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President Trump and Vice President Vance,

Since January 20, 2024, Congress has been working in lockstep with your administration to restore faith in our election system. As your administration continues to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in the system, I encourage a federal investigation into alleged election fraud in California, specifically, Los Angeles.

Public reporting has recently shown that for midterm elections, Republican voters are receiving rejection letters from the Los Angeles County clerk due to signature irregularities for their mail-in ballots. Further reports indicate that Bill Essayli, first assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California is investigating suspected election fraud, a difficult task in part due to California's universal vote-by-mail, ballot harvesting, and delayed vote counting policies.

As the Department of Justice (DOJ) continues to investigate alleged election fraud in California, I urge your administration to pause all federal funding to Los Angeles, including federal projects and grants, until the investigation is complete. States and counties that purposefully subvert our great election process in favor of one political party should not have access to American treasure.

Again, I urge your full and fair consideration to fully and swiftly investigate suspected election fraud in California. As a steadfast ally in safeguarding our election system, I will use the full authority of my office to protect the American people. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins

Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement  
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