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Re: Pitkin, Colorado voter intimidation issues

Dear Ms. Weber,

Thank you for speaking to me last month about the voting issues occurring in Pitkin, Colorado. I am referring this matter to your office and requesting a formal investigation under 52 USC 10101 of the Voting Rights Act that states in part:

No person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of such other person to vote or to vote as he may choose, or of causing such other person to vote for, or not to vote for, any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the Senate, or Member of the House of Representatives, Delegates or Commissioners from the Territories or possessions, at any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting or electing any such candidate.

I visited Pitkin and talked to a number of voters about their concerns. The town Board of Trustees also referred a question to the November ballot that will be coordinated with the Federal election. There are residents in town fearful of exercising their fundamental right to vote because of the voter intimidation issues. At least one person I spoke with was incorrectly told by the local DA's office that he was not eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

Based upon the information I received, I issued a declaratory order finding four of those voters are in fact residents for voter registration and voting purposes. I have attached that order along with supporting documentation and several statements from voters in the town that have been subject to surveillance, prosecution and threats.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if we can assist in any way.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Staiert
Deputy Secretary of State