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Dear Secretary Way,

The recent unveiling of yet another vote-by-mail issue gives me pause. More than 6,500 ballots were incorrectly postmarked during New Jersey's primary election. Whether it's a result of human error or blatant malfeasance, the integrity of our upcoming general election is at stake through concerning situations like this.

I am unsure which is more troubling – the fact that this egregious mistake occurred or that the Governor, once again, claims to be in the dark about such important matters.

The people of New Jersey deserve to know who in the administration was notified and when. Were these votes counted? If not, did 6,535 voters unknowingly have their voices ignored?

These repeated issues that have been raised with the all vote-by-mail elections ordered by Governor Murphy can be avoided if we were to allow the people of New Jersey to vote in-person at the ballot box, rather than through a mail system that is open to errors such as this.

In the spirit of transparency, I request that you provide answers to the following questions as soon as possible:

- What steps are you taking to ensure the integrity of this mandated vote-by-mail election?
- How many secure ballot boxes have been purchased in accordance with the new law P.L. 2020 c. 72?
- With only 35 days until the General Election, when will the secure ballot boxes be distributed?

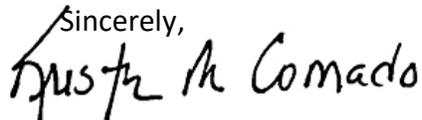
To follow up regarding questions from my two previous letters:

- Will County Clerks be obligated to provide an online sample ballot for this general

election?

- Will the Division of Elections provide any guidelines for collecting, transporting, storing, securing, and opening the paper ballots?

For the purposes of transparency, I urge you to provide full answers and explanations immediately.

Sincerely,

Senator Kristin Corrado