



Election Commissioner

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
1236 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy and Leader Schumer:

I am writing to you today as the current President of the Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Registers of Deeds and Election Commissioners. We are the officials tasked with administering elections in Nebraska. We are committed to ensuring that every eligible voter in our state can securely and safely cast a ballot in November.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges to our work this year. As county election administrators, we have met those challenges head on.

The May 12th Primary brought a record number of early vote ballots cast for a Primary Election. We anticipate that the November 3rd Presidential Election will result in the same. Preparing for this comes with considerable costs associated with materials, printing, and postage along with an increase in staffing, supplies, as well as space to process the increase in early vote ballots. In addition, all of this work must be done while complying with social distancing while protecting the health of voters and our staff.

At the same time, we continue to prepare Election Day polling sites to protect both the health and safety of poll workers as well as voters. We will also need to invest in personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and other materials for our polling sites.

As County Election Officials, we have proven that we can conduct elections this year during a pandemic that protects the right to vote as well as maintaining the safety of staff, poll workers and voters.

We urge Congress to assist us by providing us with the additional resources necessary to ensure that all Nebraskans will have their voices heard in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Shively". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David J. Shively, President
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Registers of Deeds and Election Commissioners
Lancaster County Election Commissioner

Cc: The Honorable Deb Fisher
The Honorable Ben Sasse