

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2308

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The Honorable Steve Simon
Secretary of State
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Secretary Simon,

Election integrity has been a topical and worrisome issue these last few election cycles. Concerns about fraud and abuse have made Americans uneasy and distrustful that elections are truly fair and accurate. Unfortunately, it has been well documented that the election reporting systems in Minnesota have created confusion and raised many questions about the 2024 election results in our state. Your office must act quickly to bring transparency to this situation.

In Scott County, it has been reported that 20 ballots have gone missing from Shakopee's 10th Precinct, where the current reported margin for Minnesota House District 54A is 14 votes.¹ In Sherburne County, your official website showed race results with 100% reporting only for the reported winner to change by the next morning.² There were also ballot misprint issues widely reported well before election day, which likely sowed doubts in the election from the start.³

Because of these reports, we ask that you provide our offices with the following information:

- The steps you plan to take if the 20 missing ballots from Shakopee's 10th Precinct are not located.
- A list of all reported election reporting and result discrepancies and errors, reasons why the discrepancies and errors occurred, and if the discrepancies and errors have been resolved.
- Changes your office will pursue in the next legislative session to ensure that elections are plainly accurate and widely accepted in the future.
- Actions your office will take to hold counties with errors and discrepancies accountable to their voters.

With several recounts currently underway, Minnesotans deserve to have confidence that their elections are safe and secure and that their vote is accurately counted. Moreover, in future elections we urge you to consider best practices, such as voter identification, elimination of same-day voter registration, and prohibition of automatic mailed ballots. These simple and

¹ <https://www.startribune.com/scott-county-to-certify-ultra-close-minnesota-house-race-starting-clock-for-a-recount/601179982>

² <https://kstp.com/kstp-news/top-news/2-mn-house-races-face-recounts-election-officials-try-to-clear-up-confusion/>

³ <https://www.fox9.com/news/candidate-calls-out-unacceptable-ballot-mixup-zumbro-falls>

effective policies will strengthen election integrity and ensure that all lawful votes are counted quickly and precisely.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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Pete Stauber
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Emmer".

Tom Emmer
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Finstad".

Brad Finstad
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Fischbach".

Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress