup> In particular, this inquiry is examining Executive Order 14019 (“EO”), which was titled “Promoting Access to Voting,” and its implementation at both the state and federal levels. This EO was issued by former President Biden on March 7, 2021, which President Trump rescinded upon taking office on January 21, 2025.

The Committee made inquiries about the implementation of this EO during the previous administration, and, unfortunately, the Biden Administration did not sufficiently respond to those oversight efforts. Despite a document request letter and a subpoena from the Committee, the previous administration failed to fully provide the requested information or documents regarding the implementation of the EO, specifically the strategic plans.

Although President Trump has since rescinded the EO, the Committee continues to have an oversight responsibility to understand the effects of this EO on our voting processes during the four years it was in effect. I look forward to working with your agency and the Trump Administration to investigate the Biden Administration’s implementation of this EO.

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of the United States House of Representatives, Rule X(k)(12), <https://rules.house.gov/sites/republicans.rules118.house.gov/files/documents/Rules%20and%20Resources/118-House-Rules-Clerk.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> Under Article I “necessary and proper” clause Congress has wide authority to exercise oversight over programs that is creates and funds. See in particular, *Watkins v. United States*: The “power of the Congress to conduct investigations is inherent in the legislative process. That power is broad. It encompasses inquiries concerning the administration of existing laws as well as proposed or possibly needed statutes.”

I know you agree that every eligible U.S. citizen who chooses to register to vote must have the opportunity to do so; furthermore, every lawful vote must count. I am also certain that you share the Committee's goals of strengthening the integrity of American elections by ensuring that only lawful citizens can vote.

Below is the original list of items we requested from the Biden Administration in 2024. I would appreciate it if your agency could assist the Committee in its investigative efforts by providing the following materials if possible and briefing Committee staff on its findings at your earliest convenience.

- 1) All documents that address any plan to implement Executive Order 14019.
- 2) All documents that support or describe the use of appropriated funds to implement Executive Order 14019.
- 3) All documents that list agencies or programs including any programs located at the regional, state or community level that implemented Executive Order 14019.
- 4) All documents that list partnerships with any non-governmental organizations or state or local government agencies that worked with a federal entity to implement Executive Order 14019.
- 5) All documents that commemorate any relationship between any entities listed in Item 4.
- 6) Any guidance memoranda that was provided to any entity listed in Items 3 and 4.

Thank you for your help and please feel free to reach out to the Committee with any questions at (202) 225-8281 to coordinate the delivery of these items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Steil', with a stylized, cursive script.

Bryan Steil  
Chairman  
Committee on House Administration