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The Honorable William Tong
Attorney General
State of Connecticut
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Dear Attorney General Tong:

I am writing to ask that you look into various concerns that have been raised about the August 11, 2020 primary election in Connecticut specific to the distribution of absentee ballots and applications.

Multiple issues have been raised by Connecticut's town clerks questioning the actions of the third-party mail house hired by the Secretary of the State to manage a new expanded absentee ballot system including mass mailings of applications and ballots. These concerns include whether the third-party mail house complied with state statutes and executive order governing the distribution of applications and absentee ballots such as whether timelines for mailings were met, whether the proper labeling and security features were followed, and whether clerks received appropriate notice of who in their towns were receiving which applications.

I ask that your office investigate these and any other issues related to absentee balloting to ensure the state is best protecting our residents' right to vote.

Specifically, I ask that you conduct an independent investigation to determine if the contract between the Secretary of the State and the third-party mail house adhered to the statutorily required timeframe guiding the state's election and absentee ballot laws.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter, made all the more pressing by the desire of the Secretary of the State to expand this new system for the upcoming general election. No one should have to risk their health to vote. And no one's vote should be at risk because they chose to vote absentee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Len Fasano", written over a white background.

Len Fasano
Senate Republican Leader