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October 9, 2026

Aaron Ammons
Champaign County Clerk & Recorder
102 E Main St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Ammons,

The Committee on House Administration (Committee) has broad oversight of federal elections.¹ Rigorous oversight of federal election administration is critical to safeguard the integrity of America's elections. The Committee is seeking information based on recent reporting that Champaign County suspended early voting.

On October 1, 2026, the Champaign County Clerk's office was "made aware of an error on a ballot."² The incorrect ballots affected nine different precincts.³ On October 2, 2026, your office announced that the Bennet Administrative Center in Champaign County, Illinois would suspend early voting due to a "technical issue impacting voting."⁴ The announcement appears to have been emailed to a local news outlet.⁵ Many voters did not learn of the early voting suspension until they arrived at their polling location.⁶

On Monday, October 5, your office announced that nearly 600 voters received ballots with incorrect names of candidates for public office.⁷ The errors included a race for a local county

¹ Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule X (K) Committee on House Administration.

² Champaign County Clerk & Recorder, *Media Advisory from Champaign County Clerk Aaron Ammons*, available at: <https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/media-advisory-oct-1>.

³ *Id.*; Bradley Zimmerman et al., *UPDATE: Early voting resumes in Champaign County after 'technical issue'*, WCIA.COM (Updated Oct. 5, 2026), available at: <https://www.wcia.com/news/your-local-election-hq/champaign-county-suspends-early-voting-due-to-technical-issue/>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *UPDATE: Champaign County clerk says 600 people need to watch mail for replacement ballots*, IPM News (Oct. 5, 2026), available at: <https://ipmnewsroom.org/early-voting-suspended-in-champaign-county-on-friday/>.

⁶ Bradley Zimmerman et al., *supra* note 3.

⁷ IPM News, *supra* note 5; See also Bradley Zimmerman & Peter Hason, *Errors discovered on Champaign Co. ballots cause early voting suspension*, WCIA.COM (Updated Oct. 5, 2026), available at: <https://www.wcia.com/top-stories/errors-discovered-on-champaign-co-ballots-cause-early-voting-suspension/>.

executive that was mislabeled as a Congressional race.⁸ Ballot printing errors and unilateral suspensions in voting undermine public confidence in the nation's elections. This issue merits careful attention and assurance that it will not reoccur.

To assist the Committee's oversight of this matter, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but no later than October 23, 2026:

1. How did the Champaign County Clerk's office notify voters that early voting was suspended on Friday, October 2, 2026, and how many voters were not able to vote on that day?
2. What specific mechanical, digital, or procedural error within Champaign County or the County's vendor led to misprints on over 600 ballots? How will your office ensure incorrect ballots are sequestered from processing and tabulation of lawfully cast votes?
3. What protocols does the Champaign County Clerk have in place to audit and verify the accuracy of ballots prior to distribution, and does your office plan to alter these protocols given this incident?
4. How will your office ensure that voters who cast incorrect ballots are notified that the incorrectly labeled ballot is invalid? How will these voters be given the opportunity to cast a correct ballot?
5. Has your office launched a formal internal investigation into this incident? If yes, what are the preliminary findings?
6. How will your office ensure that a similar incident does not occur prior to the November general election?

⁸ Champaign County, Ill., Official Ballot General Election November 3, 2026 Publication Ballot, available at: <https://champaigncountyclerk.com/sites/default/files/2026-09/26GILCHM-Chopped%201.pdf?v=2>.

Mr. Aaron Ammons

October 9, 2026

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If you have any questions, please contact the Committee at 202-225-8281. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bryan Steil
Chairman
Committee on House Administration

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Miller".

Mary Miller
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Joseph Morelle, Ranking Member
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