

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
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500 South Bronough Street
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Dear Secretary Detzner,

We are writing to ask that you ensure that every vote in the 2018 midterm elections is counted.

We strongly support a transparent and fair election procedure. Now, it appears that several statewide elections will be close enough to trigger an automatic recount. Throughout this process we ask that you work to respect all Florida voters and that all eligible votes are counted. We must remember that the voting rights afforded to all Americans by our laws and rooted in the values of our nation's founding documents should at all times be protected. While we have regularly disagreed about your partisan voter roll purges, we know that you share a commitment to ensuring recounts proceed in a nonpartisan manner with transparency, uniformity, and great care.

The integrity of our democratic institutions demand that we diligently work to resist conspiracy theories and work carefully to ensure that every vote is counted. We hope we can trust that your office will work to ensure full protection of the constitutional and civil rights of every Floridian. To accomplish that, the State must meet basic standards of accountability and allow the count, and any subsequent recount, to move forward without political interference.

Given your role as our state's chief elections officer, we urge you to take the necessary steps to ensure the accuracy of Florida's election results, preserve a process free from partisan bias, and maintain the transparency required for public confidence in this process.

Sincerely,



Ted Deutch
Member of Congress



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