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To Whom it May Concern,

I have grave concerns about the US election process and the current manipulations that ultimately make it's results less than reflective of the wishes of the majority of the electorate. I believe strongly that the threats from within our country that are currently impacting the results of our elections are of equal or greater impact compared with the threats imposed by foreign countries (and yes, there is NO doubt in my mind that Russian interference can and HAS impacted results). Specifically, Republican gerrymandering and laws implemented under the guise of preventing election fraud (but which actually target voter suppression) are the biggest threats, to the point that redistricting should only be allowed for specific critical reasons and done in a nonpartisan and legally protected process, and that no laws or changes should be allowed that in any way make it more difficult for anyone to vote. Voter fraud is a non-issue, especially relative to the problem of voter suppression, which along with gerrymandering, has clearly become a highly successful conservative strategy for winning local, state and federal elections, often yielding results contrary to the majority vote. We must leave voter fraud concerns on the back burner for now and focus on efforts to make voting easier and more informed. That said, whatever changes you are considering, I am in strong support of them if they guide and constrain gerrymandering, or if they make it easier for all people to inform themselves and cast their votes. Any changes implemented that work against these critical voter needs in any way will not only be strongly objected to by me, but I would actively protest and attempt to block them. Many Americans see democracy in the US as teetering on the precipice of destruction. We need our leaders to be thoughtful and responsible about how their decisions will move us toward or away from that ledge, and to completely disregard their own interests, ideologies or tribal loyalties in moving us forward in a direction of stability and confidence in American government. Restoring the credibility of our elections lies at the heart of saving America from plummeting to its third world doom. Please act accordingly.

Thank you.
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