

## United States Senate

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Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche and Assistant Attorney General Dhillon:

I write to thank the Department of Justice for its commitment to protecting the integrity of America's elections and to encourage a thorough investigation of any related unlawful conduct.

Your recent prosecution of Brenda Lee Brown Armstrong, a California petition circulator who admitted to paying homeless residents living on Los Angeles' Skid Row to register to vote, sends a clear message that violations of federal election law will not be tolerated.<sup>1</sup> The facts outlined by the Department of Justice are deeply disturbing. According to court filings, Armstrong paid individuals to complete voter registration forms and sign petitions. In some instances, voter registration forms allegedly contained addresses that did not belong to the registrants.<sup>2</sup> As Assistant Attorney General Dhillon correctly observed, “[f]alse registrations undermine Americans' faith in elections – even more so when payoffs are involved.”<sup>3</sup>

The American people deserve to know the full scope of what occurred, who was involved, and whether similar conduct has taken place elsewhere. Election integrity is too important to permit anything less than a thorough accounting of the facts.

Unfortunately, many Americans do not view this case as an isolated incident, but as part of a broader pattern of vulnerabilities that have undermined public confidence in our elections. These allegations underscore the need for continued vigilance and aggressive enforcement of federal election law. In that regard, I am also concerned by the Los Angeles mayoral race, where a closely contested primary on June 2, 2026, and

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Dep't of Just., Press Release No. 26-514, *California Woman Federally Charged with Paying Individuals, Including Homeless People on L.A.'s Skid Row, to Register to Vote* (May 18, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-woman-federally-charged-paying-individuals-including-homeless-people-las-skid-row>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

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an upcoming general election on November 3, 2026, have focused renewed attention on ballot processing, vote-by-mail procedures, and overall election administration in the city.<sup>4</sup> I appreciate the Department's efforts to ensure that there is no election fraud or improper election-related conduct in Los Angeles or elsewhere.<sup>5</sup>

As the Senior Senator from Florida and former two-term governor, I have seen firsthand how strong election safeguards can increase public trust and confidence. Florida has become a national model for election administration by prioritizing transparency, accurate voter rolls, voter identification requirements, and timely election reporting. The result is a system in which voters can have confidence that elections are conducted fairly and that every lawful vote is counted.

Cases like the one recently prosecuted by the Department demonstrate why stronger, holistic safeguards are necessary to protect the integrity of our electoral system and restore public trust in it. On a separate but related note, that is why I am continuing to fight in the Senate for passage of the *Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE America) Act*. Requiring documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections is a commonsense reform supported by millions of Americans who believe that only United States citizens should participate in our elections.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that our elections are worthy of the American people's trust. I look forward to working with you to strengthen election integrity and hold accountable those who seek to undermine it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Scott  
United States Senator

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<sup>4</sup> Fox News, *Spencer Pratt's LA mayoral runoff bid in jeopardy as ballot count tightens to 1% lead over Democrat Raman* (Jun. 9, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/spencer-pratts-runner-edge-democrat-raman-1-thousand-ballots>.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*