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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned by vote suppression. Majority government is central to the United States. There have been many attempts to game this principle by making voting more difficult for certain groups and votes more effective for others. There have been poll taxes and grandfather clauses and more recently voter ID laws, purging of voter rolls and gerrymandering. Vice President Pence's White House Voter Fraud Commission attempted to justify and further such suppression and spread distrust of the system. It ran afoul of privacy laws and I am happy to see it disbanded, but concerned by reports that the Department of Homeland Security may now be taking over its function. Faith in our voting system is essential for the effectiveness of democracy and undermining this faith weakens our country.

Please assure me that you will simplify voting.

I am very proud to be a US citizen and a large part of that derives from our democratic government.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson