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Dear Secretary Way,

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted nearly every facet of our lives in New Jersey, including the way our upcoming general election will be conducted.

I adamantly disagree with Governor Murphy's decision to order an all vote-by-mail election, which eliminates the choice of voters to cast their ballots securely in a voting booth on Election Day. I believe this was an unnecessary step when any voter could already request a mail-in ballot if they felt unsafe voting on a machine at a polling center, or for any other reason.

Additionally, I am concerned that many New Jersey voters may not have the opportunity to view a sample ballot for their home county and town online. As you are aware, County Clerks are under no obligation to provide an online sample ballot for this general election under the changes enacted by Governor Murphy.

It is my understanding that multiple counties, including Bergen and Hunterdon, are already posting the sample ballots online voluntarily. In the spirit of transparency, to prevent unnecessary confusion, and to better inform voters, I ask that you direct all New Jersey county clerks to post sample ballots online. I would ask that this be done as soon as possible since many Clerks have already commenced the mailing of the VBM ballots.

Every New Jersey voter deserves the opportunity to know before their official ballot arrives who and what they may vote for in the upcoming general election. They should be provided time to research the candidates who are running and analyze the ballot measures that will be put before them for approval.

For those reasons, I urge you to require each County Clerk to post sample ballots for the upcoming general election on their websites at least one month before Election Day.

Thank you,  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin M. Corrado".  
Senator Kristin M. Corrado