



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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**Statement of Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub
Regarding Allegations by the President of the United States
of Widespread Voter Fraud in New Hampshire
February 10, 2017**

According to widespread news reports circulating today,¹ President Trump has alleged an astonishing voter-fraud scheme that he claims denied him and former Sen. Kelly Ayotte victory in the state of New Hampshire in the 2016 elections.

The scheme the President of the United States alleges would constitute thousands of felony criminal offenses under New Hampshire law.²

As a Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission, I am acutely aware that our democracy rests on the faith of the American people in the integrity of their elections.

The President has issued an extraordinarily serious and specific charge. Allegations of this magnitude cannot be ignored.

I therefore call upon President Trump to immediately share his evidence with the public and with the appropriate law-enforcement authorities so that his allegations may be investigated promptly and thoroughly.

¹ See, e.g., "The Latest: Trump revives claims of voter fraud," THE WASHINGTON POST (found at https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/whitehouse/the-latest-trump-tells-xi-hell-honor-one-china-policy/2017/02/09/fa1172ac-ef48-11e6-a100-fdaaf400369a_story.html); "Trump brings up vote fraud again, this time in meeting with senators," POLITICO (found at <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/02/trump-voter-fraud-senators-meeting-234909>); "Trump: Ayotte would have won Senate reelection if not for voter fraud," THE HILL (found at <http://thehill.com/homenews/news/318986-trump-ayotte-would-have-won-reelection-if-not-for-voter-fraud>).

² RSA 659:34(I)(e) and 659:34(II).