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House of Representatives  
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Dear Acting Director Young:

On March 7, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order (“EO”) 14019, titled “Promoting Access to Voting.” Recognizing that this EO raises serious ethical, legal, and constitutional concerns, we are writing to request documents and answers to the questions and serious concerns outlined below.

First, the EO commands the head of every federal agency to submit to the President’s Domestic Policy Advisor, Ms. Susan Rice, a plan outlining the steps their agency will take to “promote voter registration and voter participation.” It makes no sense for agencies that do not enforce federal voting laws to engage in election-related activities. Commanding every federal agency to develop a plan to engage in this kind of election activity is a blatant overreach of power and authority.

Second, the EO mandates that all federal agencies support “approved” third-party organizations to provide voter registration services on federal agency premises located in states across the nation. Determining which third-party organizations will be approved, by whom, and based on what criteria is conveniently missing from the EO. We are concerned that agencies will not be prevented from selecting nominally-nonpartisan organizations to carry out these services.

Third, and perhaps most troubling, this EO is nearly identical to a federal election takeover plan crafted by the radical left-leaning group known as Demos. A cursory review of this EO reveals a striking similarity between what this EO calls for and the plan developed by Demos and published on their website in December 2020. What is more, the Demos plan also called for the weaponization of the DOJ to be used as a tool to attack opponents who stand in the way of attempts to federalize elections. We have already seen this take shape with the Biden DOJ’s meritless lawsuit attacking Georgia’s election integrity law, and the recent voting guidance published by the DOJ. That guidance—a thinly veiled threat against those states that are willing to stand up to this administration’s effort to federalize elections—is troubling.

This EO’s strategy appears to enable the Biden administration to use federal government resources, funded by American taxpayers, to circumvent newly-passed state election integrity

laws. These laws make it easier to vote and harder to cheat. The Biden Administration's ongoing efforts to federalize state-run elections will erode these important protections.

As Acting Director of OMB, you are aware that one of OMB's most important responsibilities is to clear all Presidential Executive Orders prior to their issuance. In addition, you are also aware that it is OMB's responsibility to coordinate and review all significant Federal regulatory actions such as those required by the EO. Given the serious concerns outlined above, Congress needs more information from OMB about this EO and its implementation.

To better understand this order, including its scope and legality, we request the following documents and information no later than February 28, 2022:

1. A copy of the federal agency strategic plans created in accordance with EO 14019 submitted to your office for review. According to the EO, such plans were due on September 23, 2021. Indicate the agencies that did not submit a plan for review.
2. The basis, criteria, and approval authority by which third party organizations will be approved to conduct voter registration activities on federal agency premises.
3. Who specifically within OMB oversaw the approval of EO 14019?
4. Who specifically within OMB is reviewing and approving the agency strategic plans prior to their passage to the President's Domestic Policy Advisor?
5. What role, if any, is OMB-OIRA Senior Counsel K. Sabeel Rahman, former President of Demos, playing in the approval or review of this EO or the accompanying strategic plans?

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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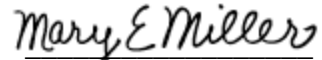
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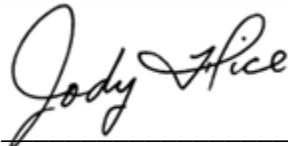
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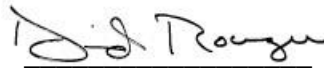
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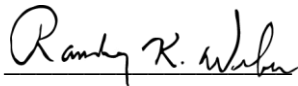
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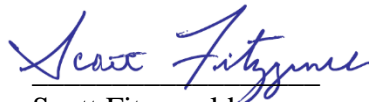
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