

March 9th, 2021

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Dear Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick, and Speaker Phelan:

Texas stands at a crossroads it has not faced, perhaps since its founding, and inaction on election policy would dangerously distort our free and fair system of elections.

We the undersigned believe that the Texas Legislature should enact reforms that fix the vulnerabilities in our system, count only legal votes, end the trafficking and manipulation of our vote-by-mail system, and, finally, strengthen the authority of the Secretary of State to prevent abuse by local officials.

If the state Legislature does not act now, the institution governing our most valuable rights will become less secure, more corrupt, and election integrity will be compromised forever for all voters.

Texas must ensure we—

- Verify that only eligible voters can register and require regular audits of voter lists to ensure they only include eligible voters.
- Make vote-by-mail only available to citizens that are elderly, disabled, away from their primary residence for work or school, or serving in the military.
- Require the Secretary of State to approve all changes to elections, such as the method of collecting and counting votes. And allow the Secretary of State to remove any election officials that participate in any efforts to defraud the election.
- Protect elections by prohibiting private funds from being used to supplement local elections administration budgets to selectively boost turnout.

With your leadership we will ensure that every citizen's basic democratic right to vote is protected, as well as the integrity of our system. A future lacking that must not be allowed to come to pass. We urge our elected officials, at the local, state, and federal levels, to leave no stone unturned in ensuring our rights are protected.

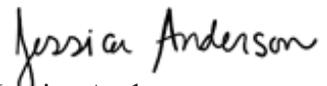
Sincerely,



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