



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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The Honorable Patrick Toomey
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington , DC 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

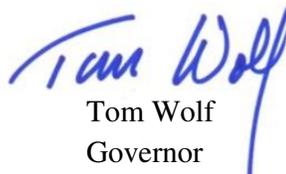
In March of this year, Congress took an important initial step to help states secure their elections and replace their outdated voting systems by allocating \$380 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. That appropriation resulted in \$13.5 million for Pennsylvania, which has already been earmarked for new voting systems, but that is only a fraction of what is needed.

In February, the PA Department of State issued a directive to all counties in the state that any newly purchased voting equipment must have a voter-verifiable paper record. Recognizing that new voting equipment is expensive, cost-sharing between federal, state, and local governments is necessary. I commend Congress for passing the initial \$380 million in HAVA funds for states, but it should not be a one-time occurrence. Additional funding is required to safeguard the integrity our elections.

Citizens should and must be confident that our elections are secure and fair. Congress has a responsibility to ensure that states have the resources to guarantee our voting infrastructure is protected from external threats. That is why I am calling on Congress to once again appropriate \$380 million to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) for grants to states for Fiscal Year 19. This funding is vital to helping states and our county partners plan and prepare for the significant costs required to replace old voting systems.

Congress should allocate additional funding to the states to protect the confidence and integrity of a foundation of our democracy – elections. This is a significant opportunity for all levels of government, federal, state and local, to work together to support our nation and its voting infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Tom Wolf
Governor