

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 24, 2026

The Honorable Harmeet Dhillon
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Assistant Attorney General Dhillon,

According to credible reports, the Civil Rights Division sent a recently hired attorney to conduct election monitoring for the Department of Justice (DOJ) who was previously convicted of election interference.¹

Deploying politically motivated individuals to carry out DOJ's poll monitoring efforts threatens to undermine Americans' faith in the electoral process ahead of the November 2026 midterm elections.

In 2016, David Levin pleaded guilty to conducting a cyberattack to obtain the credentials of a Supervisor of Elections for Lee County, Florida, which he then used to enter restricted portions of the state's Division of Elections and the county's election websites.² He served 20 days in jail and received two years of probation.³ According to Mr. Levin's arrest warrant, he demonstrated how he hacked the website in YouTube videos and a local television interview.⁴

The Department has not confirmed whether Mr. Levin is working for the Civil Rights Division. But publicly available images and videos from the Department's election monitoring activities during the recent Minnesota primary elections captured Mr. Levin with William Mohrman, who

¹ See Yunion Rivas, *Exclusive: Trump DOJ Appears to have Hired Lawyer Convicted of Hacking Election Sites to Check 'Integrity'*, DEMOCRACY DOCKET (Aug. 21, 2026), <https://www.democracydocket.com/news-alerts/trump-doj-appears-to-have-hired-lawyer-convicted-of-hacking-election-sites/>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Arrest Warrant for David Michael Levin at 2 (issued by the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, Lee County, Florida, May 3, 2016), <https://www.democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/David-Levin-Arrest-Warrant.pdf>.

is a Senior Counsel in the Division.⁵ One video shows a local election judge interacting with Mr. Levin and Mr. Mohrman as they monitored Minnesota's August primary.⁶

On August 25, 2026, you stated in an interview with Bloomberg News that the Department would send approximately 1,000 employees to monitor the 2026 midterm elections.⁷ In that interview, you declined to state where those monitors would be sent,⁸ but DOJ has already deployed primary election monitors to eleven states and hundreds of polling locations.⁹ This announcement, combined with Mr. Levin's presence at election monitoring activities in Minnesota, raises serious questions about who the Division will send to conduct election monitoring during the midterm elections.

In order to better understand the Division's election-related work, please provide responses to the below questions by October 8, 2026.

1. Please identify the factors that the Civil Rights Division considers when determining whether election monitors will be sent to a particular polling location.
2. Does the Civil Rights Division have a policy prohibiting individuals convicted of, or charged with, election-related offenses from participating in election monitoring on behalf of the DOJ?
3. Did Mr. Levin participate in DOJ election monitoring during the 2026 primary election in Minnesota? If so, what was his authority and who approved of his participation?
4. Does the Civil Rights Division intend to have Mr. Levin participate in election monitoring during the 2026 midterm elections in November?
5. Are there other Civil Rights Division employees who have been convicted of, or charged with, election interference offenses?

⁵ See Rivas, *supra* note 1.

⁶ See *id.*

⁷ Patrick Marley, *Justice Department Plans to Send about 1,000 Monitors to the Polls this Fall*, WASHINGTON POST (Aug. 17, 2026), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/08/17/justice-department-plans-send-about-1000-monitors-polls-this-fall/>.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Press Release, *Justice Department to Conduct Election Monitoring in Rhode Island Primary Election*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUST. (Sept. 9, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-conduct-election-monitoring-rhode-island-primary-election>.

6. Were DOJ officials aware of Mr. Levin's convictions for hacking election websites before he was hired?
7. Please describe Mr. Levin's involvement in the Division's election-related work.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Welch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "W".

Peter Welch
United States Senator