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Directors (via BCC):

The Court of Appeals just issued an order reversing the denial of the restraining order that was requested by Kennedy. It is attached. The court has ordered a further pause to ballot distribution. **Do not send any ballots out today**.

The court has also ordered that the We The People party's ballot line be removed (including Kennedy and Shanahan). Obviously, this will be a major undertaking for everyone. Our attorneys are reviewing the order and determining how to move forward. No decision has been made on whether this ruling will be appealed.

Bottom line: **continue to hold your outgoing absentee ballots**—both military and overseas citizen ballots, and ballots for civilian voters. We will update you immediately with any further developments.

Best regards,

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