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Dear Mr Vice President:

I am concerned about voter intimidation. Constant vigilance is essential to maintain a democracy. The voting rights act and several decades of improving access have led to complacency but recently the court decimated the VRA, Republican state houses rammed through gerrymanders, ID laws and roll reductions and your commission hunted feverishly for fraud among Hispanics not to mention the actual fraud in North Carolina and Georgia. A particularly telling episode is the recent report on Attorney Higdon citing direction from General Sessions. He managed to overlook rampant fraud in Bladen County while focusing vast resources and subpoenaing millions of records to make examples of a few trivial mix-ups. Finally last month Senator McConnell called expanded voter access a democratic power grab. It is heartening to see voters themselves are not fooled - voting in November to expand access in Florida, Maryland and Nevada among others.

Please assure me that you will work to expand voting rights.

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

Sincerely,
Eric Babson