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The Honorable Howard Knapp  
Executive Director  
State Election Commission  
P.O. Box 5987  
Columbia, SC 29250

Dear Executive Director Knapp,

With early voting underway, and as we approach election day, I write to remind you of certain state law obligations regarding election integrity. Specifically, I note that state law expressly prohibits forms of ballot harvesting, making it “unlawful for a person to return more than five return-addressed envelopes in an election, in addition to his own.” S.C. Code Ann. § 7-15-385(G). An individual found to be engaged in illegal ballot harvesting is guilty of a felony. *See* S.C. Code § 7-25-190. If prosecuted and convicted, the individual may be imprisoned for up to five years.

In short, South Carolina law considers illegal ballot harvesting to be a serious offense, which undermines our system of free and fair elections. I know you, your team, and election offices across the State are working diligently to ensure that South Carolina will have a free, fair, and secure election on November 5. To further these efforts, I ask that you forward this letter to all 46 election offices across the State.

By working together, I am confident we can all do our part to ensure election integrity in 2024.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson