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To: Final Session Congress Participants at the
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From: The Tabroom Staff

Re: Final Session Scenario

The upcoming elections on Tuesday, November 6th (Election Date) have been compromised. This Final Congressional Session must address the following issues:

Investigations by the national press reported widespread discrepancies of individuals who were validly registered to vote only to be turned away at the polling stations during the primary elections. While the Department of Justice (DOJ) took no action, a Congressional committee authorized an audit of the voter rolls.

Preliminary results of the Congressional audit of several states, including Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Texas and Wisconsin, noted irregularities in the electronic voter registration information system database (VRIS) as compared to their paper records. When reconciling these records, the auditors in those states and several others concluded that the VRISs were compromised, either in a manner making the voter ineligible (e.g. not identifiable) or deleting the voter in its entirety. In one specific instance in the state of Florida, VRIS information was altered only for voters registered with the Democratic Party.

The Congressional audit has concluded that this was not a result of an accident or inadvertence. It is believed that the alteration of the VRIS has been done in a manner to favor one political party over all of the others during on the Election Date. All states (including the District of Columbia) have been notified of these issues and many of them are attempting to verify whether its VRIS have been compromised, but it seems clear that a number of state VRIS have been compromised and the information has been altered. The extent of the alterations has not been quantified at this time, but is believed to be sufficiently widespread to potentially compromise the election results. At this time, there is no assurance that the results of the election will not be affected.

Separately, several social media platforms have notified the Federal Bureau of Investigations of the detection of an ongoing foreign influence campaign. All of these campaigns have a targeted message of questioning the legitimacy of the elections with calls to "Boycott the Elections", "Block the Vote" and "Delay the Date". Based on these reports and a preliminary investigation by the FBI, it appears to be a coordinated effort.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) publicly acknowledged that a foreign country (likely Russia) scanned VRIS in at least 21 states prior to the 2016 elections, and gained access to the data contained in VRIS for seven states – Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin. DHS concluded that these intrusions were likely done by or on behalf of Russian. Additional audits have verified (but have not been publicly disclosed) that, in fact, the VRIS of many more states were scanned and many more VRISs than seven of the states noted above were accessed and potentially altered.

Moreover, in a confidential memorandum shared with this Congress at its request, DHS has detected a continuing probe for vulnerabilities of many of the 20 states using direct recording electronic voting machines (DREs), especially those without voter verified paper audit trails (VVPAT). Thirteen states have no VVPAT making vote manipulation especially vulnerable.¹ The Congressional audit's scope did not review of these systems, but several states have reported what they believe to be vote manipulation during the primaries. There were some scattered press reports noting that the expected "Blue Wave" of voters did not materialize in several voting districts. Combined with the alteration of the VRIS, there is no assurance that the states have a ballot process that is secure from outside influences on Election Date.

All states with altered VRISs will need to reconcile and reconstitute their voter rolls. It would take a substantial majority of them months to audit, fix and confirm their VRISs. There is no assurance this may be accomplished in a timely manner and certainly not before the Election Date. Additionally, known vulnerabilities in DREs have not and cannot be addressed before the Election Date. Given that the Election Date is just 23 days from Sunday, October 14th, there can be no assurance that the states have accurate VRISs or that the reported results by DREs will not be manipulated.

Separately, DHS along with the National Security Agency and several other agencies, have been working on identifying the responsible parties. It is believed that this is an act sponsored by a foreign government given the sophistication and breath of this intrusion. These agencies were hoping that the report would be available to this Congress sooner but the attacker has used complex masking to hide their digital trail and even a preliminary report will likely not be available for several weeks.

This Final Session Congress must consider the following legislation:

1. A Bill to Delay the Election to a Date After the First Tuesday of November 2018
2. A Bill Mandating and Funding Minimum Safety Standards for VRIS and Election Machines
3. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Address a Fraudulent Federal Election

This bills must be considered in the order specified above.

This is a matter of utmost urgency. Our democracy is under seize.

Best of luck!

¹ The thirteen states are: Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

A Bill to Delay the Election to a Date After the First Tuesday of November

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The 2018 midterm election date is hereby delayed until further notice.

3 **SECTION 2.** The midterm election day is defined as the first Tuesday following a
4 Monday in the month of November in the year 2018.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee this election.

6 A. The Attorney General shall appoint a Deputy Secretary of Elections to
7 oversee free and fair elections.

8 B. The Deputy Secretary of Elections will be responsible for assuring the
9 state voting mechanisms are secure and that voter databases have not
10 been compromised.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill Mandating and Funding Minimum Safety Standards for VRIS and Election Machines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All state and local elections must be conducted with the following parameters enforced in each election:

A. Implementation of a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)

B. Voting machine certification standards

C. Minimum cyber security standards for voter registration

SECTION 2. The US Cybercom and the US Election Assistance Commission will produce these nationalized standards.

SECTION 3. 600 million dollars will be allocated to a joint task force between US Cybercom and the US Election Assistance Commission.

A. Funds will be allocated to develop current systems and secure altered Voter Registration Information System databases (VRIS).

SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Address A Fraudulent Federal Election

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is

proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1. Congress shall have the power to mandate a new federal election for the offices of
the Presidency, House, Senate and all other federal offices to the extent any such
federal election results are fraudulent. Such mandate shall be approved by a
2/3rds vote of both houses of Congress.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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