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## Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about election theft. As the midterms approach it is important to ensure that they be free and fair. The 1965 Voting Rights Act committed the federal government to this principle but since its 2013 evisceration that commitment appears to be wavering. This was broadly documented in 23 states by the federal Commission on Civil Rights last month with Georgia a particularly egregious example. Randolph County Ga tried to close its majority minority polling stations, backing down only in the face of expensive law suits. Last year an exact match law passed there giving the Secretary of State the power to throw out tens of thousands of registrations at his discretion - a law which under the VRA would have faced automatic suspension and federal scrutiny. Next week that same Secretary Kemp is also facing an election for Governor and has thrown out 50,000 such registrations apparently to prevent votes for his opponent. This attempt at election theft besmirches not only Secretary Kemp and his party but our country.

Please assure me that this election fraud will be challenged.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson