

# United States Senate

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Secretary  
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The Honorable Todd Blanche  
Acting Attorney General  
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Director of National Intelligence  
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Director  
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Secretary Mullin, Director Gabbard, Acting Attorney General Blanche, Director Patel, and General Rudd:

On September 15, 2025, and February 10, 2026, Senators Warner and Padilla wrote to Director Gabbard requesting Intelligence Community briefings for Senators on election security and foreign election threats. On May 8, 2026, the two individuals named as the joint Election Threat Executives briefed some Senate staffers on the Office of the Director of National Intelligence's (ODNI) election security efforts ahead of the 2026 midterm elections. Requests for briefings on election security efforts at FBI and CISA have not been fulfilled despite requests – a departure from previous years.

Although we are less than 6 months from the election and less than three months from the start of early voting in several states, ODNI's election security efforts for this election cycle are clearly still in their infancy. Notably, no meaningful steps have been taken to coordinate information sharing and incident response between Executive Branch agencies or to ensure timely information dissemination to election stakeholders such as state and local election officials or to relevant private sector entities. Such inaction is particularly concerning given that the mechanisms and channels previously relied on to share and disseminate information have been decimated by Administration-induced funding and personnel cuts to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). For example, the Administration has ceased funding the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center, entirely shutting off support for an entity that helped local election officials prepare for, defend against, and respond to election security threats. Additionally, CISA does not have a plan for fielding election security advisors despite Congress appropriating funding.

Meanwhile, Director Gabbard has not clarified, justified, or abandoned her deeply concerning but wholly unsupported public statements about voting system security. Nor has she explained or justified ODNI's highly unusual investigations regarding purported election integrity. Moreover, despite our requests and multiple statutory requirements, we have not received any intelligence products concerning threats to election security, including any products that could support ongoing investigation into past elections or underlying claims about purported voting system insecurity.<sup>1</sup>

In light of our concerns, and consistent with past practice, we request that ODNI, CISA, FBI, and NSA provide regular briefings to congressional staff starting immediately and continuing through the November 2026 midterm elections. These briefings should cover threats to the elections; the Executive Branch's efforts to counter, defend against, and share information about those threats; and any information regarding the security of the November 2025 elections and the 2026 primaries in advance of the general election. Any relevant intelligence products informing these briefings should be provided to the relevant congressional committees in advance of the briefings.

We also reiterate our request for an all-Senators briefing on election threats, including efforts to influence election outcomes through influence or cyber-enabled means. In advance of that briefing, we ask that you make all intelligence products concerning election security threats available to appropriate congressional committees and members of Congress, as required by law. Additionally, if there is any intelligence underlying Director Gabbard's claims regarding supposedly unresolved voting system insecurities or informing any ongoing investigations into past threats or foreign interference, we request that you comply with your legal obligations to share that intelligence. Finally, Director Gabbard or her replacement should come prepared to clarify and explain her public statements regarding voting system security and the status of ODNI's highly unusual and inappropriate involvement in apparently domestic investigations into purported election integrity concerns.

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<sup>1</sup> Rebecca Beitsch, *Debunked Election Claims Behind Fulton County Search Spark New Questions for Gabbard*, The Hill (Feb. 16, 2026); Maggie Miller and Dana Nickel, *Gabbard's Seizure of Voting Machines Heightens Concerns of Midterm Meddling*, Politico (Feb. 6, 2026); Evan Casey, *FBI Visited Home of Milwaukee County's Election Director*, Wisconsin Public Radio (May 14, 2026).

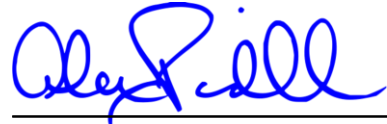
Voting in the congressional primaries is well underway across the nation and the November elections are rapidly approaching. We request that you schedule regular staff briefings immediately and schedule the Senators briefing no later than June 25, 2026.

Sincerely,



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Mark R. Warner  
United States Senator  
Vice Chairman, Select  
Committee on Intelligence



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Alex Padilla  
United States Senator  
Ranking Member, Committee  
on Rules and Administration



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Gary C. Peters  
United States Senator  
Ranking Member, Committee  
on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs