

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

As you are aware, I, along with dozens of my colleagues are planning to lodge formal objections to the Electoral College count at the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.

I am writing to highlight the bipartisan nature of the fight for election integrity. Not too long ago, prominent Democrats in the House expressed similar sentiments to the ones we will be putting forward on January 6th, starting with yourself. You said in early 2019 that one of the goals of Democrats' majority was to, "restore faith in government, so that people can have confidence that government works for the people." I would submit that standing for election integrity would be a great place to start.

Other members of your conference have expressed concerns about our elections. Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) said in 2017 that, "History has shown us that democracy is fragile. It is our duty as members of Congress to protect the integrity of our electoral process."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) also laid out a thorough defense of election integrity just four years ago: "Because we are all called upon to bear witness to the counting of electoral votes does not mean our role is to be passive observers. On the contrary, the Constitution and the law, specifically Section 15 of the Electoral College Act, 3 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., vests in Representatives and Senators the power and responsibility of objecting to the counting of any vote cast by an elector," and she continued, "the Constitution devolves this solemn duty upon the people's representatives, the Congress, because the linchpin of representative democracy is public confidence in the political system, regime, and community. That confidence in turn rests upon the extent to which the public has faith that the system employed to select its leaders accurately reflects its preferences. At bottom, this means that all citizens casting a vote have a fundamental right and reasonable expectation that their votes count and are counted."

Similar objections were made in 2001 and 2005 by dozens of Congressional Democrats including Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA).

This is not about an election between President Trump and former Vice President Biden. This is about the fact that tens of millions of our fellow Americans do not have confidence that their vote was properly represented. For the sake of our country and the future of our democratic process, I would urge you to convince members of your conference to join us. That would send a powerful message, that both parties still believe that every American has the right to vote and have that vote legally counted.

Sincerely,



Rep. Ted Budd
Member of Congress



Marjorie Taylor Greene
Member of Congress