



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

September 30, 2020

The Hon. Russell T. Vought
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20503
Att'n: Rody Damis, Legis. Ref. Div.

Dear Director Vought:

The Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") was asked by the Office of Management and Budget to provide its views regarding S. 1321, the Defending the Integrity of Voting Systems Act, which passed Congress and is awaiting Presidential action. This bill would amend Title 18 of the United States Code to criminalize interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

I write as a leader of the Commission to express my support for this bipartisan legislation. Reports of bad actors attempting to disrupt our elections have led to concern regarding the security and reliability of the nation's voting equipment and systems. It is important that public officials throughout government work together to take every step to secure our voting infrastructure and to increase public trust in the conduct of the nation's elections. This bill is a positive step in that direction. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen L. Weintraub". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ellen L. Weintraub
Commissioner
Federal Election Commission