



Secretary of the Commonwealth
Attn: Michelle K. Tassinari
Director and Legal Counsel, Elections Division
McCormack Building
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108

December 14, 2018

Dear Secretary Galvin:

Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance (MassFiscal) is the state's largest non-partisan, non-profit advocacy organization. We represent over 1,000 members, located from Pittsfield to Martha's Vineyard. As we outlined in our October 23 letter to your office, MassFiscal mailed a first-class letter to voters who voted in the September primary. We received the voter data after filing a Freedom of Information Request from each city and town clerk's office. The voters from the municipalities of Lawrence, Haverhill, Brockton, Framingham, Methuen, Lowell, Milford, and Franklin received MassFiscal's letter. In all, 63,246 letters were mailed.

Of the 63,246 that were mailed, 705 were returned to our office as undeliverable by the United States Postal Service (USPS). As we previously stated, there are serious concerns with these returns. The breakdown per municipality may be found below. As you may know, not all voters update their address with USPS. For the voters who do, they have 12 months of mail forwarding as part of their service. State law requires that once a voter moves, they have six months to re-register with their updated address.

MassFiscal compared the 705 returns from the primary election to the voters who voted in the November general election. 73 percent (513), of the 705 we previously reported to your office voted in the November general election.

CITY	FLAGGED AND VOTED IN GENERAL ELECTION	RETURNS FROM PRIMARY	%
Lawrence	205	290	71%
Haverhill	82	93	88%
Brockton	38	61	62%
Framingham	32	36	89%
Methuen	22	24	92%
Lowell	124	184	67%
Milford	5	9	56%
Franklin	5	8	63%

TOTALS	513	705	73%
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The cities of Lawrence, Lowell, Methuen, and Haverhill had a very competitive Democratic Congressional Primary in September. The winner, Congresswoman elect Lori Trahan, defeated Dan Koh, the runner up by 145 votes out of 88,823 cast. We flagged 464 primary voters from those four cities.

One of the Democratic candidates in the primary was Beej Das. Mr. Das voted in Lowell for the primary and his letter was one of the 705 returned to our office by the USPS. Mr. Das was one of four voters registered at 71 Jackson Street #207 in Lowell, the other voters were Sarah German, Mitra Das, and Mukti Das. All four letters were returned to our office. Mitra Das and Mukti Das voted in the general election at 104 Blueberry Hill Lane in North Andover, while Beej Das and Sarah German voted in the general election at 71 Jackson Street #207 in Lowell.

513 people voted in the primary and general elections with questionable mailing addresses, according to the USPS. We urge your office to work to ensure that future elections are not under the same cloud as the Democratic Primary for the Third Congressional District and hold a public hearing in which these discrepancies can be resolved out in the open. Voter integrity must be protected and preserved. MassFiscal is prepared to work with the Secretary of State William Galvin's office, and the city clerks from each town to ensure voter fraud is further prevented in the 2020 election.

Sincerely,



Carl Copeland
Interim Executive Director

CC: City clerk from the municipalities of Lawrence, Haverhill, Brockton, Framingham, Methuen, Lowell, Milford, and Franklin.