

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 18, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Bondi  
United States Attorney General  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write to you requesting that the Office of the Attorney General of the United States launch a formal investigation into potential violations of 18 U.S.C. 242 and 52 U.S.C. 20701 as they relate to the 2024 general election in Scott County, Minnesota.

It has been widely reported<sup>1</sup> and confirmed by Scott County Attorney Ron Hocevar<sup>2</sup> that 20 ballots were likely disposed of by election officials in Scott County without the votes being counted.

While the election results for the 2024 general election were swiftly certified by Scott County and Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon, 20 Minnesotans were allegedly denied their right to vote in this election.

An internal investigation is still ongoing in Scott County regarding the disposal of these ballots; however, no actions have been taken by Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon or Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison to investigate any potential wrongdoing by these election officials.

As you know, 18 U.S.C. 242 prohibits willfully acting under government authority to deprive individuals of their rights, including the right to vote; and 52 U.S.C. 20701 provides criminal penalties for officials willfully failing to retain and preserve election records.

Minnesotans deserve to have confidence in their state's elections and accountability from their state's election officials. We respectfully request that the Office of the Attorney General of the United States take swift action to fully investigate this matter, ensuring accountability and transparency for Minnesota voters.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fox9.com/news/mn-house-district-54a-ballot-investigation>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/23098/Preliminary-investigation-summary>

Sincerely,



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