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February 22, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell S.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
1236 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader of the House
House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and House Minority Leader McCarthy:

We are writing you today to urge you to reject the “For the People Act” otherwise known as H.R. 1 or S. 1, which is a dangerous overreach by the federal government into the administration of elections.

Each state legislature should have the freedom and flexibility to determine practices that best meet the needs of their respective states. A one-size-fits-all approach mandated by Congress is not the solution to any of our problems.

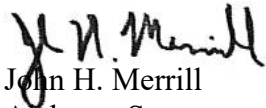
These bills intrude upon our constitutional rights, and further sacrifice the security and integrity of the elections process. We firmly believe the authority to legislate and regulate these changes should be left with the states.

H.R. 1 and S. 1 blatantly undermine the extensive work we, as election officials, have completed in order to provide safe, accessible voting options for our constituencies. Many of the proposed practices would reverse the years of progress that has been made. We are strongly opposed to these bills and hope you will dismiss efforts to advance this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter,

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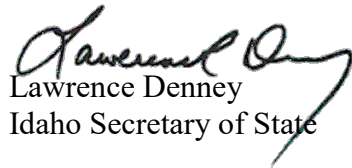
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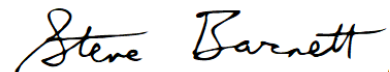
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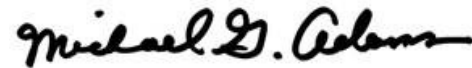
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