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Dear Mr. Venrick:

If elections aren't conducted freely and fairly in this country, no other issue matters.

You and I can talk until we're blue in the face about the dangers of socialism, or Critical Race Theory, or tax hikes.

But it's all for naught if the Left completely controls the rules of the electoral battlefield as it did in 2020.

As our good friend Dinesh D'Souza said in a recent interview,

"We know the system is rigged. It ultimately raises the question of whether we still have a democracy, let alone a country."

Election integrity must be the number-one issue and battle cry for conservatives, and anyone else who cares about the future of democracy in America.

It's certainly the number-one issue among conservative donors like you. You understand what's at stake, Mr. Venrick.

Yet the politicians in Washington, D.C., are scared to death to touch this issue. They're afraid of being called "conspiracy theorists," lumped in with the crazy Capitol attackers.

So many other conservative organizations are similarly intimidated. They are content to go on doing what they've always done, talking about corporate tax cuts and such, without getting into such "controversial" topics as this.

That's just the way the Left wants it. They like it when conservatives are bullied or shamed into submission. They like

to have a captive opposition.

Conservatives' silence lets Leftists get away with anything, as we saw so vividly last year.

Well, enough of that.

It's high time for you and me to speak out, in a smart and well-informed way, about the urgency of protecting our elections.

Again, if you and I fail, nothing else matters.

The Left will keep changing election rules to their convenience, the danger of vote fraud be damned. Conservatives will remain forever in the minority. And American freedom will become a thing of the past.

You and I must not let that terrible future come to pass.

Let's make our voices heard. Let's get our elected officials and our fellow citizens up to speed on this issue, so they can speak out and demand change to protect our elections.

Your friends at **Capital Research Center** are right in the thick of this issue.

- Thanks to you, our investigators expose the ugly truth about the Left's election abuses for all to see.
- Then, with your support, we travel the country, educating state legislators and citizens who have the power to act.

Thank you for helping Capital Research Center expose the inconvenient truths so many others are content to ignore!

You're already helping us drive encouraging change.

We almost single-handedly brought to light the appalling ways Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg basically bought last year's elections for the Left. And now, we're educating leaders in key states who need to avoid such interference in future elections.

Your continued support will make possible more hard-hitting investigations to further dramatize the urgency of action.

Please let us count on you once again.

We're one of the only voices you can count on to tell it

like it is on this all-important issue.

Despite the best efforts of Leftists like Senator Sheldon Whitehouse to intimidate us into silence, your Capital Research Center friends will not back down.

Your support has long helped us sound the alarm about the Left's election schemes.

Capital Research Center scholars have for many years highlighted how Leftist activist groups and big-money donors like George Soros have plotted to rip away all semblance of election integrity so as to benefit their favored candidates.

Mass mail-in voting, automatic voter registration, resistance to voter photo I.D., ballot harvesting, the whole ugly mess. They've been at it for years, especially in liberal outposts like California.

It all came to a head last year, with the Left's eagerness to throw away the rulebook to take out their archenemy President Trump. The coronavirus gave them all the cover they needed.

Remember how last year even many supposedly conservative voices were cheering on mail-in voting? What could be the harm?

Well, we weren't fooled. Over a year ago, Capital Research Center began making clear how mass mail-in votes were an open invitation to fraud.

And even if somehow everything was on the up and up with the mail ballots, the havoc they'd cause would make people suspect the outcome.

Sadly, all our warnings were right on the money. And things turned out even worse than we feared.

If only all conservatives had listened and united to stop this foolishness early on!

Capital Research Center investigators also spotted what Mark Zuckerberg was up to before anyone else did.

We called out the way the Facebook titan donated \$400 million to two supposedly non-partisan non-profit organizations to "help cash-strapped localities" carry out the election. How civic-minded of him.

We warned that Zuckerberg was up to no good. Those

supposedly non-partisan groups were, of course, very partisan Leftist groups. And the "help" they offered went disproportionately to big liberal cities in battleground states. What a coincidence....

The New York Times ran a story before the election about Zuckerberg's donations. I was the only skeptic quoted there, making clear just how outraged the Left would be if the shoe were on the other foot.

If Charles Koch or Sheldon Adelson had cut a \$400 million check to Karl Rove to "help" conservative election officials, there wouldn't have been enough electrons in the universe to contain the Left's outrage on the Internet!

Once again, the reality turned out worse than we feared.

In fact, the "Zuck Bucks" we warned of may well have been the difference-makers in 2020.

As our good friend and top vote fraud expert J. Christian Adams put it, these donations converted election offices "in jurisdictions with deep reservoirs of Biden votes into Formula One turnout machines."

If all the Left's prior work to erase election safeguards was the kindling, Zuckerberg's donations poured on gasoline and tossed a spark.

With all that extra funding, liberal election officials were able to go out and manufacture all the extra votes they needed. Mission accomplished for Zuckerberg and company.

You helped us sound the alarm in 2020, but conservative politicians failed to unite to protect election integrity.

Well, we're sounding the alarm again now. Will they listen this time?

Make no mistake, 2020 was a trial run for what the Left wants elections to be like forever. Raw power plays where anything goes, as long as it benefits them.

And look at how viciously Leftists respond when conservatives dare to push back, even a little!

For Pete's sake, they raised such a stink over Georgia's mild voting reforms that Major League Baseball moved its All-

Star Game out of the state! Insanity.

The Left manages to make the election debates all about racism, a playing ground where they're very experienced.

They screech and moan and act as if any attempt to stop vote fraud is a return to the days of Jim Crow.

What offensive nonsense. Black voters know vote fraud is real, because they've very often experienced it. How on earth is requesting a photo I.D. racist, for instance?

Conservative elected officials must have courage to withstand this onslaught of nonsense and lies. Capital Research Center reporting helps strengthen them for the battles to come.

That's why our efforts to expose and defeat the Left's election agenda are so vital. Please help us keep it up.

As smart conservatives looked around to try to understand what happened in last year's election disaster, they found our Zuck Bucks research. They saw how this funding exploited an election law loophole to guarantee a win for the Left.

They came calling to Capital Research Center in a big way. And when conservative state legislators sought to stop such outrages from happening again, they came to the right place.

Legislators in Georgia called me to testify last December. They couldn't believe what I told them.

"How can this be legal?", one legislator asked me. It's because no one ever dreamed a big money outside funder would come in to fund elections like this, so they never bothered to make it illegal!

Amazing, isn't it? The Left is outraged if we suggest privatizing garbage collection, but a single Tech billionaire can privatize the nation's election this way and they cheer.

My testimony and later education of legislators helped Georgia move to stop such abuses in the future... and of course, spurred a furious liberal response.

I also testified before the Arizona and Pennsylvania legislatures about the Zuckerberg donations and the harm they did in those states, as legislators work to ban such private funding

of elections.

As I testified in Pennsylvania, I particularly relished telling legislators that one of the liberal witnesses who spoke just before me to complain about the proposed election reforms, represented an organization involved with serious election abuses in Wisconsin's Zuck Bucks operation!

Thankfully, our investigations have started to generate positive results in those states too. Arizona and Texas have already moved to stop outside funding for elections. In total, twelve states are now considering such legislation. **A good start!**

Capital Research Center also works closely with our allies in the conservative movement to spread the word.

We've long helped J. Christian Adams and his Public Interest Law Foundation fight vote fraud. Christian has had me and my colleagues address their organization several times to plan strategy to combat such future election outrages.

- Conservative election experts Hans von Spakovsky and Cleta Mitchell also benefit from our research.
- Our allies at the American Legislative Exchange Council have helped us educate state legislators.
- Our friends at The Heritage Foundation have had us speak about our findings there as well.

More teamwork like this is essential to unite conservatives to defend election integrity.

Capital Research Center investigators have so far produced nine studies detailing just how much the Zuckerberg donations benefited the Left in key states.

For instance, our Georgia report made clear that Zuckerberg's operation produced hundreds of thousands of extra votes for the Left - more than enough to make the difference for the side that officially won the state by a mere 11,000 votes.

All in all, we found that those Zuck Bucks went to Democrat areas vs Republican ones by a nearly three to one margin. 21% of counties won by Trump received that funding, whereas 55% of counties won by Biden received them.

Plus, Biden received 36% more votes than Hillary had in

2016 in those counties - resulting in 528,319 more votes.

Our research along these lines is one of the most important weapons in conservatives' arsenal on this issue.

Leftists crow that claims of vote fraud were taken to court and lost. Vote fraud is notoriously difficult to prove.

But these Zuckerberg donations and all the machinations of the Leftist non-profit groups are easily documented, and you can follow the money. It all fits together.

So the more you and I can demonstrate the shadiness of the Left's election agenda, the more we can counter and defeat it.

If you and I head off future Zuck Buck operations, the Left won't be able to have their unreal turnout machines in 2022 and 2024. That could make all the difference for conservatives.

We're hard at work on a related front... revealing how blatantly liberal non-profit groups engage in electioneering.

That's supposed to be illegal. But while conservative non-profits are scared to death to engage in get-out-the-vote operations and voter registration drives, liberals have no such fear. They know the IRS will never, ever come after them.

The likes of the Soros Foundation and Ford Foundation have invested upwards of \$100 million a year to ramp up registration and turnout for every imaginable Left-wing constituency.

Of course, these Leftist groups claim they are just serving "underserved" or "disenfranchised" minorities. Even as they seek to effectively disenfranchise all conservatives!

Capital Research Center investigations make clear that Left-wing groups have a nearly four-to-one advantage over conservatives in funding for 501 (c) (3) operations. And that money dwarfs all the cash given to political campaigns, parties, and 501 (c) (4) groups combined.

So the Left already has a huge lead over us. Then they really take things to the next level by flouting legality.

That's why Capital Research Center is working so hard to reveal how Left-wing non-profits abuse the system.

We're working closely with our conservative allies across the country to expose the problem and end such obvious partisan

activities by non-profit groups.

Federal officials need to clarify what 501 (c) (3) groups can and cannot do at election time.

We were all geared up to work with Senator Ron Johnson to hold committee hearings on this issue. But unfortunately, the voters of Georgia ruined those chances.

We continue to fuel conservative champions like Senator Johnson and Congressman Jim Jordan with information on this issue, though, so if they regain control of Congress next year they'll be ready to go from day one!

I was recently in touch with Karl Rove, no stranger to get-out-the-vote operations for conservatives. When asked if he'd ever funded it through 501 (c) (3) charities, he was flabbergasted. Groups on our side would never dream of doing that!

Well, maybe they should.

Right now we're encouraging our conservative friends to ramp up their own voting operations just like the Left has done. Why should we be bound by laws that don't apply to anyone else?

If groups like the National Rifle Association or National Right to Life really ramp up their get out the vote and voter registration operations, that would level the playing field.

And if they were to do so and generate negative media attention, well, that would help make the case for actually enforcing laws across the board, not just against conservatives!

As you can see, people are listening to Capital Research Center on these issues. But there's so much more work to do.

That's why your continued support is so urgent right now.

We aim to ramp up our efforts to promote election integrity in a big way this year. Your special gift today would help us do so much, including:

- Working with our conservative allies to make public records requests to all 2,000+ state and local election offices that received Zuckerberg's election funding.

We want to know what they received and how they spent it - and if they aren't forthcoming with that information, we'll

file lawsuits if we have to.

- Educating more state leaders and testifying before more legislatures across the country. The more states act on this issue, the harder it will be for the Left to get away with their abuses next year and in 2024.
- Launching more investigations to expose the problem. We aim to further detail the damage done by Zuck Bucks -- and plan many more reports on dubious electioneering by Leftists.
- Building more InfluenceWatch profiles about the groups involved in the Left's voting operations. With our extensive online encyclopedia, we expose the truth about Leftist organization and funders like no one else can, or will. Even mainstream media outlets use InfluenceWatch.
- And creating more short social media-friendly videos to educate young Americans. Already our three-minute video on Zuck Bucks has reached more than 100,000 views on YouTube. And all Capital Research Center videos have more than 22 million views... by a predominately young audience.

It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it. Otherwise, there's no hope for conservatives to ever win again.

Together, you and I will expose the depths to which Leftists have sunk. And we'll make clear the need for new laws to deal with these underhanded actions that flout basic fairness.

I just received a note of encouragement from one of your fellow supporters from Texas. He wrote:

"Your group clearly has not given up. Thank you for continuing to fight the good battle against horrendous resistance, trickery, and falsehoods."

And with that, he included a generous contribution. I hope that you share his continued faith in Capital Research Center, and that you too will give again to support our efforts.

Mr. Venrick, with so much on the line for our country and for our conservative movement, will you help Capital Research Center fight on to protect America's elections?

Your gift of \$50, \$75, \$100, or any other amount will fuel our efforts to expose

the Left's voting abuses - and save election integrity for future generations.

There's so much at stake for our country. And so much good work on the way from your Capital Research Center friends.

The additional election integrity research and outreach I've laid out for you here will require a budget of \$345,000 over these next few months.

Please give now to make all this good, timely work possible. The more you and I do to get more conservatives educated and involved on this issue, the better.

I've enclosed a reply form and envelope for you. Please use them to rush your tax-deductible gift as soon as you can.

Your support is vital to keep the truth coming. Let's not let the Left intimidate us into silence.

Thank you for all you do to expose the Left.

Sincerely,



Scott Walter
President

P.S. It's up to you and me to save our elections and ensure conservatives can compete fair and square.

If you and I don't get the facts out there, Mark Zuckerberg and other big-money Leftists will go right on meddling in elections to their hearts' content.

If you and I don't stand up and stop them, Leftist organizations will go right on rolling out dubious "get out the vote" campaigns to manufacture more votes.

If you and I don't speak out, Leftist politicians will keep changing the rules to guarantee their grip on power forever.

Let's not let the 2020 nightmare be repeated again.

Please give now to help **Capital Research Center** lead the charge to protect America's elections. I look forward to hearing from you.