

July 12, 2023

To: Members of Congress
From: Secretaries of State of our Respective States

SUBJECT: Statement by State Election Officials in Support of Congressional Investigation into Intentional Falsehoods Leading to Election Interference

Dear Senators and Representatives:

As the chief election officers of our respective states responsible for running free and fair elections, we have great concern in the findings in the Report of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary that former federal intelligence officials and the Biden Campaign coordinated efforts to intentionally influence the 2020 presidential election by spreading disinformation.


Those former intelligence officials and the presidential campaign actors contributed to the undermining of the American people's confidence in elections. We support the Committee on the Judiciary Chairman's investigation into this matter, and we call on Congress to continue the investigation for documents, emails, sworn testimony, and other evidence of interference in our elections.

We are particularly concerned with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's role in the operation while he served as a senior member of President Biden's campaign. Should the Congressional investigation confirm Secretary Blinken's leading role as stated in the report, we call on Secretary Blinken to resign immediately.

The full weight of the US Government should be used to ensure free, and fair, elections in the future. To cast informed ballots, Americans need transparency into actions by former, and perhaps current, federal government officials to weaponize false information for political purposes. Congress should hold perpetrators accountable and consider all available corrective measures to provide transparency to the public of any improper actions set forth in the Report.

Congress must act to prevent and deter such interference in the future.

Signed:

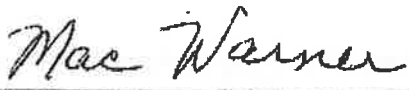



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