



April 8, 2021

John Greenewald  
The Black Vault  
27305 W. Live Oak Road  
Suite 1203  
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request number GSA-2021-000294, submitted on November 25, 2020, in which you requested a copy of all emails sent to the GSA Administrator which contain the keyword in your request. The date range for your request is November 20, 2020 through November 25, 2020.

Enclosed please find one file of responsive communications. In processing your request, GSA has withheld the phone numbers of federal employees, personal email addresses, and the contact information of non-GSA employees. In addition, GSA has withheld purely personal details that do not shed light on agency functions. This is done pursuant to the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We also withheld preliminary discussions and information reflecting the deliberative process of the Executive Branch. This is done pursuant to the fifth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), because release of this information would stifle honest and frank communications and have a chilling effect on discussions involving matters significant to the Executive Branch. Please note that the enclosed file does not include every unsolicited incoming email communication from an individual member of the public that discussed his or her personal views concerning ascertainment.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraph(s) with the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center  
1800 F Street, NW

U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
Toll Free: (855)-675-3642  
Fax: (202) 501-2727

Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes action on your request. Should you have questions, you may contact me at [travis.lewis@gsa.gov](mailto:travis.lewis@gsa.gov) or contact our GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Duane Smith, at (202) 694-2934 or by email at [duane.smith@gsa.gov](mailto:duane.smith@gsa.gov) for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

*Travis Lewis*

**Travis Lewis**

FOIA Program Manager

Office of General Counsel

General Services Administration

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**Subject:** NCR Situational Awareness - COVID-19  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 09:01:31 -0500  
**From:** E OC <eoc@gsa.gov>  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;  
**Bcc:** SERT@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <CAH8iZQe727MvpSvXyOrxRoJygUaSsHqgwVqmzzxwsrAj6pMf4w@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 3e2a7d30b5c9abcab267e2b82ee5b602

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GSA NCR  
Washington, DC  
Situational Awareness  
Status as of 9:55 pm (11/23)

**Location:**  
Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building (Owned)  
1401 Constitution Avenue Northwest  
Washington, DC

**Tenants:**  
GSA

The EOC received the following information:

A GSA team member took a COVID-19 test on November 14th which came back negative. The team member was last in the office on November 17th, and then was tested again for COVID-19 on November 20th. On November 23rd, the team member received the results from the test on November 20th and the results were positive for COVID-19. While in the office on November 17th, the team member accessed the Presidential Transition Office from the 15th street entrance, proceeded down the hallway to the freight elevator and rode up to the second floor and sat in a seat on the second floor. The team member used the restroom and the pantry on the second floor during the day. The individual exited the building the same way it was entered ((b) (6)) to freight elevator, down hallway, and out 15th street entrance). Since receiving the report, the Presidential Transition Support Team has worked to document the last day that the employee was in the office and the path of travel the employee took while at the facility. The Presidential Transition Support Team has had an initial conversation with the Department of Commerce Office of Facilities and Environmental Quality to coordinate enhanced cleaning of the impacted areas (the facility is a delegated building and all cleaning activities are managed by the Department of Commerce). Cleaning is required.

The EOC will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates as information becomes available.

Thank you,

Watch Officer

GSA EOC HQ  
((b) (6))  
[eoc@gsa.gov](mailto:eoc@gsa.gov)

Please do not respond to this email address. If you have questions, concerns, or requests for

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information, please contact Will Petry at [william.petry@gsa.gov](mailto:william.petry@gsa.gov).

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**Subject:** Fwd: Transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 21:22:53 -0500  
**From:** Emily Murphy (b) (6)  
**To:** Emily Murphy <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAKkOHQaqp2PEeJhugGNvS8fQv44we58Sv6qLg0=u=oAy-TtDw@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 53c68bb0d23a0beac70b6ac35876f462

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**From:** (b) (6) <(b) (6).com>  
**Date:** Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 6:17 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Transition  
**To:** (b) (6) <(b) (6).com>

'Bout time.

> On Nov 23, 2020, at 14:43, (b) (6) <(b) (6).com> wrote:  
>  
> Chicken.

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Emily

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**Subject:** Thank you for your service to the People of The United States  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 07:20:35 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) (b) (6) @me.com>  
**To:** keith.colella@gsa.gov, eric.johnson@gsa.gov, patrick.son@gsa.gov, itcsc@gsa.gov, laura.marble@gsa.gov, lisa.v.nelson@gsa.gov, eric.rettig@gsa.gov, stephanie.kenitzer@gsa.gov, christina.mullins@gsa.gov, ed.myers@gsa.gov, gsa.foia@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .com, tara.malone@gsa.gov, dianab.henderson@gsa.gov, katherine.spivey@gsa.gov, herman.lyons@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @dol.gov, brenda.peare@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @trade.gov, gpg@gsa.gov, barbara.holzworth@gsa.gov, teresa.mccarthy@gsa.gov, chris.wisner@gsa.gov, michael.mcdaniel@gsa.gov, richard.stebbins@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .com, robb.back@gsa.gov, joey.edwards@gsa.gov, dan.purcelley@gsa.gov, matthew.burrell@gsa.gov, claire.richardson@gsa.gov, sharon.henry@gsa.gov, jim.bethke@gsa.gov, audrey.entorf@gsa.gov, nrc@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @gao.gov, james.w.harrington@gsa.gov, william.pettigrew@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .com, willie.mills@gsa.gov, chasity.ash@gsa.gov, les.yamagata@gsa.gov, fineartscollection@gsa.gov, cheryl.carufel@gsa.gov, ronnie.redmond@gsa.gov, kimberly.hutchinson@gsa.gov, gerald.mullarkey@gsa.gov, pbs.dashboard@gsa.gov, sidney.frazier@gsa.gov, covid19.questions@gsa.gov  
**Cc:** digitalgov@gsa.gov, james.julian@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .com, professionalservices@gsa.gov, malissa.jones@gsa.gov, christopher.olry@gsa.gov, houston.taylor@gsa.gov, sheri.meadema@gsa.gov, chad.latawiec@gsa.gov, maureen.cruz@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .com, christina.shaw@gsa.gov, isabella.redding@gsa.gov, fleet\_training@gsa.gov, felix.peguero-luna@gsa.gov, zone2lca@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @wyo.gov, kenitha.aikman@gsa.gov, rhisa.prince@gsa.gov, zachary.lerner@gsa.gov, varuna.singh@gsa.gov, jill.rhea@gsa.gov, kevin.funk@gsa.gov, joe.hvorecky@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @ihs.gov, susan.conger@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @dms.fl.gov, mike.dunbar@gsa.gov, nefo.admin@gsa.gov, allison.arias@gsa.gov, (b) (6) .org, joseph.garrido@gsa.gov, robin.reyes@gsa.gov, (b) (6) @usdoj.gov, alliant2@gsa.gov, customerexperience@gsa.gov, camille.sabbakhan@gsa.gov, amandaj.smith@gsa.gov, medi.givechian@gsa.gov, bob.stafford@gsa.gov, brian.barnes@gsa.gov, brian.stern@gsa.gov, carla.sansalone@gsa.gov, christopher.averill@gsa.gov, david.shive@gsa.gov, emily.murphy@gsa.gov, gerard.badorrek@gsa.gov, jeri.somers@gsa.gov, jessica.salmoiraghi@gsa.gov, john.sarcone@gsa.gov, julie.dunne@gsa.gov, mary.gibert@gsa.gov, robert.borden@gsa.gov, robert.carter@gsa.gov, roy.atwood@gsa.gov, traci.dimartini@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <C9CF27FC-42FD-4B70-949E-5642C0380286@me.com>  
**MD5:** 1ae5b580468e2cd01aa5da869c59d534

Tuesday, November 24 2020

Employees of  
The General Services Administration  
United States of America

Thank you for your service to the people of the United States of America.

This nation is so severely divided, I believe by many people that do not have the best interest of the American people at the center of their actions. Our leaders have done nothing but build upon the human tendency to consider others that are not like them as the enemy. We have a long way to go, yet I think by beginning the transition process, the GSA has initiated one small step towards the giant leap that is before the American public.

Thank you.

I, for one, and I am sure for many, am grateful for you, 'the deep state' government workers, most of which are dedicated career civil servants who have dedicated your lives to your work,

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the Constitution, and the American people, and not to one man or woman that is greedy for power and wealth. Thanks be to God.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours,

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**Subject:** Your letter to President-elect Biden  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 23:08:02 +0000 (UTC)  
**From:** (b) (6) @yahoo.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <174702269.1341217.1606259282902@mail.yahoo.com>  
**MD5:** 32f6d771bb6b8df3118e66ec456c92d7

Is a crock of shit and you know it. PUH-lease. You made the decision on your own? And Der Fuhrer tweeted out an hour later that he had encouraged the transition to begin?

You suck.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] GSA Letter  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 16:58:35 -0800  
**From:** Mary Gibert - AK <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>  
**To:** "Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Emily Murphy <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Mary Gibert <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAOH3n2vcNj\_uJt6V\_vvZvVi3e7xyKDKem\_hQ\_6\_4RmY2bXxo4w@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 578cbe3609d9d28961c0ea6972273bbe

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Thanks.

Mary

Mary D. Gibert  
Federal Transition Coordinator and Associate Administrator  
Office of Civil Rights  
U.S. General Services Administration  
[1800 F Street, NW](#), Room 2331  
[Washington, DC 20405](#)  
Telephone: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 23, 2020, at 7:41 PM, Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tausche, Kayla (NBCUniversal)" <(b) (6)@nbcuni.com>  
**Date:** November 23, 2020 at 6:19:33 PM EST  
**To:** "Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] GSA Letter

Hi Chris,

Hope this note finds you doing well. Could you possibly share the GSA letter urging the start of a presidential transition that was delivered today? I see your name copied on it.

Thank you,  
Kayla

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Kayla Tausche  
CNBC, Washington

(b) (6)  
(b) (6) @cnbc.com

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**Subject:** ethical leadership  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 16:36:43 -0600  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <CACWV3t-nY7yKAxrxj1PKbnNqxUqfbJZUWMdKnLwq1TMPphL1oAw@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** c2a34b03cfe5456faaee649629535933

Dear Ms. Murphy:

During acquisition excellence conferences, congressional hearings, and other gatherings, you have claimed that ethical leadership is one of your priorities. I see quite the opposite in your obstruction of the transition to the incoming administration. As a citizen very much concerned about national security, I ask that you in fact honor your promise to put taxpayers first -- better late than never -- and proceed with the tasks necessary to keep the country safe and functioning.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] GSA Letter  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 16:59:50 -0800  
**From:** Mary Gibert - AK <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>  
**To:** pamela.pennington@gsa.gov  
**Cc:** Emily A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Mary Gibert <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAOH3n2tsibiBPL5DYMFozeLce4nTwwXt8VP-2S47mqusFK=7HQ@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 5c33279351580963f4a7e619fe4a5d47

FYI.

Mary

**Mary D. Gibert**  
Federal Transition Coordinator and Associate Administrator  
Office of Civil Rights  
U.S. General Services Administration  
[1800 F Street, NW, Room 2331](#)  
[Washington, DC 20405](#)  
Telephone: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)  
**Date:** November 23, 2020 at 7:41:29 PM EST  
**To:** Mary Gilbert <mary.gibert@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] GSA Letter

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tausche, Kayla (NBCUniversal)" <(b) (6)@nbcuni.com>  
**Date:** November 23, 2020 at 6:19:33 PM EST  
**To:** "Liddell, Christopher P. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] GSA Letter

Hi Chris,

Hope this note finds you doing well. Could you possibly share the GSA letter urging the start of a presidential transition that was delivered today? I see your name copied on it.

Thank you,  
Kayla

Kayla Tausche  
CNBC, Washington

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(b) (6)  
[\(b\) \(6\)@cnbc.com](mailto:(b) (6)@cnbc.com)

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**Subject:** Re: A Short Note  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 10:33:07 -0500  
**From:** Michelle Mitchell - 5P1SBC <michelle.mitchell@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAE2F-bJOt8GekuczxFxr29-qyXAKSpTsmn7NY1g06TtnNnwgvA@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** c67bfb3113876c0427c427b4c365313f

Emily,

You've done such a great job guiding us through the pandemic and all the social unrest. You really have been an anchor and your Town Hall's from home had a much needed personal touch in difficult times. Stay strong through the transition - we have faith in you!

Thank you!

Michelle K. Mitchell  
GSA Building Management Specialist  
575 N. Pennsylvania St., Room 120  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(b) (6)  
[michelle.mitchell@gsa.gov](mailto:michelle.mitchell@gsa.gov)

***TO REPORT A COVID-19 INCIDENT*** please call the following numbers immediately: Cell (b) (6) or the Minton-Capehart Field Office Main Line **(317) 226-6234**

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On Fri, Nov 20, 2020 at 9:26 AM GSA Administrator <[GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov](mailto:GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov)> wrote:

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Dear GSA,

Over the past several months, I've made a practice of sending you a note or communication every week. This week, I wanted to send you a short note saying that the people of GSA remain constantly in my heart. As we continue to manage through the pandemic, I am so proud of the work that we've accomplished together during some incredible challenges. I remain very honored to work with you. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves.

Warmest regards,  
Emily

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**Subject:** Fwd: Today's Ascertainment  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 15:35:15 -0800  
**From:** Danielle Perdue - BBFA <danielle.perdue@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CA+BjTvcGgmrGA\_sfWpWGO=v=fo1qoE-KpZufX\_W5spgQN+YO8A@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 15d3686aa0c28d2a1fc2043bc9f73ba6

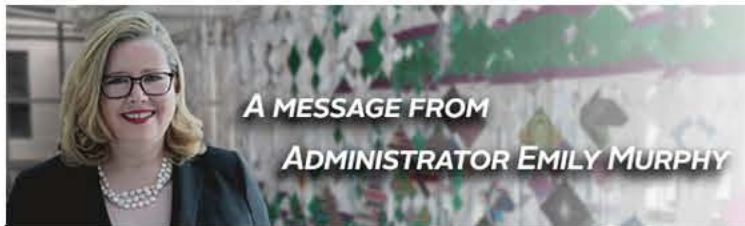
I personally want to thank you, Mrs. Emily Murphy, for the awesome leadership you have and continue to provide to our wonderful agency.

(b) (6)

Thank you,  
Danielle Perdue  
Financial Management Analyst (BBFA)  
Federal Acquisition Service  
Pacific Rim Region  
Office: (b) (6)  
Email: [danielle.perdue@gsa.gov](mailto:danielle.perdue@gsa.gov)

On Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 3:10 PM GSA Administrator <[GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov](mailto:GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov)> wrote:

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Dear GSA,

I have dedicated much of my adult life to public service, and I have always strived to do what is right. As many of you may have known, or recently learned in the news, the GSA Administrator has the unique statutory role of ascertaining the apparent winner in a presidential election, thereby releasing post-election resources and services for use in the event of a presidential transition. Today, pursuant to my duty as the GSA Administrator, I authorized the release of those resources and services so that former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Kamala Harris can continue their transition activities.

I want you to hear directly from me: I was never pressured with regard to the substance or timing of my decision. The decision was solely mine. I was not directly or indirectly pressured by any Executive Branch official- including those who work at the White House or GSA- to delay this determination or to speed it up. I made this decision independently, based on the law and available facts. My goal at every point has been to uphold the law, understand what my role did and did not encompass, and make the most prudent choice. While today's decision was not easy, I believe it was right, and I stand by it.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is an honor to lead this incredible agency.

Emily





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**Subject:** Fwd: Comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 10:27:49 -0500  
**From:** EM Threat <em-threat@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CA+q+UFos-UQDR1HUASP995-7jU03mD56fbueRnumEqVizCbAjlw@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** c2e91bb83d88ee5ce8c4325bf64efa

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**From:** Valentino-Smith, Geraldine Delegate (b) (6) @house.state.md.us>  
**Date:** Sun, Nov 22, 2020 at 12:19 PM  
**Subject:** Comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6) (b) (6) @gmail.com>, (b) (6) (b) (6) @gmail.com>, (b) (6) (b) (6) @dlcc.org>

GERALDINE VALENTINO-SMITH  
*Legislative District 23A*  
Prince George's County

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Appropriations Committee  
*Vice Chair*  
Health and Social Services  
Subcommittee



The Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street, Room 201  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
FAX 410-858-4294 • 410-841-3294  
(b) (6) @house.state.md.us

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

November 22, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy,

I am a member of the Maryland General Assembly and am serving my third term representing the citizens of District 23A. Elected officials and my constituents are living in some of the most challenging and complex times, with threats to health, economic stability and future uncertainty for our children and vulnerable populations. I respectfully request that you immediately reconsider your actions to deny President-Elect Biden and his team access to the necessary and lawfully granted resources to ensure a successful transition for the citizens of the United States.

Your actions are wholly unsupported by historical precedent and the Presidential Transition Act of 1963. Your attestation that you can continue to withhold necessary access based on the losing incumbent's refusal to concede, which is based on widely debunked allegations about the results of a general election, is and will continue to harm our country in ways that are not deserving of the citizens in our great Democracy.

Your delay puts national security at risk. As the authors of the 9/11 Report have noted, presidential transitions "are a time of great vulnerability for our nation." The turnover of government is hard even in the best of times, which is why Congress has provided support to

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the President-elect under the Presidential Transition Act- support that is designed to ensure that the President-elect is ready on Day One. The transition must access sensitive government information to brief nominees and prepare to confront the threats that our nation faces. Until the GSA Administrator ascertains, agency review teams -- professionals deployed to federal agencies to collect information to brief the President-elect, the Vice President-elect, their cabinet, and other nominees -- are unable to access classified information. This information is vital to prepare nominees.

Many are watching your actions and depending on you to restore a sense of integrity to our great nation. You have within you the power to change the course of the coming weeks in a manner that signals respect for law and order in the name of serving for the general safety and well being of our nation. So many depend on you and feel helpless by your overreaching and unprecedented behavior.

Every day lost delays the next Administration's ability to effectively plan this response to the COVID pandemic and puts thousands of Americans at risk of serious illness or death. For the good of so many it is time for you to assume the responsibility instilled in your office and guarantee a successful transition and reverse your refusal to acknowledge the clearly established election results.

**(b) (6)**

Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith

District 23A

6 Bladen Street, Room 201

Annapolis, MD 21401

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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter formally beginning transition for Biden  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:24:07 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Pamela Pennington - ZM <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAOU=kGQXFDXmRrWkjqaJ-nnBwLxKLk0T9Yy8ynL1gNw71ik\_KQ@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 04bd922e9476b91edfa289de8e1bc10e

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From: **Alayna Treene** <(b) (6)@axios.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 6:18 PM  
Subject: Letter formally beginning transition for Biden  
To: <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, <jonathan.clinton@gsa.gov>

Hi Emily and Jonathan,

I saw that CNN has obtained a copy of the letter you sent signing off on the transition process for President-elect Biden. Could you provide us with a copy as well?

Thank you. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Alayna

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Alayna Treene

Axios White House Reporter

(b) (6)@axios.com | (b) (6)





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**Subject:** Fwd: Biden Transition Letter  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:23:42 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Pamela Pennington - ZM  
<pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAOU=kGSkeRr-vZ6Q47YetcR4u0ZB++WrbMy0MCi=tt1q0k3XDQ@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 72dd2e08cef17b8b8a8d77b758cdd77a

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From: **Palombo, Ross** (b) (6) @wplg.com>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 6:18 PM  
Subject: Biden Transition Letter  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Hi Ms. Murphy,

Would you send me a copy of the letter you sent to President-Elect Biden, please, confirming the formal transition can actually begin?

Best Regards,

Ross

Ross Palombo  
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**Subject:** =?Cp1252?Q?Today=92s\_Ascertainment?=  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 17:15:38 -0600  
**From:** "GSA Administrator" <GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <16853050.8905@notify.gsa.gov>  
**MD5:** 3749e956cfb56b3af0ffb1b03b8de935



Dear GSA,

I have dedicated much of my adult life to public service, and I have always strived to do what is right. As many of you may have known, or recently learned in the news, the GSA Administrator has the unique statutory role of ascertaining the apparent winner in a presidential election, thereby releasing post-election resources and services for use in the event of a presidential transition. Today, pursuant to my duty as the GSA Administrator, I authorized the release of those resources and services so that former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Kamala Harris can continue their transition activities.

I want you to hear directly from me: I was never pressured with regard to the substance or timing of my decision. The decision was solely mine. I was not directly or indirectly pressured by any Executive Branch official- including those who work at the White House or GSA- to delay this determination or to speed it up. I made this decision independently, based on the law and available facts. My goal at every point has been to uphold the law, understand what my role did and did not encompass, and make the most prudent choice. While today's decision was not easy, I believe it was right, and I stand by it.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is an honor to lead this incredible agency.

Emily



U.S. General Services Administration



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This email was sent to emily.murphy@gsa.gov on behalf of General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20405 866-606-8220

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**Subject:** Please do your job  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 23:12:51 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6) @va.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6) .com" (b) (6) .com>  
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Ma'am,

The whole country, but especially all the veterans I support, respectfully request you put aside politics. We are asking you nicely to do your job, and start the transition of the Presidency to President Biden and Vice President Harris. They won in a democratic election, by a landslide. There's no disputing the fact.

Can you please do this as quickly as possible, so we can begin to stem the tide of the lethal virus killing our citizens – your family and mine?

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Asking for thousands of friends.

Best regards,

(b) (6)  
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(b) (6)  
(b) (6) @va.gov

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**Subject:** Please certify the election. Be a good American  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:11:16 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <175801d6c1ee\$19affef0\$4d0ffcd0\$@gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 420769e9f525f37b8c4333bde07716be

Dear Emily Murphy

You must realize by now that your tenure as GSA Administrator is almost over.

If you continue to disrupt the Biden transition, he will likely terminate you at 12.01 pm on 1/20/21.

If you let the Biden transition begin, then Trump will almost certainly terminate you.

Your job is over in either case, but allowing the Biden transition to begin is what is best for America. Put on your hat as a citizen and let the Biden transition begin.

Very truly yours,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** What are you doing?  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 16:37:48 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
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Tax payer funded jobs deserve people put there to serve the American people. Not one American president. Please start the transition to President-elect Biden.

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**Subject:** The election  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 15:26:32 -0600  
**From:** (b) (6) @yahoo.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <8B912030-2487-4596-BCBA-1B2044AD97C0@yahoo.com>  
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Hello Ms Murphy,

The American people have spoken. We have elected Joe Biden. We ask that you do your job and enable his transition and transition team access to the information necessary to keep America safe!

Thank you,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Please start the Presidential Transition Act to President-elect Biden  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 21:14:34 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6)@protonmail.com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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Director Murphy

The Presidential Transition Act requires you to ascertain the "apparent" winner. Biden's margin is 306-232 and the likelihood of failed certifications in Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Nevada are nearly impossible. What are you waiting for? People are dying of covid-19, the economy is shedding jobs, millions of tenants are facing back-rent. Our nation cannot afford the turbulence the bi-partisan Act was designed to avoid. Consider the urgency and intent of this law. Begin the transition now.

Sincerely

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**Subject:** What are you doing?  
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Tax payer funded jobs deserve people put there to serve the American people. Not one American president. Please start the transition to President-elect Biden.



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**Subject:** Start the Transition  
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**From:** (b) (6) @wowway.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <265504095.328298.1606163595325.JavaMail.zimbra@wowway.com>  
**MD5:** 5393fef8ed91bf820587ddb618bd946c

You are personally and single-handedly putting our nation's security at risk. The American people are dealing with an unstoppable pandemic, an economic crisis where families cannot put food on the table or pay their rent, and a president lying about election fraud.

Are you going to join in the president's racist games?

You know these to be true. What kind of a human being are you? Would your mother and father be proud?

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**Subject:** Do Your Job!  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 13:47:32 -0600  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
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Emily:

You work for the citizens of the United States of America. Our taxes pay your wages. It's time for you to stand up, act like an adult, & sign the transition paperwork so Joe Biden and Kamala Harris can do what we elected them to do. I know you don't like it, but they won.

You're putting those lives, homes, & food of millions of Americans on the line by refusing to do your job. My own adult children are struggling to feed their families and pay their rent. Have you ever had the opportunity to witness someone you love breaking down in tears because they were afraid their family would be homeless? What the hell is your problem, Emily? Sign the damn papers.

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**Subject:** Ascertainment  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 19:36:41 +0000  
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**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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Start the transition.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 14:56:28 -0500  
**From:** EM Threat <em-threat@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>  
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From: **Sen. Wiley Nickel** <(b) (6)@ncleg.gov>  
Date: Sun, Nov 22, 2020 at 3:30 PM  
Subject: Your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>  
Cc: Michael Cullen (Sen. Wiley Nickel) <(b) (6)@ncleg.gov>

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

November 22, 2020

Dear Ms. Murphy,

I write to express my strong concern over your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the presidential election and the next President of the United States. I urge you to correct this error immediately.

The American people have chosen Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to be the next President and Vice President of the United States. President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris earned nearly 80 million votes, more than any candidates for President and Vice President in the history of the United States of America, and they are ahead in the popular vote by six million votes.

The unlawful delay threatens to severely hamper our nation's COVID-19 response. As President-elect Biden and his team of experts work to get the pandemic under control, it's critical for the transition team to be able to meet with the government officials who are handling the pandemic response. The Biden-Harris Administration must be prepared to distribute a vaccine as soon as possible. Every day lost delays their ability to effectively plan this response, putting thousands of Americans at risk of serious illness or death.

A delayed transition caused by your failure to ascertain Joe Biden as the winner will directly harm my constituents in North Carolina. As Dr. Fauci said, the inability to speak to agency officials will slow the national COVID vaccination program. Every day lost in the US vaccination effort means thousands more will be at risk of serious illness or death from COVID. The Transition has not been able to access this critical information, resulting in an inability to effectively troubleshoot problems that arise in vaccine manufacturing, an inability to effectively prepare for vaccine distribution for North Carolina and the rest of the country, and an inability to effectively prepare for and manage a national vaccine rollout.

Your delayed ascertainment is both unlawful and unreasonable. President Trump's litigation is

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frivolous and will not change the outcome of the Election. There is no need to wait for the formal conclusion of President Trump's many baseless election-related lawsuits. In every previous election the GSA Administrator has recognized the winner of the election as soon as the outcome was clear, which is the case today. The GSA Administration has routinely ascertained the winner of the election weeks before recounts and election-related litigation concluded. The Trump campaign's lawsuits have been consistently exposed as totally baseless and lacking evidence - in fact, two dozen have been dismissed just since Election Day; to delay ascertainment based on such lawsuits would violate the text and intent of the statute, and would effectively give the losing candidate a veto over the smooth transition of power.

Your unlawful decision not to ascertain President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris violates the Presidential Transition Act and hurts the country by stalling the Transition. I urge you to do your job immediately and allow the Biden/Harris Administration to begin the Presidential Transition.

Sincerely,

Wiley Nickel  
NC Senator, District 16

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**Subject:** Start the transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 14:17:28 -0500  
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**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
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**Subject:** Presidential Election - Ascertainment of the Apparent Successful Candidate  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 19:03:39 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6) .com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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Administrator Murphy,

I am writing to urge you to perform formal ascertainment of the apparent successful presidential candidate, Joseph R. Biden, without further delay.

Mr. Biden is, *in fact*, the apparent successful presidential candidate and must be supported in the transition of administrations during this dire national emergency.

The delay in ascertainment by the GSA is profoundly harmful and unconscionable. Please proceed and do the right thing.

Thank you

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** Presidential Transition Act  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 19:03:02 +0000  
**From:** Mayor Gallego (b) (6) @phoenix.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <F0ED74A0-9DE9-4312-B03A-5492D69EA161@phoenix.gov>  
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Administrator Murphy,

I serve as Mayor of the City of Phoenix, the nation's 5<sup>th</sup> largest city. We are in the midst of a terrible crises with COVID-19.

I strongly encourage you to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election to allow the transition to begin.

We have no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Kate Gallego  
Phoenix Mayor  
(b) (6) @phoenix.gov



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**Subject:** Letter from Chairman Scott regarding Biden-Harris transition resources  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 21:59:34 +0000  
**From:** "Yu, Cathy" <(b) (6)@mail.house.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** "GSACongressionalAffairs@gsa.gov" <GSACongressionalAffairs@gsa.gov>  
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**Attachments:** 2020.11.23 RCS to GSA Re Biden-Harris Resources Refusal.pdf

Dear Administrator Murphy,

Attached is a letter from Chairman Scott regarding your refusal to grant the Biden-Harris Transition Team the resources to which they are entitled under the Presidential Transition Act and the impacts this has on the areas of interest for the Education and Labor Committee. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Cathy Yu  
Director of Labor and Health Oversight  
Committee on Education and Labor  
Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
U.S. House of Representatives

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November 23, 2020

The Honorable Emily Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW,  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I write to you out of concern that your ongoing refusal to grant the Biden-Harris Transition Team access to the post-election resources required by the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 is severely hampering critical areas of the Committee on Education and Labor's (Committee) interest.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I ask that you immediately reverse your decision and grant the Biden-Harris Transition Team access to critical services and facilities specified in the Presidential Transition Act and the millions of dollars in funding that Congress appropriated on October 1, 2020, for transition activities under the Act.<sup>2</sup>

In passing the Presidential Transition Act, Congress explicitly warned: "Any disruption occasioned by the transfer of executive power could produce results detrimental to the safety and well-being of the United States and its people."<sup>3</sup> Congress reaffirmed the importance of a timely and orderly transition by passing the Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2019 with overwhelming bipartisan support. President Trump signed this bill on March 3, 2020, which expanded the transition resources available to an incoming presidential administration.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 3 U.S.C. § 102 note. Under the Presidential Transition Act, it is your responsibility as Administrator of the General Services Administration to begin transition activities as soon as you ascertain "the apparent successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President." President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris have clearly satisfied any good faith reading of this standard. There is no legitimate path forward for President Trump and therefore no valid legal basis to withhold the ascertainment designation under the Presidential Transition Act.

<sup>2</sup> Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-159.

<sup>3</sup> 3 U.S.C. § 102 note.

<sup>4</sup> Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-121.

Our country is facing an unprecedented global pandemic that is killing 2,000 Americans per day, and any further delay in an effective government response will have devastating consequences.<sup>5</sup> As you are surely aware, an effective government response during this time requires an effective transition of government. The disruption caused by your decision to withhold the ascertainment designation under the Presidential Transition Act has been particularly apparent in the areas of this Committee's jurisdiction: health, education, and labor.

In preventing the Biden-Harris Transition Team from accessing comprehensive data from the Department of Health and Human Services, you are compromising the incoming Biden Administration's ability to put in place the necessary policies for testing and treatment of the American public during a pandemic that is raging exponentially out of control. In addition, despite the promising news of several vaccine candidates, the Biden-Harris Transition Team is unable to fully and appropriately continue to plan for a potential vaccine, including vital engagement efforts with local communities, without access to government COVID-19 data.

Your stalled action is also undermining the federal government's ability to adequately respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in the education space. States and communities with high rates of COVID-19 transmission are navigating the physical re-opening some schools and keeping others virtual, all while managing staffing shortages. The Department of Education plays a central role supporting states and school districts with timely resources and guidance as they manage this extremely challenging period. It is essential for the nation's school administrators, teachers, and students that the transition to the incoming Biden Administration is as seamless as possible.

Additionally, the current Administration has suspended all student loan payments through December 31, 2020 due to pandemic-induced economic hardship but has not indicated whether that suspension will continue through the end of President Trump's term. This could result in a turbulent restart and stoppage of the student loan servicing apparatus, which would cost immense taxpayer resources and confuse borrowers. The incoming Biden Administration must have frank conversations with current policymakers and have immediate access to the Department of Education's resources. Without this transfer of information and resources, the Biden Administration will face unnecessary obstacles to ensure the nation's 40 million student loan borrowers obtain appropriate guidance and relief.

The country's workers are also experiencing severe hardship under this pandemic. In order to hit the ground running on protecting the workforce during this pandemic, the Biden-Harris Transition Team must have access to information on the status of a draft COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard to protect health care workers, first responders, and other essential workers. The current lack of a COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard has already compromised the life and health of workers and done untold damage to the government's ability to tackle the pandemic in the workplace. The continued delay in sharing critical information with the Biden-Harris Transition Team regarding Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's)

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<sup>5</sup> *U.S. Returns to Daily Coronavirus Death Toll of Over 2,000 Lives*, U.S. News (Nov. 20, 2020) (online at: <https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2020-11-20/us-returns-to-daily-coronavirus-death-toll-of-over-2-000-lives>).

The Honorable Emily Murphy

November 23, 2020

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emergency temporary standard unnecessarily endangers the lives of our workers and causes extensive delay to the reopening of the economy, which is essential for economic recovery.

In addition, the Biden-Harris Transition Team must also have immediate access to information about the impacts to workers from COVID-19 that have been uncovered during government inspections, the resources available to hire additional workplace inspectors to ensure ongoing safety in the workplace, and the status of retaliation cases filed by workers who have stepped up to report safety concerns in the absence of physical OSHA inspections. Your decision to deny access to this and other information will cause a chaotic and ineffective transition that risks allowing the American workforce to become incapacitated by this pandemic.

The urgent needs of the country must not be subordinated to political gamesmanship. As a result of the pandemic, any delay in a peaceful and effective transition will have catastrophic consequences on the safety and well-being of the United States and its people. As Administrator of the General Services Administration, it is your responsibility to follow the law and make the ascertainment designation without any further delay.

Sincerely,

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**ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member

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**Subject:** please begin transition of power!  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 09:15:06 -0700  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <CAGbYoipMo3GnapOGnguLA+sqX23+7deEOgoi+3zUxTeP=15AmQ@mail.gmail.com>  
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Dear Ms. Murphy,

I'm from (b) (6), and I'm writing to urge you to begin the official transition of presidential power as our democracy demands. I am asking you to please immediately file the paperwork to release congressionally-allocated transition funding and provide the incoming administration with the resources and support they need. Thank you.

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(b) (6)

**Subject:** Daily Agenda for Emily Murphy - A as of 5am  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 10:45:17 +0000  
**From:** Google Calendar <calendar-notification@google.com>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <000000000000d4ae5005b4c3e3e8@google.com>  
**MD5:** 9e7d4977b5d6b70b2dc33fb43d1b2ae1

✉ emily.murphy@gsa.gov, here is your schedule for:

Mon Nov 23, 2020

	8am – 9am		emily.murphy@gsa.gov
 	10am – 10:30am	<a href="#">Administrators Weekly Coordination Meeting</a>	emily.murphy@gsa.gov
 	4:30pm – 5:30pm	<a href="#">EWM/Rob/Allison/Trent to End of Day Sync</a>	emily.murphy@gsa.gov
			

You are receiving this email at the account emily.murphy@gsa.gov because you are subscribed to receive daily agendas for the following calendars: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](#). To change which calendars you receive daily agendas for, please log in to <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/> and change your notification settings for each calendar.

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**Subject:** Sign the transition papers  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 21:49:17 -0600  
**From:** (b) (6) @ymail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <EC864A73-8E15-401B-950D-8384B64A8D13@ymail.com>  
**MD5:** 2ffebf774a92ed854118382707807227

Ms. Murphy,

Do your job for your country! Sign the papers. Release the transition funds. You are responsible for the delay and it could cost thousands of lives!

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 01:29:18 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6) @msn.com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**File the paperwork to** release congressionally-allocated transition funding and provide the incoming administration with the resources and support they need.

Enough of this partisan nonsense. Do your job.

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**Subject:** Lease ratification  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 16:17:36 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @aol.com>  
**To:** Emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <B6C167EC-F66A-4911-99BF-A41BA915EC54@aol.com>  
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Your lease on the Trump White House is up. It is time to let the Biden transition take place. You are risking American lives - this is worse than what happened during the transition before 9/11.

Why do you want even one dead American's life on your hands do to the delayed transition!

Do the right thing and do it now.

Best Regards,

(b) (6)

Sent from my iPad

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**Subject:** Sign the transition papers  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 16:54:24 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6).edu>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** "comments@gsa.gov" <comments@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <151F7BD6-29AD-479A-BE16-E4748907644D@illinois.edu>  
**MD5:** ae2d9ea0a417d8ecde220fc89760922d

Ms. Murphy,

Sign the transition papers.

You work for the American people. Not the president, not the RNC.

You are endangering the nation and the democratic process.

Sign the transition papers.

Do your job.

(b) (6)





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**Subject:** Fwd: 2020 election results  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 06:40:27 -0600  
**From:** Emily Murphy (b) (6)  
**To:** Emily Murphy <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAKkOHQb4PkrtrBnDsba1Dbn\_vvPF4+t2cS=c1pYVaWhbbAGhnA@mail.gmail.com>  
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From: (b) (6) @protonmail.com>  
Date: Sun, Nov 22, 2020 at 2:06 AM  
Subject: 2020 election results  
To: (b) (6)

Hey Emily,

You are a quite a fat disgrace. Respect the election and approve the transition.

You are soon out of a job anyway.

Let's have a quick phone call to discuss. Would be happy to chat this out.

(b) (6)

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Emily

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**Subject:** Transition signoff  
**Date:** Sat, 21 Nov 2020 18:57:06 +0000 (UTC)  
**From:** (b) (6) @yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Emily.Murphy@gsa.gov" <Emily.Murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <517139391.248547.1605985026937@mail.yahoo.com>  
**MD5:** cd5965ac161d14b48b3b3ada9113775d

Ms. Murphy,

This has gone on far too long. It has become a dangerous situation with a delusional man trying to cling to an office he legitimately lost. You must certify this election now and insist on a peaceful transition of power. Trump lost. You know that. Ballots have been counted and recounted. The numbers do not lie.

We can't begin to fight this virus and help the many unemployed people who need to pay their rent and monthly expenses until he's gone. Stop being complicit.

It's time to do the right thing for the sake of our country and its citizens.

Regards,

(b) (6)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**Subject:** Fwd: SIGN!  
**Date:** Sat, 21 Nov 2020 12:30:08 -0600  
**From:** Emily Murphy (b) (6)  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAKkOHQb5bah=FhGMh3-GbeJAraLKRijGtW=HzPcqNdeqV1PgUA@mail.gmail.com>  
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**From:** (b) (6) @outlook.com>  
**Date:** Sat, Nov 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: SIGN!  
**To:** (b) (6)

You are personally responsible for holding up the transition! DO YOUR JOB! This is a disgrace to our country!

Shame on you for your blind obedience to a corrupt, dishonest president WHO LOST THE ELECTION!

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**From:** (b) (6) @outlook.com>  
**Date:** November 9, 2020 at 8:08:22 PM EST  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** SIGN!

Please! Sign the letter authorizing transition!

This is shameful and a disgrace to our democracy!

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Emily

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**Subject:** Certify this election!  
**Date:** Sat, 21 Nov 2020 10:54:08 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** Emily.Murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <E2E8E3D3-828A-4B86-9CC3-CAE0CF5651B7@gmail.com>  
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Ms. Murphy,

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Regards,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** Sign the Letter  
**Date:** Sat, 21 Nov 2020 12:47:50 +0000 (UTC)  
**From:** (b) (6) @aol.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Cc:** (b) (6) @aol.com  
**Message-ID:** <1807275607.97978.1605962870995@mail.yahoo.com>  
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Administrator Murphy, I am (b) (6) and over (b) (6) years worked for Democrat and Republican administrations. In all of my years, our culture mandated that we operate above politics and do our job. In my closing years, I was proud to tell people I worked for GSA in a senior role. We had created a work environment that promoted creativity and respect for the individual and the agency. I don't know your motivation for delaying the transition, it is obviously apparent that Biden will be the next President. Next week will result in sufficient state certifications that clearly show Biden is the winner. You are doing more long lasting damage to the agency I called home for (b) (6) years. You need to do the right thing. Sign the damn letter.

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** Job  
**Date:** Sat, 21 Nov 2020 02:42:11 +0000 (UTC)  
**From:** (b) (6) @yahoo.com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <125894511.128704.1605926531571@mail.yahoo.com>  
**MD5:** 560e7d53b706aefa641bf7c29e5b38f7

Do your job and sign the paperwork for the transition. The people have spoke and your job is to listen.

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**Subject:** Transition, Please!  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 18:29:40 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CALyZTR+zXUugD6tOV7CTjL7pSE5kDOLv47pBXFEfQmm+MtD-6Q@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 68eea3983a363ab92e7d7687623f5d16

Emily, This is my third time writing you over the span of two months. I'm worried. I understand you are in a tough position but this is much larger than you or I at this point. If we cannot trust in America's voting system, can we trust our government officials? In a last ditch effort, I am begging you to work with the incoming administration. After the confirmation of GA and PA it's clear Joe Biden will be the next president. I don't understand why you are stalling?

I read an article today, it said - You were under extreme pressure with the decision in front of you. You should be. There are millions of people counting on you to facilitate a smooth transition so that we may continue fighting this pandemic together through the ability to work, to be able to pay our bills and to be able to eat. The majority of Americans don't have your titles, we don't have your salary and we certainly can't trust that at the end of the day everything's just going to be alright. We need to trust our government and our leaders.

The American people are depending on this transition, I am depending on this transition, so that we may get back to policy that helps the American people during this pandemic - folks need rent assistance, we need to be able to fund our food banks locally and keep the Economy healthy all while trying to not die from this virus And while President Trump continues to play this election like it was some sort of high school basketball game - peoples lives are at stake and it is a very serious matter.

I'm not even sure that you'll read this letter you probably have another email set up by now but I am seriously begging you to push through this transition so the majority of Americans can move on and focus on feeding their families and getting back to work.  
Do the right thing for the future -

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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[@gmail.com](#)

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**Subject:** Transition, help the country  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 23:03:55 +0000 (UTC)  
**From:** (b) (6) @aol.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <1275084664.76498.1605913435699@mail.yahoo.com>  
**MD5:** 0adb6d2e6ed4b71fd2c41f5164f4be5a

You are hurting this country by refusing to allow the presidential transition to begin. President elect Biden's team needs the information he is suppose to get. This is slowing down the fight against Covid. I worry for you, because if this is not resolved soon, the law suits will start. Are you ready to hire personal layers to defend you. You will be out of work on January 20. Do not expect President Trump to come to your defense. He is known for hanging his colleagues out to dry and take the blame.

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**Subject:** Transition  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 21:15:40 +0000  
**From:** (b) (6)@penskeautomotive.com>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <8DE7555B-A6E2-4FB3-9546-8DEC35D36D0D@penskeautomotive.com>  
**MD5:** 9d4370b8474e601e5b9d255a665377c2

Dear Ms. Murphy  
For the well being of the American people please sign the letter.

Respectfully

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Fwd: Hello from VICE News  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 12:55:47 -0600  
**From:** Emily Murphy (b) (6)  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**From:** Laura Wagner (b) (6) @vice.com>  
**Date:** Fri, Nov 20, 2020 at 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** Hello from VICE News  
**To:** (b) (6)

Hi Emily,

I'm a reporter for VICE News working on a story about the presidential election and subsequent stalled transition process. I am, along with the rest of the country, wondering what is going on with you and the delay in ascertainment. I'd love to speak with you about what your day-to-day is like at this point, the pressures you're facing, and where you, personally, see the country heading. Please give me a call at (b) (6).

Thank you,

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Laura Wagner  
Senior Staff Writer, VICE

VICE Media Group  
c: (b) (6)  
@laurawags



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Emily

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**Subject:** Election transition  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 10:11:31 -0500  
**From:** (b) (6) @gmail.com>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <A520514E-F072-40A1-9F9E-27ED506438EA@gmail.com>  
**MD5:** c90c49af191f4b2fcdefb834f86b1b63

Dear Ms Murphy,

Please facilitate the transition of office from Pres. Trump to Present-Elect Biden.

You are preventing the peaceful transition of power! Please do your job, a job that you can be proud of . Your legacy should not depend on a buffoon who has continued to try any means to keep the Presidency. Do not be his accomplice. That would be a tragedy for your own legacy.

As a (b) (6) I appreciate the fine job you have done. This last month could be a disaster unless you stand up and do your job. Please . Allow all of us voters to have a peaceful Thanksgiving, and a forward-looking Holiday season, even in the midst of this pandemic. It would be so reassuring to know that some government workers will not bow to pressure... Give us that gift.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** Fwd: A Short Note  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 08:45:53 -0600  
**From:** Cy Houston - 6PM <cy.houston@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CAHXFxEzmW=n\_6R0nXi=qw06oX8qBn1NvVpQK=Ooer6wVYTadw@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 95d906e1c059c7da194fd86a96f30770

I always appreciate your notes and want you to know that I am thinking about you and praying for you as you deal with the transition issues. I also want you to know that I appreciate that you are following the process in lieu of following the lead from the press.

Stay strong, thank you for your leadership, and have a great thanksgiving next week!

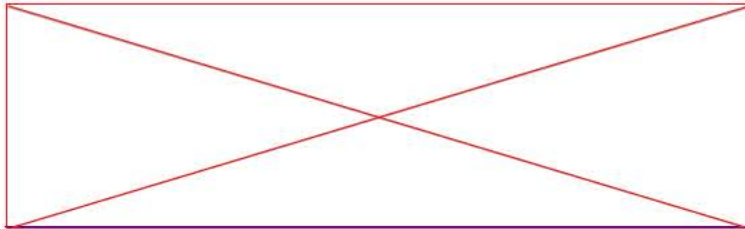
Cy Houston, P.E.  
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(b) (6) Phone  
(b) (6) Cell

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**From:** GSA Administrator <[GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov](mailto:GSAAdministrator@notify.gsa.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Nov 20, 2020 at 8:25 AM  
**Subject:** A Short Note  
**To:** <[cy.houston@gsa.gov](mailto:cy.houston@gsa.gov)>

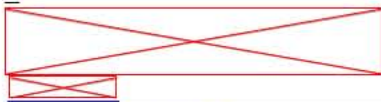
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Dear GSA,

Over the past several months, I've made a practice of sending you a note or communication every week. This week, I wanted to send you a short note saying that the people of GSA remain constantly in my heart. As we continue to manage through the pandemic, I am so proud of the work that we've accomplished together during some incredible challenges. I remain very honored to work with you. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves.

Warmest regards,  
Emily



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This email was sent to [cy.houston@gsa.gov](mailto:cy.houston@gsa.gov) on behalf of General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20405 866-606-8220



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**Subject:** SUBJ: Ratiocination  
**Date:** Fri, 20 Nov 2020 09:47:41 +0000  
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**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**MD5:** 47d29f01f3487f4f9c59a9b4ace377e4

Dear Ms. Murphy,

As a young woman I contemplated a career in government but decided, being completely honest with myself, it would behoove me to choose another career path! With the birth of the internet, I have been able to vicariously have a career in government (all kinds of positions too!). I am interested in the women behind the scenes, not just the 'Pelosi's' (always in the press, etc.). Our government would be stronger if more women held significant positions; of this, it is seriously lacking and I believe it is adversely affecting our nation.

Being the Administrator of the GSA is no doubt a very daunting task; especially with the election being disputed, et al. At this moment, however, this country is looking to you with eyes wide open because it is in dire need. Our President has apparently abandoned us; only speaking when it concerns the elections and providing no leadership when Americans are desperately looking to him. Pleas for help and assistance are falling on the deaf ears of a divided, leaderless government leaving its citizens confused and afraid for what is to come. Our country has been deeply wounded and is bleeding profusely; without someone to quickly step up and render aid, we can only fear for the worst. The most frightening thing is the 'unknown' and this is what people are facing; the President, nor the government, is offering guidance to follow, leaving it to the state/local governments. So now starts the flow of information, misinformation, disinformation or whatever. This country needs and is rightfully due, correct & helpful information/guidance during this tumultuous time from its FEDERAL GOVERNMENT and ELECTED OFFICIALS.

I can no longer watch the news or read the papers because I am left in a state of complete bewilderment! Food pantries that once only served the homeless & low-income households are now having to feed the middle class because so many are unemployed due to Covid and the community food pantries cannot keep their shelves stocked as they were never intended to be feeding 'the masses'. People with families have lost their jobs, along with health insurance, can no longer pay bills, mortgages or rent and the protections for them not to become homeless/evicted will be ending in just over a month. This country has seen much in 2020! It is NOTHING compared to what will be seen in 2021 because our government is standing still as if it were a deer in the headlights of an oncoming vehicle and our President continues to hide in plain sight, randomly tweeting about firing people and election law suits. In the interim, Covid has been allowed to win the election. Covid is running rampant across the country, ravaging our rural & urban areas leaving hospital systems overwhelmed, understaffed and without enough of basically anything. I do not think I need to continue to tell you about these things as I am sure you are well informed, as all in the Capitol are. That being said, everyone in the Capitol is well aware of the state of affairs for the citizens of the country but NOBODY IN CHARGE WILL DO ANYTHING & NOBODY CAN BEGIN TO TAKE CHARGE TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP.

American citizens have been called upon by their country in extraordinary times throughout American history and asked to do extraordinary things. American citizens have always answered the call, whether it be out of duty or a sense of pride, we have rallied and risen to the challenge regardless of personal preferences or differences. This is an extraordinary time in American history, its citizens are calling out to their

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government to set aside its differences and help the people. Americans voted, President-Elect Biden won the election and as with prior elections so should the transition begin to ensure American citizens will have continuity in their government. Yes, I believe the President has the legal right to request a vote recount and have no problem with that but in the interim the American people should have the full attention of their government which, in the middle of a full-blown pandemic, they do not have. This is an injustice of epic proportions and must be remedied posthaste.

Sometimes in life, we are called upon to do that which we think we cannot do but must do simply because it is the right thing to do. When faced with a situation such as this I turn to my 5Cs Theory. In regards to the endeavor at hand, I ask myself if I am:

Courageous enough to do this?

Confident enough in myself to do this?

Conviction strong enough to know I am doing what is right but maybe not popular?

Clear Conscience so I can sleep at night?

I am <sup>(b) (6)</sup> years old and still give myself this 'test' when faced with making difficult decisions or getting involved in a situation. I've laughed at myself on occasion thinking 'Oh, again with the 5Cs Theory?! You're way too old!' but the older I get the more I realize this is really what adults need to be asking themselves, not so much teenagers because teenagers tend not to think and can learn from their mistakes. As for adults, my 'test' helps keep our moral compass pointing us to the direction of 'what's right'.

I must tell you; I have done my homework on you Ms. Murphy and I am impressed. You have done the work and your resume speaks volumes. Our government needs more women such as yourself. I've no doubt the matter of 'The Transition' has put you in quite the quandary (or more like quagmire). Not making light of your conundrum, but why not try and put it to the 5C test; you may find just the right answer. I would like to close with a final thought. In the midst of turmoil and conflict in our government, when our elected officials of our chosen parties are failing the people, action must be taken. When a choice is forced, we must choose Country over party. Under no circumstance may we allow our Constitution or Country to be compromised or threatened by terrorists- foreign or domestic.

Thanks kindly for your time. I wish you a most successful career and healthy, happy life.

Be Well,

<sup>(b) (6)</sup>

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**Subject:** Transition  
**Date:** Thu, 19 Nov 2020 22:26:23 -0600  
**From:** (b) (6) @cox.net>  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov  
**Message-ID:** <5fb74570.1c69fb81.451ea.472aSMTPIN\_ADDED\_MISSING@mx.google.com>  
**MD5:** f09e7573a7668bc2ceec5fd29aefaaab

Please release the funding to begin the President-Elect Biden transition process. Your inaction is putting the country in harm's way.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**Subject:** Fwd: Urging the Ascertainment of President-elect Biden  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 10:28:02 -0500  
**From:** EM Threat <em-threat@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <CA+q+UFpNs7WtMdC10vUQ72\_PCsOnDzfCBz6rLToiwpDZ1TcS\_w@mail.gmail.com>  
**MD5:** 2fbb1f3842304e0d4450d0c17d0733d6  
**Attachments:** Administratortor Murphy.pdf

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From: **Belcastro, Lisa Delegate** <(b) (6)@house.state.md.us>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 5:44 PM  
Subject: Urging the Ascertainment of President-elect Biden  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
Cc: Williams, Sarita <(b) (6)@mlis.state.md.us>, O'Leary, Patrick  
(b) (6)@mlis.state.md.us>, (b) (6).org <(b) (6).org>

Administrator Murphy,

Please see the attached letter regarding the transition of President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris.

Sincerely,

Lisa Belcastro

Maryland General Assembly  
Delegate, District 11

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LISA BELCASTRO  
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Baltimore County

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

I write you today as a member of the Maryland General Assembly, where I have the distinct honor of representing the residents of District 11. In these complex and challenging times, my constituents and the rest of the nation need certainty. That's why I am reaching out to express my deep concern over your unlawful decision not to ascertain President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris. I urge you to cease stalling the transition and comply with the Presidential Transition Act.

Nearly 80 million voters have cast their ballots for President-elect Biden and Vice-President-elect Harris. They are also ahead in the popular vote by roughly six million votes. The President-elect and Vice President-elect hold wide margins in the swing states they won. In most cases, these margins are significantly larger than President Trump's margins of victory in 2016. As you know, the GSA Administrator ascertained the results of the 2016 election the day after Election Day despite ongoing litigation and recounts.

Ms. Murphy, our country is facing several crises. The President-elect must have his cabinet and other vital nominees in place, which requires that they complete background investigations and are issued clearances before Inauguration Day. I am deeply concerned that your delay is preventing this process from going forward and jeopardizing national security as a result.

Additionally, the effects of COVID-19 are far-reaching, and the delay in transition threatens to severely diminish our country's ability to address the virus. As President-elect Biden and his team work to get the pandemic under control, the transition team must be able to meet with government officials who are leading the nation's response to the virus.

It is time for you to start the transition for President-elect and Vice President-elect and foster a peaceful transfer of power.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Delegate Lisa Belcastro

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**Subject:** 2020 Presidential Election  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 16:32:56 +0000  
**From:** "Yvonne M. Spicer" <(b) (6)@framinghamma.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <21fe06953e84444d99a8bad71907f2ed@TOF-Exchange.framinghamma.org>  
**MD5:** 7ff4d9bd090a8680bae5679d4e48290f  
**Attachments:** GSA Presidential Transition Mayor Spicer Letter (003).pdf

Dear Ms. Murphy,

Please see attached.

Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor  
City of Framingham  
[150 Concord Street | Framingham MA 01702](#)  
t: (b) (6) | f: [508.532.5409](tel:508.532.5409)  
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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
emily.murphy@gsa.gov

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I am writing to express my concern and alarm over your failure to ascertain that President-Elect Joseph Biden has won the 2020 Presidential election. I urge you to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and prevent any further delay of the presidential transition.

The incoming President-Elect and his team should have the full and necessary access to resources and information that will enable them to hit the ground running. Communities such as the City of Framingham have suffered long enough from delay in assistance from the federal government. We have been forced to cut services and staff, even as the demand for them has never been higher. Furthermore, the response to COVID-19 and associated resources should not be hindered by any delay on your part.

Do not prolong the suffering of Framingham and other cities and towns throughout this country and impair our country's public health and economic recovery from this pandemic. Ascertain President-Elect Biden as the winner of the election and cease being a roadblock to our nation's recovery.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Dr. Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor  
City of Framingham, MA

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**Subject:** Fwd: Media Inquiry - ABC News "The View"  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 14:26:34 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Pamela Pennington - ZM <pamela.pennington@gsa.gov>  
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Date: Tue, Nov 24, 2020 at 2:18 PM  
Subject: Media Inquiry - ABC News "The View"  
To: emily.murphy@gsa.gov <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
Cc: press@gsa.gov <press@gsa.gov>

Hello Ms. Murphy,

My name is (b) (6) and I am a producer with *The View* on ABC. We would love to invite you on the program to discuss the presidential transition and current events – we are live at 11am ET Monday – Friday on ABC. We can happily arrange a local studio for you to go into – we’d love to arrange this on Tuesday, December 1, if possible.

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We are hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, Sunny Hostin, Joy Behar and Sara Haines, with Ana Navarro periodically filling in (Meghan McCain is currently on maternity leave).

*The View* is the most-watched show in daytime, # 1 for nine weeks in a row – we have higher ratings than most of the late night and cable news shows.

I also left you a voicemail – all of my contact information is below.

I look forward to hearing from you and discussing at your earliest convenience.

All the best,

(b) (6)

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**Subject:** Fwd: Presidential Transition Act request from WA State Senate Democratic Caucus  
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Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 3:18 PM  
Subject: Presidential Transition Act request from WA State Senate Democratic Caucus  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Ms. Murphy,

Please see the attached letter from the Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus requesting that you immediately comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the presidential election and the next President of the United States.

Sincerely,

Jamie

**Senator Jamie Pedersen**

Chair | Washington Senate Democratic Campaign  
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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy,

The Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus expresses our deep concerns over your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States. We need you to act immediately to not only protect the health of our democracy but to ensure the next administration can act quickly to protect the health of every citizen in our state and around the country.

As COVID-19 cases rise in Washington State and our economy suffers from the effects of the pandemic, we must have a new administration ready on day one to partner with states on vaccine distribution, small business support, and ensuring we have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and testing materials as scarcity becomes an issue again. Blocking the Biden-Harris's Transition Team from obtaining critical information and access to Trump Administration officials severely hampers the Federal government's ability to assist states with the next phase of our COVID response.

Washington saw the first US cases of COVID-19, but because of the early and closely coordinated response of state and local government, we have so far been able to "flatten the curve" and keep our death rates among the lowest of all states with major outbreaks. But in this new and more dangerous phase of the pandemic, we are facing an exponential increase in cases that threatens to overwhelm our health systems. Every day you delay your constitutional duty our national response is delayed meaning thousands more will be at risk for serious illness or death from COVID.

Despite our country facing an unprecedented public health crisis, the 2020 presidential election was relatively routine, with record voter turnout, minimal complications, and no evidence of widespread fraud. While multiple states are still tallying votes, including Washington state, Joe Biden has received more than 51% of the vote, from nearly 80 million voters, leading to a robust 306 electoral votes. In states where President Trump is contesting the results, Joe Biden has a significant lead in each state and President Trump has withdrawn or lost more than 30 legal challenges. Joe Biden won the 2020 presidential election fairly and overwhelmingly. Your inaction is both unlawful, unreasonable, and deadly.

We, the Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus, urge you to stop risking the health, safety, and economic well-being of Washingtonians and people across the county and immediately comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig  
3<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District

(b) (6)

Senator David Frockt  
46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

(b) (6)

Senator Reuven Carlyle  
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Senator Bob Hasegawa  
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Senator Claire Wilson  
30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of Support for Presidential Transition  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 10:05:56 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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From: Mayor <(b) (6)@stpete.org>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 3:25 PM  
Subject: Letter of Support for Presidential Transition  
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Cc: (b) (6) .org <(b) (6) .org>, (b) (6) @stpete.org

Good afternoon Ms. Murphy,

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

Rick Kriseman  
Mayor  
City of St. Petersburg

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

RICK KRISEMAN, MAYOR

November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
VIA USPS and e-mail to: [Emily.Murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:Emily.Murphy@gsa.gov)

Administrator Murphy,

On behalf of the more than 270,000 residents of the City of St. Petersburg, I am writing to request that you immediately acknowledge President-elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election. Further delay will cause harm to my city and my constituents, our fellow Americans who desire to see an efficient, effective, and peaceful transition.

While further delay has many consequences, our city's COVID response is of the utmost importance and most impacted by your delay, including distribution of a vaccine, access to PPE, federal guidance to state and local governments and schools at the height of the pandemic, and more. Timely support for small and medium-sized businesses and assistance for struggling families is also at stake.

Please act on behalf of America's interests and comply at once with the Presidential Transition Act.

Sincerely,

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Rick Kriseman  
Mayor  
City of St. Petersburg

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**Subject:** Time to Transition  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 15:11:56 +0000  
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Please see letter from Mayor Schaaf attached.

Thank you.

**Elinor Buchen**

Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director

Office of the Mayor

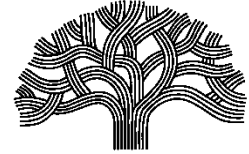
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# CITY OF OAKLAND



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November 24, 2020

Emily W. Murphy, Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Oakland to express my strong concern over your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States. I urge you to correct this error immediately.

Our city is struggling under the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, which has taken a disproportionate toll on our essential workers, our small businesses, our families with young children, our communities of color and our seniors. This holiday season is especially difficult as we face a spike in cases nationwide and continued economic distress.

A delayed transition caused by your failure to ascertain Joe Biden as the winner will directly harm our city and our constituents. We rely on the Federal government to support our ongoing efforts to provide basic services to families in need, financial assistance to struggling small businesses and continue our county's (Alameda County's) innovative, community-based testing and contact tracing efforts. We also cannot afford any delays in the production and distribution of vaccines against the coronavirus.

Your delayed ascertainment is both unlawful and unreasonable. We need an efficient and effective transition and for that to happen we need an immediate ascertainment of President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election. We need your help to create pressure on the GSA Administrator to stop blocking the transition.

Sincerely,

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Libby Schaaf  
Mayor, City of Oakland



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**Subject:** Presidential Transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 23:31:27 +0000  
**From:** "Bronin, Luke" <(b) (6)@hartford.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Srivastava, Vas" <(b) (6)@hartford.gov>  
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Dear Administrator Murphy,

The Presidential Transition Act empowers you to ascertain the result of the presidential election that took place on November 3, 2020. The result of the election is clear beyond any reasonable doubt. On behalf of the City of Hartford, I am writing to urge you to acknowledge and formally ascertain the result of the 2020 Presidential election so that an orderly, effective transition may begin.

Your failure to recognize President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris' victory is delaying the transition process. In the middle of a global pandemic, that delay puts the lives of Americans at risk.

The success or failure of the transition will have direct consequences for the lives of residents in my city. As nearly two hundred public health experts wrote to you last week, the incoming Biden-Harris administration must prepare for a massive, coordinated vaccine distribution effort. In addition, the incoming administration must understand local capacity to test, trace, and treat the novel coronavirus, and review existing mitigation strategies. They must assess the status of existing relief programs and prepare for the implementation of new relief programs that are desperately needed to help thousands of Hartford residents and businesses survive the unprecedented economic disruptions resulting from this pandemic. All of that requires the incoming administration to work hand-in-hand with the dedicated federal civil servants who are doing that work today.

Beyond the concrete and consequential damage done by delaying the transition, your refusal to ascertain the results of the 2020 presidential election is wholly unsupported by precedent or by reason. Your actions provide an unjustified air of legitimacy to unfounded conspiracy theories that are deeply damaging to our nation.

For the good of our country, our democracy, and for the safety of everyone in America, I urge you to ascertain the results of the election and allow an effective presidential transition process to begin immediately.

(b) (6) Sincerely,

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor  
City of Hartford, CT

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**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

November 23, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

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Sincerely,

**(b) (6)**

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Health Experts to the General Services Administration, [November 19, 2020](#).

**550 Main Street**  
**Hartford, Connecticut 06103**  
**Telephone (b) (6)**  
**Facsimile (860) 722-6606**

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**Subject:** The urgent need to begin the transition process - Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr.  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 23:33:19 +0000  
**From:** Naeem Jenkins-Nixon (b) (6) @augustaga.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr." <(b) (6)@augustaga.gov>  
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**Attachments:** A letter to GSA Administrator Murphy.pdf

Good Evening Administrator Murphy,

Please find attached a letter from Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. stressing the importance of the transition process beginning to protect the livelihood and wellbeing of residents in Augusta, Georgia.

Sincerely,  
Naeem

Naeem Jenkins-Nixon  
Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr.  
535 Telfair Street, Suite 200, Augusta, GA 30901  
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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy,

“These are the times that try men’s souls.” Those words written by Thomas Paine are fitting for the circumstances in which we currently find ourselves. A health crisis that has tragically taken the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans too soon, millions out of work, and millions more trying to figure out how they will put food on their table, educate their children, and make it to tomorrow, because they believe in their heart of hearts that while weeping may endure for a night, joy cometh in the morning.

During this time the residents and businesses of Augusta, Georgia have shared in the hardships and have experienced excruciating loss. In our city alone, we have seen 9,652 COVID-19 cases, 211 COVID-19 deaths, and another 675 people hospitalized due to COVID-19. Over the two week period of November 5-18, we recorded 867 cases, which is approximately 66 cases a day or 433 cases a week.

As we enter the second wave, and as we are now on the verge of having four vaccines, it is critically important that President-Elect Biden’s incoming administration be able to hit the ground running so that we can have a cohesive response to the rising numbers of COVID-19 patients, a plan to adequately and fairly distribute the first round of vaccines, and support for our small businesses so that they can remain open. That is why I am imploring you to adhere to the Presidential Transition Act and certify President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election and allow the transition to begin.

The lives of hundreds of thousands of hardworking Americans, thousands of Georgians and hundreds of Augustans are in your hands at this very moment. Mothers and fathers who are trying their hardest to support their family, nurses on the front lines caring for the sick and elderly in overrun intensive care units, businesses trying to remain open,



and children hoping to return to school so they can learn and see their friends again are all counting on you.

A delay in this process will cause, in some grave instances, irreparable harm to those who call Augusta home. I am asking that you help us prevent the spread of this sickness and more death by allowing the Presidential transition team to begin the important work of synchronizing their knowledge and resources with those of the various executive departments so that we have a smooth and successful transfer of leadership. A transfer that is the very bedrock of our democracy and dominance as the greatest nation in the world. A process that can save the lives of residents in Augusta, and across this great nation.

After the most famous and oft-quoted line in Thomas Paine's *The Crisis* is this sentence, "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." We are asking, on this day, that you stand in service to your country.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Hardie Davis, Jr.  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter from Mayor Garcetti on Transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:34:01 -0500  
**From:** EM Threat <em-threat@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>  
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From: Charles Small <(b) (6)@lacity.org>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 6:33 PM  
Subject: Letter from Mayor Garcetti on Transition  
To: <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>

Dear Administrator Murphy:

Good evening. Enclosed please find this letter from Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti on the transition.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Charles

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**ERIC GARCETTI**  
MAYOR

November 24, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

The peaceful transfer of power is a cornerstone of our democracy—a reminder that the voices of the American people dictate the shape of our government and the choices of the voters determine the outcome of the election. The presidency is a sacred trust, a product of the social contract established by our founders and bequeathed from generation to generation, a cherished office passed from one leader to the next, regardless of party, partisanship, or persuasion. Nothing should be permitted to impede the power of that tradition. No one should stand in the way of that historic obligation.

Right now, perhaps the most consequential decision in recent memory rests in your hands alone: will you heed the will of the public, or will you effectively disenfranchise millions of Angelenos and Americans who voted in a fair and safe contest—what’s been called the “most secure election” in our history?

I write to urge you to make the call that best serves the norms and values of our republic. I encourage you to do right by the office you hold, comply with the Presidential Transition Act, and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election.

Our core ideals certainly hang in the balance. Yet when President Harry Truman, a Democrat, initiated the first formal Presidential Transition with Republican Dwight Eisenhower, the purpose was far more tangible. The idea was to ensure that the incoming administration is up-to-speed on major crises and prepared to handle pressing matters of national security, public health, and economic challenge on day one.

November 24, 2020

Without a doubt, the stakes of this transition could not be higher for families' health and safety. By putting this process on hold, you are robbing Americans of vital planning that needs to occur in the face of the most devastating health crisis of the last 100 years and the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Over 250,000 people are dead due to COVID-19, and counting. Without an efficient and effective transition, Angelenos and all Americans will continue to unnecessarily and unjustly endure the numerous and compounding repercussions of this pandemic.

Added to the basics of managing the response to this outbreak is the prospect of vaccines on the horizon. A delay in this transition will only make it harder to game out how to design and build the infrastructure to rapidly and efficiently distribute these life-saving developments. All the while, millions of households in Los Angeles and across America face ongoing economic devastation and uncertainty—and need an administration fully geared up to deliver essential economic and financial relief.

By failing to adhere to the Presidential Transition Act, you are prolonging the suffering of families in Los Angeles and across the country, and denying them more immediate access to the support they so desperately need.

There is perhaps nobody more keenly aware of the vital role small businesses play in America than yourself, given your career as a steadfast proponent of these backbones of our economic strength. Just as importantly, the many years you have spent in public service speaks to your commitment as a responsible steward of the American people. Now is the time to act on that duty, avoid the dire ramifications of inaction, and uphold your dedication to the rule of law and the heart of our democracy.

I trust in you to pursue the right course for our nation.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Fwd: Comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:46:19 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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Subject: Comply with the Presidential Transition Act  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Please see attached letter.

Thank you,

**Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins**

District 20 - Montgomery County

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Dear Administrator Murphy,

I write as a Maryland State Delegate representing District 20 to express my strong concern over your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States. We urge you to correct this error immediately. We live in a democracy where the people decide their leaders, and peaceful, efficient transition is critical to our democracy. Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris have been chosen by the people in a fair election to lead this country, and it is time for you to grant them access to make necessary preparations.

A delayed transition caused by your failure to ascertain Biden and Harris as the winners will directly harm us and our constituents as the country continues without a leader in the midst of this pandemic. It is critical to mitigating this virus, distribution of the vaccine, relief for state and local governments and struggling families across our nation that you move forward with the transition without delay. This is also a matter of national security and the continued operation of our government and its services.

Your delayed ascertainment is both unlawful and unreasonable. Every additional day that is wasted is to the detriment of the safety, health, and well-being of the American people. I urge your **immediate** ascertainment.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins

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**Subject:** Fwd: Presidential Transition  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 18:52:33 -0500  
**From:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>  
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**Attachments:** image001.png ; 2020.11.23 Bronin GSA Letter.pdf

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**From:** Bronin, Luke (b) (6) @hartford.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 6:31 PM  
**Subject:** Presidential Transition  
**To:** emily.murphy@gsa.gov <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** Srivastava, Vas (b) (6) @hartford.gov>

Dear Administrator Murphy,

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Beyond the concrete and consequential damage done by delaying the transition, your refusal to ascertain the results of the 2020 presidential election is wholly unsupported by precedent or by reason. Your actions provide an unjustified air of legitimacy to unfounded conspiracy theories that are deeply damaging to our nation.

For the good of our country, our democracy, and for the safety of everyone in America, I urge you to ascertain the results of the election and allow an effective presidential transition process to begin immediately.

(b) (6) Sincerely,

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Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor  
City of Hartford, CT

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**Luke A. Bronin**  
**Mayor**

November 23, 2020

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General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Health Experts to the General Services Administration, [November 19, 2020](#).

**550 Main Street**  
**Hartford, Connecticut 06103**  
**Telephone (b) (6)**  
**Facsimile (860) 722-6606**

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**Subject:** Arizona Senate Democratic Leadership Letter to GSA Administrator  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 21:43:35 +0000  
**From:** Josselyn Berry (b) (6)@azleg.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Message-ID:** <BY5PR09MB53774EF2FA9225D7C278E2D4CBFC0@BY5PR09MB5377.namprd09.prod.outlook.com>  
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**Attachments:** \_Arizona Senate Democratic Leadership Letter to GSA Administrator (1).pdf

Dear Ms. Murphy,

Please find attached a letter from Arizona Senate Democrats outlining concerns around **your administration's refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and recognize President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November election and the next President of the United States.**

Respectfully,  
Josselyn Berry

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*Emily W. Murphy*

*General Services Administration*

*1800 F Street NW*

*Washington, DC 20405*

*November 23, 2020*

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SENATOR REBECCA RIOS  
Senate Democratic Leader  
SENATOR LUPE CONTRERAS  
Senate Assistant Democratic Leader



SENATOR VICTORIA STEELE  
Senate Democratic Co-Whip  
SENATOR MARTÍN QUEZADA  
Senate Democratic Co-Whip

## ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE DEMOCRATS

Emily W. Murphy  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
November 23, 2020

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Sincerely,

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Rebecca Rios, Senate Democratic Leader  
LD 27

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Senate Assistant Democratic Leader  
LD 19

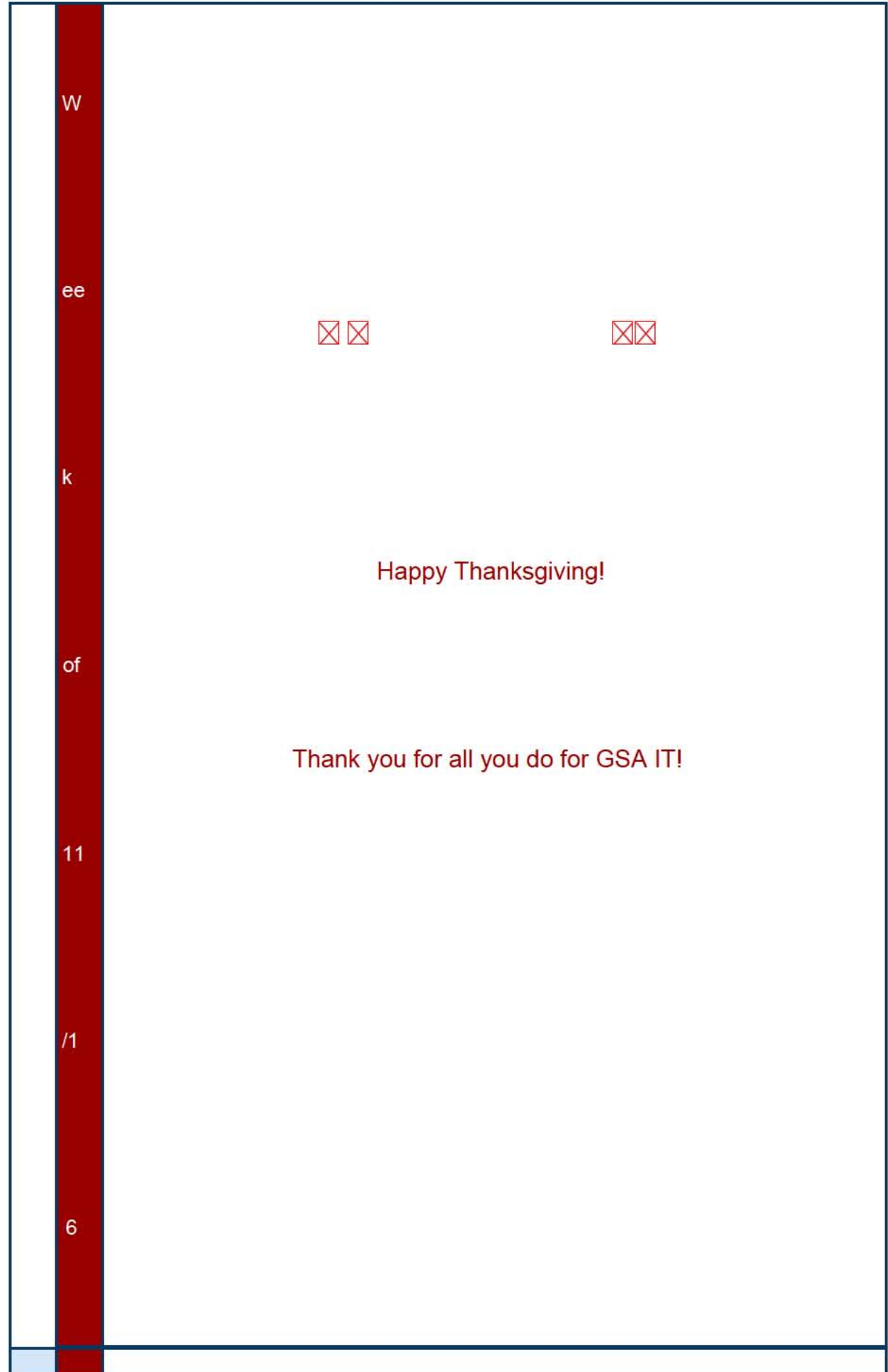
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Senate Democratic Co-whip  
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Victoria Steele, Senate Democratic Co-whip  
LD 9

**Subject:** GSA IT Around the Horn - Week of November 16th  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 14:00:00 -0500  
**From:** Chief Information Officer <CIO@gsa.gov>  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;  
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☆ Sign-up for our next [Microsoft Office AMA Session](#) on December 3rd to hear

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**Subject:** Fwd: Transition Team  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 17:17:06 -0500  
**From:** EM Threat <em-threat@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>, Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>  
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From: **Anna Meadows (Rep. C. Ray Russell)** (b) (6) @ncleg.gov>  
Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 2:57 PM  
Subject: Transition Team  
To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>  
Cc: Todd Barlow (Rep. Darren Jackson) <(b) (6) @ncleg.gov>





## North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

REPRESENTATIVE RAY RUSSELL  
93RD DISTRICT

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300 N. SALISBURY STREET  
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PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT  
TRANSPORTATION

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy,

The American people have chosen Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to be the next President and Vice President of the United States. Your unlawful decision not to ascertain President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris violates the Presidential Transition Act and hurts the country by stalling the Transition.

### **The Biden-Harris ticket won a historic victory:**

- President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris earned nearly 80 million votes, more than any candidates for President and Vice President in the history of the United States of America have received, and they are ahead in the popular vote by nearly six million votes.
- Major networks—including the Associated Press, Fox News, ABC, NBC, the New York Times, and the BBC—have recognized that they have won 306 electoral votes, compared to just 232 electoral votes for the Trump-Pence ticket. Just last Friday, the Georgia Secretary of State - a Republican - certified that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won Georgia's 16 electoral votes.
- President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris hold wide margins in the swing states they won; in most cases these margins are significantly larger than President Trump's margins of victory in the same states in 2016, an election whose outcome the GSA Administrator ascertained the day after Election Day despite recounts and litigation.

### **Nominees to critical national security positions may not be in place by Day One:**

- Our country faces a number of crises and there is urgent work to deliver results for Americans on day one. To do that - the President-elect must have his cabinet and other key nominees in place, which requires that they complete background investigations and are issued clearances before Inauguration Day. The Administrator's delay is preventing this process from going forward, thereby jeopardizing national security.
- The 9/11 Commission Report found that the delayed 2000 transition significantly hampered the incoming administration's ability to fill key appointments, including national security personnel, and left the country less prepared for a crisis.

### **A stymied transition harms the country in many other ways:**

- Every day that passes without that support further harms the transition and so further jeopardizes national readiness.

### **The delay threatens to severely hamper COVID response.**

- As President-elect Biden and his team of experts work to get the pandemic under control, it's critical
- for the transition team to be able to meet with the government officials who are handling the pandemic response. The Biden-Harris Administration must be prepared to distribute a vaccine ASAP. Every day lost delays their ability to effectively plan this response, putting thousands of Americans at risk of serious illness or death.

### **The delay harms our already struggling economy.**

Joe Biden is eager to get to work to build our economy back better so everyone gets a fair return on their work, and an equal chance to get ahead. But the Trump Administration's decision to block government employees from meeting with the transition in the middle of an economic crisis could harm the American people by: disrupting support for small and medium-sized businesses; delaying the delivery of stimulus checks for millions of low-income Americans who haven't yet received them; and preventing the incoming Biden-Harris Administration from ensuring food assistance remains available to Americans who are relying on emergency SNAP funds to feed their families in this economic crisis.

### **The delay puts national security at risk.**

As the authors of the 9/11 Report have noted, presidential transitions "are a time of great vulnerability for our nation." The turnover of government is hard even in the best of times, which is why Congress has provided support to the President-elect under the Presidential Transition Act—support that is designed to ensure that the President-elect is ready on Day One. The transition must access sensitive government information to brief nominees and prepare to confront the threats that our nation faces. Until the GSA Administrator ascertains, agency review teams -- professionals deployed to federal agencies to collect information to brief the President-elect, the Vice President-elect, their cabinet, and other nominees -- are unable to access classified information. This information is vital to prepare nominees to assume their positions and to prepare other nominees in the federal government to be ready to govern on Day One.

### **The delay is unreasonable:**

**This is not 2000.** This is nothing like 2000, as has been widely recognized by officials from George W. Bush's administration, including his Chief of Staff and the GSA Administrator who served in 2000. That election came down to the outcome of a single critical state, Florida, which underwent an automatic recount and resulted in a 537-vote margin. By contrast, President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris have earned 306 electoral votes, well over the 270 electoral votes required for victory; their margins of victory in the states are in the tens or hundreds of thousands; and (unlike in 2000) every major network has projected that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won this election and the international community has widely recognized that Joe Biden is the President-elect.

### **President Trump's litigation is frivolous and will not change the outcome of the**

**Election** . There is no need to wait for the formal conclusion of President Trump's many baseless election-related lawsuits. In every previous election the GSA Administrator has recognized the winner of the election as soon as the outcome was clear, which is the case today. The GSA Administration has routinely ascertained the winner of the election weeks before recounts and election-related litigation concluded. The Trump campaign's lawsuits have been consistently exposed as groundless and lacking evidence - in fact, two dozen have been dismissed just since Election Day; to delay ascertainment based on such would violate the text and intent of the statute, and would effectively give the losing candidate a veto over the smooth transition of power.

**The recounts will not change the outcome of the Election.** The same holds true for recounts, which have no prospect of altering the outcome. Since 2000, there have been 31 statewide recounts with an average change of 430 votes and a median change of 267 votes, margins that are much smaller than the number of votes separating Vice President Biden and President Trump in any state. Since 2000, only three statewide recounts have resulted in a reversal in outcome; in each the candidates were initially separated by several hundred votes—a much smaller margin than what separates Donald Trump and Joe Biden in any state across the country.

**The President does not have the power to decide who wins the election—the American people do.** It is wholly unsupported by historical precedent and the Presidential Transition Act for the Administrator to deprive a president-elect of services to which he and his team are entitled because a losing incumbent refuses to concede based on baseless and widely debunked allegations about the results of a general election.

I implore you to release the transition funds so that President-elect Joe Biden can begin preparing for the important job of leading the country at day one.

Sincerely,

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NC Rep. Ray Russell

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**Subject:** Urgent Letter Regarding Transition Process  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 22:26:22 +0000  
**From:** Mayor Tom Barrett (b) (6)@milwaukee.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Peterson, Alexis" <(b) (6)@milwaukee.gov>  
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**Attachments:** GSA Administrator Murphy 11.23.2020.pdf

Dear Administrator Murphy –

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett  
Mayor  
Milwaukee, WI

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**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

On behalf of the more than 600,000 Americans I serve as mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I am writing to urgently request that the General Services Administration immediately cease the transparently political obstruction of the ascertainment of President-Elect Joe Biden.

It is critical that you do now that which you should have done more than two weeks ago when the results of the 2020 election became clear: meet your legal obligations under the Presidential Transition Act and the United States Constitution, and begin the peaceful transition of power.

The failure of the General Services Administration to comply and execute its basic duties not only violates the cherished precedent honored by past Democratic and Republican Administrations alike throughout the history of our Republic; it jeopardizes our national security, our economic recovery, and our ability to defeat the deadly COVID-19 pandemic that has already taken the lives of over 600 of my city's residents.

There is no doubt who won the 2020 presidential election. So much depends on the smooth transfer of power, and even more so in these times of crisis: responding to the coronavirus virus, distributing a vaccine quickly and efficiently when it is available, rebuilding our economy ravaged by the pandemic, getting help to workers and small and mid-sized businesses, supporting those facing hunger, eviction and other desperate challenges. Every day of needless, unconscionable delay means more of our fellow Americans will face serious illness, financial ruin and even death.

It is time to put country over party and fulfill your duties as a federal official and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election so the transition can finally begin.

Sincerely,

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Tom Barrett  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Fwd: A Short Note  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 17:08:56 -0500  
**From:** Gray Brooks <gray.brooks@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**Attachments:** (b) (6).jpg

Good afternoon,

Thanks for your note to stay safe. (b) (6)

I understand that there's a near-universal agreement that an orderly and timely transition is the best way to keep fighting the pandemic so that people like (b) (6) are physically safe, and so that parents like mine can see a brighter day. The staff who work underneath you will always remember your actions now as how you ended your tenure as our leader.

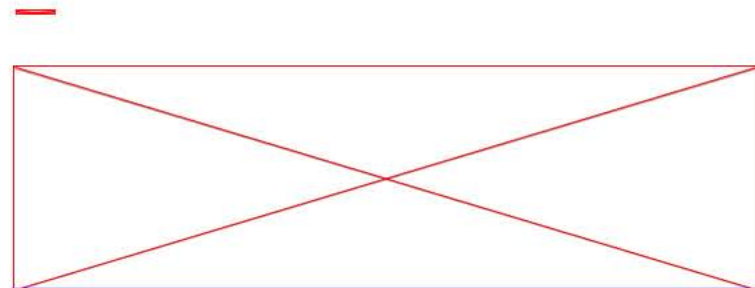
I'll leave you with a picture of (b) (6), and an appeal to your patriotism and the oath of office that we both swore.

Gray Brooks

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**To:** <[richard.g.brooks@gsa.gov](mailto:richard.g.brooks@gsa.gov)>

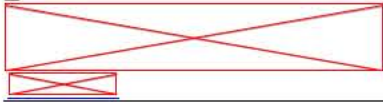


Dear GSA,

Over the past several months, I've made a practice of sending you a note or communication every week. This week, I wanted to send you a short note saying that the people of GSA remain constantly in my heart. As we continue to manage through the pandemic, I am so proud of the work that we've accomplished together during some incredible challenges. I remain very honored to work with you. Please stay safe and take care of yourselves.

Warmest regards,  
Emily

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This email was sent to [richard.g.brooks@gsa.gov](mailto:richard.g.brooks@gsa.gov) on behalf of General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20405 866-808-8220

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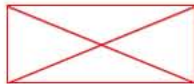
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Dear Administrator Murphy,

Please see attached a letter from Mayor Nan Whaley urging you to recognize President-Elect Joe Biden and begin the orderly transition of government.

Thank you,

Torey Hollingsworth



**Torey Hollingsworth**

Senior Policy Aide to Mayor Nan Whaley  
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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I am very concerned about the delay in your decision to ascertain that President-elect Biden is the winner of the November Presidential election, preventing the timely and rightful transition to the next administration. As a fellow public servant, I recognize you are confronted with difficult decisions on a regular basis, but the fact that you are delaying this critical process in the middle of a once-in-a-generation pandemic will cost lives.

The City of Dayton, our larger region and the state of Ohio have been hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic. The economic impact has been felt by Dayton families dealing with food insecurity, local renters concerned they may be evicted because they cannot make their rent payment, and schools and health care organizations that lack adequate PPE having to make impossible choices about their workers' safety. Important decisions by our federal government to help address impacts on the local level are being delayed because of your failure to ascertain that President-elect Biden is the winner of the Presidential election.

The recent news that several of the Covid-19 vaccine candidates have been found to be effective is a bright spot in what has been a very difficult time for our country, but without a timely transition to get President-elect Biden's team briefed on national distribution of the vaccine American lives will be put in jeopardy. This is unacceptable.

I understand that you are under incredible pressure by the sitting President and members of the Republican party to continue to delay ascertaining President-elect Biden to begin the formal transition process. While my focus in this letter has been how your official inaction will make the impact of coronavirus pandemic on everyday Americans worse, the potential

for nefarious action in the national security and foreign policy space is increased as well as a result of a delayed transition to President-elect Biden.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Nan Whaley  
Mayor of Dayton

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Dear Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Zients,

In accordance with the Presidential Transition Act of 1963, as amended, the GSA Administrator, has

ascertained the apparent winner of the Presidential election. The notification letter is enclosed. A copy

has also been sent to Mr. Mark Meadows and Mr. Chris Liddell as the leaders of the White House

Transition Coordinating Council.

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Mary Gibert

Federal Transition Coordinator



U.S. General Services Administration

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Mary D. Gibert

Federal Transition Coordinator and

Associate Administrator

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The Administrator

November 23, 2020

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Biden:

As the Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration, I have the ability under the Presidential Transition Act of 1963, as amended, to make certain post-election resources and services available to assist in the event of a presidential transition. See 3 U.S.C. § 102 note (the "Act"). I take this role seriously and, because of recent developments involving legal challenges and certifications of election results, am transmitting this letter today to make those resources and services available to you.

I have dedicated much of my adult life to public service, and I have always strived to do what is right. Please know that I came to my decision independently, based on the law and available facts. I was never directly or indirectly pressured by any Executive Branch official—including those who work at the White House or GSA—with regard to the substance or timing of my decision. To be clear, I did not receive any direction to delay my determination. I did, however, receive threats online, by phone, and by mail directed at my safety, my family, my staff, and even my pets in an effort to coerce me into making this determination prematurely. Even in the face of thousands of threats, I always remained committed to upholding the law.

Contrary to media reports and insinuations, my decision was not made out of fear or favoritism. Instead, I strongly believe that the statute requires that the GSA Administrator ascertain, not impose, the apparent president-elect. Unfortunately, the statute provides no procedures or standards for this process, so I looked to precedent from prior elections involving legal challenges and incomplete counts. GSA does not dictate the outcome of legal disputes and recounts, nor does it determine whether such proceedings are reasonable or justified. These are issues that the Constitution, federal laws, and state laws leave to the election certification process and decisions by courts of competent jurisdiction. I do not think that an agency charged with improving federal procurement and property management should place itself above the constitutionally-based election process. I strongly urge Congress to consider amendments to the Act.

**U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405-0002**

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
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As you know, the GSA Administrator does not pick or certify the winner of a presidential election. Instead, the GSA Administrator's role under the Act is extremely narrow: to make resources and services available in connection with a presidential transition. As stated, because of recent developments involving legal challenges and certifications of election results, I have determined that you may access the post-election resources and services described in Section 3 of the Act upon request. The actual winner of the presidential election will be determined by the electoral process detailed in the Constitution.

Section 7 of the Act and Public Law 116-159, dated October 1, 2020, which provides continuing appropriations until December 11, 2020, makes \$6,300,000 available to you to carry out the provisions of Section 3 of the Act. In addition, \$1,000,000 is authorized, pursuant to Public Law 116-159, to provide appointee orientation sessions and a transition directory. I remind you that Section 6 of the Act imposes reporting requirements on you as a condition for receiving services and funds from GSA.

If there is anything we can do to assist you, please contact Ms. Mary D. Gibert, the Federal Transition Coordinator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily W. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
U.S. General Services Administration

cc: The Honorable Edward Kaufman  
The Honorable Jeffrey Zients  
The Honorable Mark Meadows  
The Honorable Chris Liddell

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**Subject:** Presidential Transition  
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**Kathy M. Sheehan**  
Mayor

**City of Albany**  
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**KATHY SHEEHAN**  
MAYOR

November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

As a mayor, I have watched with growing concern as you continue to refuse to accept the result of the 2020 presidential election. I am writing to urge you to comply with the Presidential Transition Act, acknowledge that President-Elect Joe Biden is the winner and provide for a smooth transition to the next administration.

Communities like mine across this country are struggling as we manage the dual challenges of a growing pandemic and economic uncertainty. Our small and medium sized businesses need support. Our families, particularly those impacted by layoffs in the hospitality industry, need food security and our schools need guidance and assistance as we try to ensure that an entire generation of young people don't fall behind.

Cities like Albany are hopeful that a vaccine will be available early next year, but many questions remain about distribution and access.

Every day that you delay ascertaining President-Elect Biden as the winner of this election threatens the effective and efficient transition of our great Democracy. Please think about your fellow citizens who need Washington to work, now, more than ever and do the right thing for our country and our future. We need you to start this transition now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Kathy Sheehan  
Mayor, City of Albany



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**Subject:** Fwd: Request from North Carolina Legislator to Ascertain President Elect Biden  
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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy Administrator  
General Services Administration

1800 F Street NW Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We write today with sincere respect for your position, but with a sense of urgency, to ask you to recognize the results of the November 3, 2020 election, and ascertain Joe Biden as the next President of the United States.

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The health impact of the pandemic is not the only crisis we are facing. Our economy has been thrown into a tailspin as a result of the fear, uncertainty and doubt associated with the rampaging virus. Prudence and compassion demand that the transition begin as soon as possible. Every day you delay, makes it more difficult for President-elect Biden to assemble a team that can be effective the very first day he takes office.

As you well know, the challenges facing our nation extend far beyond Covid-19. Complicated domestic and foreign policy issues must be handled with confidence and deft. The American people deserve our best. Please do your part to honor the Constitution and ensure a smooth and successful presidential transition. Recognize the results of this election, and ascertain Joe Biden as president- elect. Delay serves no-one.

Very sincerely,

Terry Van Duyn  
NC Senate - District 49

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Julie Mayfield

NC Senate Elect - District 49

A copy of this letter on North Carolina letterhead is attached and will be mailed to the address above.

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North Carolina General Assembly  
Senate

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To: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Dear Administrator Murphy,

Attached, please find a letter signed by sixty-seven Members of the Texas House Democratic Caucus, strongly urging you to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November 3 general election and the next President of the United States.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or my Chief of Staff, Emily Amps, at (b) (6)@house.texas.gov.

**Chris Turner**  
State Representative, District 101  
Chair, Texas House Democratic Caucus



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## TEXAS HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES

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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy:

We, Members of the Democratic Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives, write to express our strongest objection to your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November 3 general election and the next President of the United States. We urge you to take immediate, corrective action so that the American people may witness the seamless transition of power that is the solemn hallmark of our country's democratic institutions.

**The delays in acknowledging President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as the winners, thereby stonewalling their ability to begin the transition process, are actively harming Texans across our state. Most directly, this inexcusable action is stalling the long overdue planning and preparation for the administration to work with our state to confront and contain the spread of COVID-19.**

Dr. Anthony Fauci recently warned that delays in the transition and his inability to speak to Biden-Harris transition officials will slow the rollout of any national COVID-19 vaccination program. Every additional day you refuse to acknowledge Joe Biden as the President-elect is another day where thousands of Americans, including many Texans, will remain at an unnecessarily heightened risk of illness or death from COVID-19. Conversations about supply chains, PPE distribution, and vaccine manufacturing and distribution should be seamless and unencumbered by partisan politics.

Historically, those conversations would already be well underway. Those of us serving in office in 2008-09 remember the Obama/Biden transition and how the early work on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 informed our actions on the state level and, ultimately, forestalled harmful budget cuts to our state's public education and health care agencies. Incidentally, President Obama has repeatedly recognized the professional and seamless transition overseen by President Bush as tremendously beneficial to his administration and the nation.

Contrast then with now. In Texas, our state budget is the only legislation we are constitutionally required to pass. Yet while our budget writing process is well underway, we are left operating in the dark with respect to potential federal government actions. We need information about the country's future plans for COVID-19 containment – including any national infrastructure or stimulus efforts for taxpayers and small businesses. There is absolutely no reason for you to continue impeding those conversations.

Beyond the health and economic planning for COVID-19, there are any number of matters of national security, foreign policy, and immigration questions that deserve immediate attention and action. A delayed transition may only further prolong the tragic separation of more than 600 children from their parents at the southern border. The incoming administration has committed to forming a task force to reunify these children with their families, but that work will be impeded without receiving critical information during the transition.

On this and countless other matters, your delayed ascertainment is jeopardizing the health and safety of Texas individuals, families and businesses. It is entirely unreasonable for you to refuse to recognize every historical precedent of execution of the Presidential Transition Act.

There is no doubt that President-elect Biden, in addition to winning nearly 80 million popular votes, will win the required electoral college votes and serve as our next President – just as there is no doubt that the frivolous lawsuits challenging the election outcomes are a dangerous waste of time, as they serve no other purpose than to further erode confidence in our institutions of democracy. The American people have chosen Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to be the next President and Vice President of the United States.

Your unlawful decision not to ascertain President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris violates the Presidential Transition Act and inflicts direct harm upon the people we represent.

We strongly implore you, in the clearest of terms, to end this charade immediately.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Chris Turner  
Chair, Texas House Democratic Caucus

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Rep. Celia Israel  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Texas HDC

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Rep. Toni Rose  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, Texas HDC

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Please see the attached letter regarding compliance with the Presidential Transition Act.

James F. Kenney  
Mayor





# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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**JAMES F. KENNEY**  
Mayor

November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 24005

Dear Administrator Murphy,

I am requesting that you comply with the Presidential Transition Act and acknowledge President-Elect Joseph R. Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election to allow the transition to begin.

Each day you delay the transition you are negatively impacting the daily lives of Philadelphians. Further delays will impede the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, interfere with access to PPE, and inhibit guidance to state and local governments and schools at the height of the pandemic. We will have disruptions in support for small and medium-sized businesses; in delivery of food assistance for struggling families and on eviction and foreclosure moratoria. Together, these delays will cost lives and livelihoods of hard-working Americans while also undermining the democratic principles which our country was founded upon here in Philadelphia.

On behalf of the residents of Philadelphia as well as all Americans, I ask that we have an efficient and effective transition. We need an immediate acceptance of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election. Please stop blocking the transition.

(b) (6)

James F. Kenney  
Mayor

**Subject:** Fwd: Formal Request from the Mayor of Dallas, Texas  
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Dear Administrator Murphy:

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

Eric Johnson  
Mayor  
City of Dallas  
(b) (6) @dallascityhall.com  
(b) (6)

**ERIC JOHNSON**  
**Mayor of Dallas**



November 22, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20405

*Sent via email: [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)*

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I am reaching out to implore you to begin a smooth, efficient, and effective transition process between the Trump administration and President-Elect Joe Biden's incoming administration.

As the Mayor of the City of Dallas, Texas, I serve in a nonpartisan role. I take that seriously, and I have remained out of political disputes at the national level. But I am committed to solving problems in our city, and currently, we are facing major problems that could be exacerbated by further delays in the presidential transition process.

My foremost concern is the continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virus and necessary public health restrictions have upended the lives and livelihoods of the residents of Dallas, who drive the economy of the fourth-largest metropolitan statistical area in the United States. With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Dallas setting record highs in recent weeks, I fear that an inadequate, disorganized, rushed, or delayed transition process could cause additional suffering in our city.

I see no harm in beginning the presidential transition process, as administrations of both political parties have done in the past. Moving forward with the current transition will ensure that the great needs caused by the pandemic will continue to be met.

We are actively working with the federal government to ensure our first responders have personal protective equipment, our small- and medium-size businesses have access to relief, our food insecure families receive assistance, and our housing insecure families are temporarily spared evictions and foreclosures. I do not want to see our response jeopardized in this particularly precarious time. Any tumult in Washington could be particularly disruptive for our underserved communities, particularly Black and Hispanic families, who have been disproportionately affected by the health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



In addition, commencing an orderly transition process will ensure that any COVID-19 vaccines developed will be distributed in an efficient and effective manner, which will save lives and allow our recovery to begin as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and for your willingness to serve our country.

Best regards,

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Eric Johnson  
Mayor of Dallas

**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to GSA-Invoke Ascertainment  
**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 2020 10:28:30 -0500  
**From:** EM Other <em-other@gsa.gov>  
**To:** Jeff Post - S <jeffrey.post@gsa.gov>, Emily Murphy - A <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**Date:** Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 7:18 PM  
**Subject:** Letter to GSA-Invoke Ascertainment  
**To:** [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Please see the attached letter for my support to implement ascertainment for President Elect- Joe Biden.

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LESLEY J. LOPEZ  
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Dear Ms. Murphy,

As the State Delegate for District 39 in the Maryland General Assembly, home to thousands of federal government employees, I write to express my concern over your refusal to comply with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertain President-Elect Joe Biden as the winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States. I urge you to correct this error immediately.

A delayed transition caused by your failure to ascertain Joe Biden as the winner will directly harm my constituents. Nine million of the lowest income Americans -- those who make too little income to have to file taxes -- have still not received their stimulus check. The Treasury agency review team is planning to obtain information from agency officials to make preparations to speed up the delivery of these checks, so families aren't waiting. Postponed ascertainment could further delay families in District 39 from getting these necessary checks.

At a time when we are facing a deadly surge in COVID19, local and state government leaders need evidence-based recommendations from the federal government on when to issue and rescind different COVID19 restrictions. There are career officials at the CDC and other agencies who are evaluating these same questions - but the Transition cannot learn from them. Our experts in Maryland can look at publicly available data - but we do not have access to the full range of information that the federal government has to prepare for January 20. This may delay issuing guidance in January after the president-elect takes the oath of office.

Your delayed ascertainment is both unlawful and unreasonable. Without meaningful access to budget, structure, and staffing information, the incoming administration runs the risk of gaps and slowed planning on priority matters for the President-election's agenda. The lack of insight into budgeting, in particular, makes it very difficult to shape looming decisions, especially on major issues like climate change, but also on narrower inherited vulnerabilities.

Your complicity in the Trump regime is shameful, and I urge you to finally do the right thing and ascertain Joe Biden as the next President of the United States.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Lesley Lopez, D-39



**Subject:** Urgent Request from NC HD 116  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 17:21:38 +0000  
**From:** "Rep. Brian Turner" (b) (6)@ncleg.gov>  
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**Attachments:** HD 116 Letter to GSA Admin 2020.pdf

Ms. Murphy,

Please see the attached letter with urgent request from my office.

Thanks,

Brian

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Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Ms. Murphy,

I would like to express my concern over your delay in complying with the Presidential Transition Act and ascertaining President-Elect Joe Biden as the apparent winner of the November presidential election and the next President of the United States. I urge you to correct this error immediately.

A delayed transition caused will directly harm my constituents in the following ways:

**The delay threatens to severely hamper COVID response.** It's critical for the transition team to be able to meet with the government officials who are handling the pandemic response. The Biden-Harris Administration must be prepared to distribute a vaccine ASAP. Every day lost delays their ability to effectively plan this response, putting thousands of Americans at risk of serious illness or death.

**The delay harms our already struggling economy.** The Trump Administration's decision to block government employees from meeting with the transition in the middle of an economic crisis will harm my constituents by disrupting support for small businesses; delaying the delivery of stimulus funds needed to stay safe in a global pandemic; and block food assistance to folks who are relying on emergency SNAP funds to feed their families in this economic crisis.

**The delay puts national security at risk.** As the authors of the 9/11 Report have [noted](#), presidential transitions "are a time of great vulnerability for our nation." The turnover of government is hard even in the best of times, which is why Congress has provided support to the President-elect under the Presidential Transition Act—support that is designed to ensure that the President-elect is ready on Day One. The transition must access sensitive government information to brief nominees and prepare to confront the threats that our nation faces.

Finally, it is wholly unsupported by historical precedent and the Presidential Transition Act for the Administrator to deprive a president-elect of services to which he and his team are entitled because a losing incumbent refuses to concede based on baseless and widely debunked allegations about the results of a general election.

Sincerely,

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Representative Brian M. Turner  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to GSA Administration, Emily Murphy  
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Please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

*Shane*

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*The Maryland House of Delegates*  
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Nov 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
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Dear General Services Administrator Murphy:

The voters have spoken, the results are clear, and I implore you to issue the letter of ascertainment that allows for the transfer of power to formally begin. President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will take office on Jan. 20, 2021, at noon. They won the popular and electoral vote, including with ample margins in the swing states. No matter how much he tweets, files lawsuits or pressures state lawmakers, President Trump will not be able to nullify, toss out or otherwise disregard the votes of millions of American citizens. In refusing to assert that President-elect Biden is the “apparent successful candidate,” you are interfering with the transition, putting the nation further at risk as we face major crises, and endangering our democracy.

Every day that you delay doing your job is another day that President-Elect Biden is unable to start getting background checks for prospective Cabinet members and other key appointees. Another day that the incoming administration lacks access to classified information, federal funds, office space and the ability to send review teams to meet with their counterparts in the Trump administration to collect information vital for a smooth transition. As you know, the 9/11 Commission found that President George W. Bush’s abbreviated transition may have contributed to a failure of intelligence and that national tragedy. Your inaction literally puts the nation at risk.



In addition, we face the twin crises of a pandemic and economic recession. The president-elect needs to start working now on his plans to get the pandemic under control, distribute a vaccine, and rebuild the economy. To do so, his team needs access to government agencies and employees. You are standing in the way.

Perhaps most troubling, your inaction promotes President Trump's false narratives about voter fraud and other irregularities (but only in states he lost). It helps to fuel fantastical and corrosive conspiracy theories about a stolen election and, at the end of the day, erodes trust and threatens our democracy and the peaceful transfer of power.

President-elect Biden is taking on challenges of historic proportions. He needs to have all the federal resources available to him as he prepares to take office. I urge to do your job: Complete the ascertainment without further delay.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Shane Pendergrass  
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Health and Government Operations Committee

**Subject:** Letter from NYC Mayor  
**Date:** Sun, 22 Nov 2020 13:33:16 +0000  
**From:** "Kagan, Rebecca" (b) (6)@cityhall.nyc.gov>  
**To:** "emily.murphy@gsa.gov" <emily.murphy@gsa.gov>  
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**Attachments:** Letter to Administrator Murphy.pdf

Good morning Administrator Murphy,

Attached, please find a letter from NYC Mayor de Blasio.

Regards,  
Rebecca

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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November 22, 2020

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
U.S. General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I write to demand that you immediately ascertain the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election and issue the necessary paperwork for the Biden Transition to access government officials and congressionally appropriated funds.

It has been nearly three weeks since election day and nearly as many since a winner could be clearly ascertained. The winner was Joe Biden. This is an incontrovertible fact. Your failure to perform your statutory duty under the Presidential Transition Act is both galling and un-American. This baseless delay does nothing but pander to those who wish the outcome were different than what it was, and further erodes trust in our public institutions. You have yet to articulate to the American people why you are hampering the peaceful transition of power – a tradition that dates back to the founding of our country. The empty statements on the GSA further make clear you have no interest in abiding by what the American tradition and law require of you.

Moreover, your inaction is jeopardizing the well-being of millions of Americans in the midst of a global pandemic. The inability of federal agency staff to communicate and share information with the Biden Transition hampers both the response to and recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. At this critical juncture, with vaccine distribution just around the corner and peak numbers of Covid-19 cases, it is more important than ever that governmental professionals can communicate, collaborate, and coordinate plans to help protect Americans.

My city knows all too well the importance of robust Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply chains and the life-threatening consequences that emerge when they fail. By inhibiting government officials from speaking with the Biden Transition, you make further vulnerable the federal government's ability to ensure critical PPE is available to doctors, nurses, and first responders.

The time to act is now. The outcome of the election is more than ascertainable. It is fully knowable. Joe Biden has won, and it is in our national interest to aid the transition of power to him and help the American people.

Sincerely,

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Bill de Blasio  
Mayor

**Subject:** Fwd: Presidential Transition Act  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 14:27:10 -0500  
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**To:** [emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov) <[emily.murphy@gsa.gov](mailto:emily.murphy@gsa.gov)>

Please see the attached letter regarding compliance with the Presidential Transition Act.

James F. Kenney  
Mayor



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**JAMES F. KENNEY**  
Mayor

November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
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Dear Administrator Murphy,

I am requesting that you comply with the Presidential Transition Act and acknowledge President-Elect Joseph R. Biden as the winner of the 2020 Presidential election to allow the transition to begin.

Each day you delay the transition you are negatively impacting the daily lives of Philadelphians. Further delays will impede the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, interfere with access to PPE, and inhibit guidance to state and local governments and schools at the height of the pandemic. We will have disruptions in support for small and medium-sized businesses; in delivery of food assistance for struggling families and on eviction and foreclosure moratoria. Together, these delays will cost lives and livelihoods of hard-working Americans while also undermining the democratic principles which our country was founded upon here in Philadelphia.

On behalf of the residents of Philadelphia as well as all Americans, I ask that we have an efficient and effective transition. We need an immediate acceptance of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden as the winner of the 2020 presidential election. Please stop blocking the transition.

Sincerely,

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James F. Kenney  
Mayor

**Subject:** Letter from Mayor Sam Liccardo, City of San José  
**Date:** Mon, 23 Nov 2020 16:25:22 +0000  
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**Attachments:** Letter to Emily Murphy GSA\_11-23-20.pdf

Dear Administrator Murphy,

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Sam Liccardo.

Thank you!



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November 23, 2020

Emily W. Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW  
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Administrator Murphy,

As the mayor of America's 10<sup>th</sup> largest city, San José, I'm familiar with the challenges of delays posed by transitions of governing administrations. My experience in electoral politics has been that battling rivals do whatever is necessary after the election to set aside their differences, and to ensure uninterrupted provision of public safety and other necessities through the transition.

Until now. Rarely has this nation faced such a perilous moment in a presidential transition—amid a global pandemic that has already killed a quarter-million Americans, and a severe recession that has impoverished millions more. My city's one million residents critically need a federal administration able to hit the ground running on January 20, 2021, with clear plans based upon the latest and best information for the distribution of vaccines, PPE, and other critical, life-saving operations. Any delays of assistance for small businesses, or food delivery for struggling families, can have severe impacts on the communities we serve.

Future generations will condemn President Donald Trump for his refusal to respect the most sacred of democratic institutions: the peaceful transfer of power, as willed by the electorate. They will similarly decline to forgive those who aid and abet his treasonous, authoritarian ambitions. You have a choice: to comply with and implement the Presidential Transition Act, or to be listed within the footnotes of history among those who lacked the courage to stand up for the Constitution in this dire moment.

Our children will be watching your decision closely.

Sincerely,

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Sam Liccardo  
Mayor  
City of San Jose

**Subject:** Letter to Administrator Murphy  
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**Attachments:** Chairman Neal to GSA Murphy 11-23-20.pdf

Attached, please find a letter to Administrator Murphy from Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard E. Neal.

**Danielle J. Brown**  
*General Counsel and Parliamentarian*  
*House Committee on Ways and Means*



**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515**

November 23, 2020

The Honorable Emily Murphy  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Administrator Murphy:

I write to call on you to immediately ascertain that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President. Your continued refusal to grant the Biden-Harris Transition Team access to critical services and facilities specified in the Presidential Transition Act of 1963<sup>1</sup> impairs the incoming administration's ability to address the coronavirus pandemic, threatening catastrophic consequences for the American people.

As you are aware, it is your responsibility as the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to begin transition activities as soon as you ascertain "the apparent successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President."<sup>2</sup> On November 7, 2020, nearly every major news organization declared President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris the clear winners of the election. Since then, there has been no evidence to put those results into question, and Donald Trump has failed to prove any legal path to victory. Instead, the margin of victory has only grown, with President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris reaching 306 electoral college votes and nearly 6 million more votes than Donald Trump in the popular vote. In the face of these facts, it is unclear on what basis you continue to deny that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the apparent successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President.

Our country is currently confronting a health and economic crisis unlike any other in our lifetimes. As rates of infection from Covid-19 continue to rise and more and more Americans face economic uncertainty, the next administration must be prepared to tackle this crisis with plans and personnel in place on day one. Your refusal to ascertain the election, however, has blocked the Biden-Harris Transition Team from accessing the necessary information and resources to prepare for a seamless transfer of power.

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<sup>1</sup> 3 U.S.C §102 note.

<sup>2</sup> 3 U.S.C §102 note.

Each day lost in the transition process puts more Americans at risk of contracting or dying from the coronavirus. Recent news of successful vaccine trials has given Americans hope, but the inability of the transition team to speak to agency officials during this critical period will slow the national COVID-19 vaccination program. Without access to essential information, the transition team is unable to prepare for problems that could arise in vaccine manufacturing or effectively plan for vaccine distribution. Put simply, your refusal to allow the transition team to properly plan will lead to more illness and death.

In addition to the public health emergency, our nation faces a dire economic crisis. Twenty million Americans currently rely on unemployment benefits to feed their families and pay their bills, and that number is likely to grow as the uncontrolled spread of coronavirus requires additional public health closings and restrictions. Blocking the transition team from coordinating with the Department of Labor will undermine the next administration's ability to provide strong state support and oversight on day one, depriving workers of assistance they desperately need.

The Biden Administration must also be prepared to deliver on promises made to millions of Americans and businesses in pandemic-related legislation that Congress enacted. These promises include the distribution of remaining Economic Impact Payments to individuals and the implementation of tax credits, such as the Employee Retention Tax Credit. Without the necessary information now, the Biden-Harris Transition Team cannot properly ensure the continued delivery of this much-needed financial assistance without interruption.

Nearly three weeks have passed since the American people chose Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as their next President and Vice President. In that time, the public health crisis has worsened and millions of Americans have continued to struggle financially due to the COVID-19 recession. This is a critical time for the incoming administration to access essential information and resources to prepare for an efficient and peaceful transfer of power. With your refusal to abide by the procedures established by the Presidential Transition Act, you are complicit in an unprecedented challenge to our Democratic norms and are endangering the lives and livelihoods of people across the nation. I call on you to put your fellow Americans before political expediency and immediately ascertain that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the successful candidates for the office of President and Vice President.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Neal  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways & Means  
United States House of Representatives