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Dear Secretary Padilla:

I am concerned for democracy. You are responsible for our elections but the federal administration has consistently worked to subvert them from cheerleading for ID laws, roll purges and lifetime disenfranchisement to manipulation of the census. Now the President has boasted about the rapid dismantling of the postal system as yet another approach to election interference. Along with the news my neighbors are already reporting troubling delays and General DeJoy has another 78 days before the election and at least another 77 after to destroy the system. This is an attack on state government and hence both antidemocratic and antifederalist.

Please assure me that you will defend the election.

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

Sincerely, Eric Babson