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The Honorable William J. Pulte
Acting Director of National Intelligence
1500 Tysons McLean Drive
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Dear Acting Director Pulte:

We are deeply disturbed by public reportingⁱ describing a White House-led initiative to declassify intelligence information in what appears to be a transparently partisan political exercise to validate debunked conspiracy theories about the 2020 election. Any such weaponization of the intelligence community is gravely damaging to both faith in the electoral process and to the intelligence community's critical national security work.

As recently as [2024](#), the IC has assessed that “[s]ince at least January 2017...the Federal Government has seen no evidence that a foreign actor has impacted voter data integrity, the ability to vote, the tabulation of votes, or the timely transmission of election results” – a core, undisputed finding consistent with IC-wide analysis from both the [2022](#) and [2020](#) cycles. Further, absolutely no intelligence or credible information shared with the Committee casts doubt on those assessments, and numerous briefers have testified to the Committee that there is no credible information indicating foreign intent or capability to impact the integrity of election infrastructure.

Any decision to declassify intelligence must carefully balance a genuine public interest against the risk to sensitive intelligence sources and methods, and reflect the substantive input of career intelligence officers. Thus, we request that any classified intelligence pertaining to previous elections being considered for public release be provided in full to the Committee beforehand, and that IC subject matter experts be made concurrently available to address the assessed impact such declassifications may have on current or future intelligence operations.

As for the 2026 midterms, which are now four months away, we write to remind you that the intelligence community is currently in violation of multiple statutes designed to ensure that Congress understands the full scope of foreign adversary plans and intentions this cycle, and the IC's efforts to mitigate them. Specifically, [50 U.S.C. 3371a\(b\)](#) requires submission of a report identifying election security vulnerabilities and assessing foreign intelligence threats to federal elections no later than 180 days before

a regularly scheduled federal election. That deadline passed on May 7, 2026, and to date it has not been provided. This assessment baselines IC observations of foreign capability and intent to meddle in our elections, and it is critical that Committee and policymakers throughout government receive this coordinated analysis.

This lack of adequate engagement and compliance with statute is not limited to this report. ODNI has provided only a single staff-level briefing to the Committee on threats to the 2026 elections and has not provided any IC-coordinated finished intelligence products on this topic that are available to all Members of the Committee. In addition to complying with all statutory requirements, we request the Election Threat Executive and other designated IC election security leads to provide monthly briefings to the Committee through the conclusion of the 2026 election. These briefings should address foreign election-related threats, foreign malign influence and interference activities, collection and analytic efforts, and actions the intelligence community has taken in response.

Furthermore, ODNI has not declassified and released an appropriately redacted version of the Intelligence Community Assessment (ICA), “Foreign Threats to the 2024 US Election,” published on January 21, 2025, as it has done previous elections assessments. As you know, [50 U.S.C. 3371\(c\)\(3\)](#) requires the publication of such IC assessments within 60 days of the conclusion of a federal election cycle, and continued failure to do so contravenes a statute explicitly designed to ensure public transparency surrounding intelligence community efforts and findings about prior U.S. elections.

Finally, public reportsⁱⁱ about staffing changes at ODNI suggest that the National Intelligence Council (NIC) has been a target for reductions or reassignments of career analysts. If true, we are concerned that such actions will diminish the expertise available for producing coordinated intelligence analyses about how Russia, China, Iran, or other foreign adversaries threaten U.S. national security, including through foreign malign influence activities directed at our elections. We insist that you promptly update the Committee about any workforce changes at the NIC and elsewhere in the ODNI.

Congress enacted these statutory requirements to ensure that policymakers and the public have confidence that the intelligence community is producing apolitical, rigorous, and objective analysis about the nature of threats to our democratic processes. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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ⁱ “White House task force aims to boost Trump’s election claims with declassified intelligence documents,” NBC News, 30 June 2026: <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/white-house/white-house-task-force-gathers-intelligence-documents-seeking-amplify-rcna350731>

ⁱⁱ “New acting intel czar Bill Pulte starts trimming staff as Trump urged,” Washington Post, 25 June 2026: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2026/06/25/new-acting-intel-czar-bill-pulte-starts-trimming-staff-trump-urged/>