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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

November 3, 2020

Henry Kerner  
Special Counsel  
1730 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.  
United States Office of Special Counsel

Dear Special Counsel Kerner:

I write urgently demanding an explanation of whether Donald Trump and members of the executive branch are breaking the law on Election Day. Reports suggest that Donald Trump is using space inside the Eisenhower Executive Office Building as a campaign “war room.” Additionally, Mr. Trump is expected to be briefed in the White House residence and the Oval Office throughout the day by campaign officials. These actions put executive branch officials at risk of blatant violations of the law, including the Hatch Act.

Trump campaign officials have claimed that “Every piece of equipment, including WiFi and computers, was paid for by the campaign, and no White House staff is involved. The arrangement has been approved by White House counsel.”<sup>1</sup> However, it is your office that is responsible for investigating and prosecuting Hatch Act violations. I request answers to the questions below by Friday, November 6, 2020 regarding these reports.

- Please explain how Donald Trump’s actions on November 3, 2020 do not violate the Hatch Act, including if Trump put executive branch officials at risk of violating the law.
- Please detail if your office was consulted on the decision to use space inside the Eisenhower Executive Office Building as a campaign “war room.”
- Does providing the President campaign updates in the Oval Office, residence, any part of the White House or any executive office building violate the Hatch Act? If not, please explain.
- How did Donald Trump’s campaign install its own technological equipment, including WiFi and computers, in the White House? What officials were consulted to ensure there was no risk to national security?
- Please name every individual that was involved in reviewing and approving the decisions by the Trump Campaign to turn the White House into a campaign headquarters.

I take potential violations of the Hatch Act very seriously and expect that your office will not ignore blatant violations of the law happening on Election Day. I look forward to working with you to better understand why Donald Trump is being allowed to abuse taxpayer resources.

We need an administration that understands that our nation's laws matter and refrains from abusing those laws. I hope you and everyone registered to vote participated in today's election.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Pascrell Jr." in a cursive style.

Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
Member of Congress

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<sup>i</sup> <https://twitter.com/maggieNYT/status/1323712800787730432>