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Center for Progressive Reform Urges Vote Count to Continue Free from Political Interference

The Center for Progressive Reform released the following statement from Interim Executive Director Laurie Ristino on the ongoing vote count in the 2020 election:

American democracy, if it is to mean anything, demands that all eligible voters get to exercise their right to vote and that *their votes actually be counted*. We have watched with alarm as the former principle has come under unilateral attack from one political party for self-serving reasons in recent weeks. We are outraged to see the president attack the latter.

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As of this morning, the presidential election is still undecided. Millions of votes in states that will ultimately determine the outcome remain uncounted. We join with others in demanding that those states be allowed the freedom to complete those counts without political interference.

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