

STATEMENT OF FORMER U.S. ATTORNEYS WHO SERVED UNDER REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS CONCERNING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

As former United States Attorneys, we have been inspired by the overwhelming voter turn-out in virtually every state and territory in our nation, despite the very real challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, we have been impressed by the efforts of governors, state legislators, and election officials from around the country to create the electoral infrastructure necessary to accommodate every eligible citizen's right to vote notwithstanding these unprecedented challenges.

Against this positive backdrop, we feel compelled to speak out against President Trump's premature, baseless, and reckless comments about the vote in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Unfounded allegations of fraud and threats to initiate litigation aimed at stopping the vote count are clearly inappropriate and have the potential to undermine the rule of law as it applies to our electoral process. Moreover, for any candidate, let alone the President of the United States, to claim victory, without justification, before each and every vote is counted is imprudent and irresponsible. Therefore, we hereby call upon the President to patiently and respectfully allow the lawful vote-counting process to continue, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, and to avoid any further comments or other actions which can serve only to undermine our democracy.

As a nation, we are now in the midst of one of the most fundamental and important aspects of our constitutional democracy – the electoral process. Whether it takes days, or even weeks, for that process to conclude, it must be allowed to take place in a way that is open, fair, and lawful, and without any improper political interference. The whole world is watching, and our very legitimacy as a nation of laws, not men, depends on getting this right.

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2001-2006

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2002-2005

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