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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear President Trump:

As the Ranking Member of the Senate Rules Committee with jurisdiction over the Federal Election Commission (FEC), I write to express concern regarding news that the Commission will soon lose a quorum to conduct business. As such, I urge you to work with the Senate and act swiftly to ensure that the FEC is able to fully function.

The FEC plays a vital role in administering and enforcing federal campaign finance laws. Strong enforcement of the laws that regulate how campaigns can raise and spend money is fundamental to ensuring transparency and accountability in our democracy.

Last week, Commissioner Matt Petersen announced that he will resign from the FEC on August 31. Commissioner Petersen's departure leaves only three remaining commissioners, which will result in the first loss of a quorum on the FEC since 2008.

The lack of a quorum means that the FEC will be unable to hold meetings, promulgate rules, or vote on enforcement matters. In other words, the FEC will be unable take any substantive measures to enforce federal election laws. This is unacceptable, especially as foreign adversaries are working to influence our political system.

Accordingly, we must work to restore a bipartisan quorum and ensure that the Commission is effectively working for the American people.

I respectfully request that you move to swiftly complete the vetting process on the Democratic candidate for the Commission and put forward a nominee so that the Senate can move forward with the confirmation process.

A fully functioning FEC is critical to safeguarding our political system from corruption and foreign influence. The Rules Committee is ready to act quickly restore a quorum to the FEC.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration