

## **Only Count the Legal Vote**

The rush to using all mail-in ballots across the nation has led to a crisis of confidence in our whole election process. We should return to a system of in-person voting with mail-in voting only as an exception.

It is not enough to do things honestly. There also must be an appearance of honesty and fairness if faith in our system is to be maintained. A system of universal mail-in ballots coupled with bloated voter rolls full of invalid names and an opaque signature verification and tabulating process seem designed to enable fraud and make detecting or proving fraud nearly impossible.

All mail-in balloting transfers the political power from the voters to the vote counters.

Those celebrating the short-term gain of ensuring Democrat victories in every election may come to regret their long-term loss of legitimacy in the eyes of the other half of the population.

For the present, people should hold off calling anyone the "President Elect" until all the legal challenges and recounts have been completed.

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