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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510–6250

October 29, 2026

Transmitted Electronically to Ms. Elisa Rios

Dear Ms. Rios:

On October 28, 2026, the *New York Times* reported that individuals associated with the U.S. Senate campaign of Mary Peltola ("Peltola campaign") and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee ("DSCC") engaged in a concerted effort to undermine the integrity of the 2026 Alaska election for U.S. Senator.[1] The effort, which according to the report was called "the ballot composition project," involved recruiting individuals, specifically individuals named "Dan Sullivan," in order to create confusion among voters.[2]

According to the article, in the summer of 2025, DSCC staff introduced Elisa Rios, Peltola's former campaign manager, and Anton McParland, Peltola's former chief of staff, to Jerid Kurtz, a reported specialist in "secret ballot maneuvers."[3] Following this meeting, Kurtz reportedly sought to recruit individuals as "spoilers" which allegedly included recruiting Dan J. Sullivan.[4] Individuals from both the Peltola campaign and the DSCC were reportedly actively engaged with Kurtz's efforts.[5]

If true, the alleged efforts described in the October 28, 2026 article, would amount to a disturbing effort to undermine the integrity of the 2026 U.S. Senate election in Alaska. Pursuant to Senate Resolution 94 (119th Cong.), the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (the "Subcommittee") is conducting a review of alleged misconduct in the 2026 U.S. Senate election in Alaska. Unless otherwise stated, the period of time covered by this request is from January 1, 2025 to the present. In order to assist the Subcommittee in its review, please provide the following information by no later than November 12, 2026:

1. All communications to or from any of the following individuals referring to any effort to recruit individuals to run for the U.S. Senate election in Alaska, including but not limited to all communications referring or relating to the ballot composition project:
    a. Jerid Kurtz;
    b. Andrew Piatt;
    c. Jacquelyn Lopez;
    d. Anton McParland; and
    e. Shelbi Dantic.

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[1] Kellen Browning, Inside Democrats' Secret Effort to Stack Alaska's Ballot, New York Times, Oct. 28, 2026, available at https://www.nytimes.com/2026/10/28/us/politics/alaska-dan-sullivan-conspiracy-peltola.html.
[2] *Id.*
[3] *Id.*
[4] *Id.*
[5] *Id.*

In addition to the above requests, please preserve all records referring or relating to the 2026 U.S. Senate election in Alaska.[6] Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

The Honorable Todd Blanche
Attorney General
Department of Justice

The Honorable Shana Broussard
Commissioner Acting as Chair
Federal Election Commission

[6] "Records" include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (such as texts, emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), calendar entries, inter-office communications, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).