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Dear District Manager DeLoux, Postmaster Richards, and Manager Beridon,

As members of the Houston area Congressional delegation, we write to ask for your inquiry into recent claims that non-partisan civic engagement groups are being turned away from donating blank, self-serve counter boxes of voter registration applications in Houston-area post office locations.

Post offices are cornerstones of our local communities, and they serve a variety of needs for our constituencies, including timely mail delivery and accessibility to a variety of government forms.

It has recently come to our attention that over 20 post office locations in the Houston region have denied non-partisan civic engagement organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the opportunity to donate blank self-serve counter boxes of voter registration applications to their local postal facilities, based on an email directive from the Houston USPS regional office.

The practice of allowing access to blank voter-registration cards at United States Postal Service locations is long-standing in accordance with 52 U.S.C. Code § 20506 and Section 20.001 of the Texas Election Code. Voter registration applications can be displayed in the lobbies of postal

facilities, or at least available upon request by postal customers, depending on the space available in each postal facility. Therefore, it is concerning to us why some locations are turning away donations of voter registration cards from volunteers who are eager to facilitate their community members' right to vote in our democratic elections.

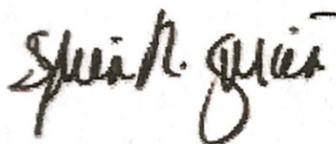
As government offices, USPS locations should have blank, voter registration forms, readily available for community members *at all times*. In fact, the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector's website refers Harris County residents to their local post offices, among other locations, to pick-up voter registration applications. Therefore, USPS should have voter registration applications available, and allow non-partisan volunteers to donate blank applications to USPS locations, as needed.

Furthermore, the availability of voter registration cards is particularly important because of the fast-approaching Texas state voter registration deadline of October 5, 2020 for participation in the upcoming November 2020 elections.

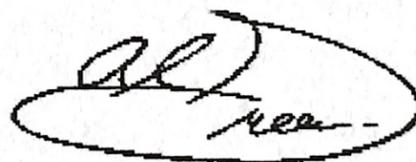
Please provide us with any directives issued by USPS in general or the Houston regional USPS office specifically explaining on what grounds post offices reject donations of blank voter registrations. If no such directive has been provided we fully expect Houston area post offices to accept donations of blank voter registration applications, as appropriate and in accordance with other policies, to best serve the needs of our constituents.

Thank you for your timely attention to this issue. We look forward to hearing from you no later than September 18th, 2020.

Sincerely,



Sylvia R. Garcia
Member of Congress



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CC: Cory Brown, Government Relations Specialist USPS