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## **Election Officials Call on Congress to Pass Anti-Doxxing Measures**

Dear Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, Chairwoman Klobuchar, and Ranking Member Fischer,

We, U.S. election workers from across the country, are writing to Congress to urge you to enact legislation expanding protections from targeted doxxing and intimidation. Election workers at the local and state level have been subjected to threats and harassment to an [unprecedented degree](#) since 2020. Many of us have received death threats, had our homes swatted, and our private information leaked to spread fear, all because we are simply doing our jobs and keeping American democracy running. Some of the most disruptive and terrifying threats that many of us have received included specific information about our homes, cars, offices, and children's schools. Using this kind of personal information alongside explicit or implicit death threats dramatically raises the danger to us and our families.

Today, people who work in elections do not have the ability to preemptively protect our private information from people who would use it to attack us and our families. And it is not a federal crime for someone to use that personal information to intimidate or threaten us. In response to these threats, [several states](#) have enacted legislation to protect elections officials and Congress has enacted anti-doxxing protections for [judges](#) facing similar personal threats. We call on Congress to follow their example and act to protect the people who run our elections from this persistent threat.

Congress has recognized this danger before. In June of 2023, a bipartisan group of more than 70 Representatives called on the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#) to emphasize anti-doxxing resources and training for election officials in updates to the agency's cybersecurity toolkit. We applaud this action, and the acknowledgment from Congress that doxxing of election workers is a threat to our democracy, we ask that Congress continue this effort in the form of a bill to further protect our election workers from threats such as doxxing.

Additionally, regular and increased federal funding for election security would go a long way towards improving protections for our election infrastructure and the people who keep it running. Appropriating

funds for the Election Security Grants program, run by the Election Assistance Commission, is an essential federal responsibility.

[Threats to election workers](#) have already begun to increase as the 2024 cycle ramps up. The time to act is now. We ask Congress to please continue its bipartisan work to strengthen anti-doxxing measures to ensure the safety of all those who dedicate their lives to sustaining our democratic process.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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