

October 24, 2012

The Hon. Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General of the United States  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear General Holder,

Any individual who threatens to subvert the integrity of the election process needs to be prosecuted if he or she follows through on the threat. However, any public official who exercises authority over the election process who publicly threatens to do the same needs to be investigated BEFORE the next election takes place -- to prevent him or her from abusing their authority to carry out the threat.

Such is the case with Bridgeport, Connecticut Mayor Bill Finch. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, he was caught on tape arguably boasting that he would guarantee U.S. Senate candidate Christopher Murphy however many Bridgeport votes it took for Murphy to win the election in November:

Mr. Murphy: “Big turnout in Bridgeport?”

Mr. Finch, laughing: “Big turnout in Bridgeport, always, always. We may come in a couple of days late. But you can be guaranteed you’re going to get the vote.”

In light of the unprecedented and suspicious vote casting and counting debacle the Mayor presided over during Connecticut’s 2010 Governor’s race, the Department of Justice needs to investigate Mayor Finch’s comments as a serious threat to the integrity of the upcoming election.

In 2010, Bridgeport’s vote totals “came in” three days after the election and one day after the state’s legal deadline to report. Bridgeport’s tally of votes then reversed the statewide result in the governor’s race. Even before the vote, the [media](#) reported widespread “chaos,” with ballot shortages because the city only ordered ballots for a third of its registered voters. Other election irregularities included “photocopied ballots, altered hours at polling places, a mysterious bag of votes and Finch’s abuse of the city’s emergency notification system to increase turnout on Election Day,” according to the [Weekly Standard](#).

The mystery bag of votes was “discovered” two days after the election, a day after the legal deadline for reporting vote tallies – and after the margin of victory in the rest of the state was known.

Recently, your department monitored polling places during elections in Florida and Wisconsin, as explained in an August 13, 2012 Justice Department [press release](#): “Each year, the Justice Department deploys hundreds of federal observers from Office of Personnel Management, as well as departmental staff, to monitor elections across the country.”

In light of Bridgeport’s history in the last election, and the nature of Mr. Finch’s remarks, due diligence calls for the Voting Section of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division to make inquiries, and for the Department itself to monitor the voting process in Bridgeport from now until Election Day.

The video can be viewed here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=s4yW\\_NY8ApY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=s4yW_NY8ApY)

Vote fraud nullifies the rights of people who cast their votes legally -- and strikes at the heart of our self-governing society.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Chairman/CEO