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Dear Mr Vice President:

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I am concerned about fair elections. The Russian interference to steal the Presidential (and Vice Presidential) election has been well documented by our intelligence community leading to some indictments and a frequently threatened investigation. As the next election looms it is frightening that little appears to have been changed and that the President continues to deny the problem itself. After your disastrous fraud commission you should be an election expert and in July you were taking the high road and calling out Russia at a DHS cyber-security conference but yesterday you succumbed to parroting the President's line that it is the Chinese response to changing tariffs that is the "unprecedented effort to influence...". As an elected official you are free to avoid such lies and keep you job. Maybe you are feeling the same sense of illegitimacy the President clearly worries over.

Please assure me that you will protect the voting process.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our democracy.

Sincerely, Eric Babson