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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
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**Sent:** 4/14/2025 11:57:48 PM  
**To:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** Zandi, Matt (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Warner, Mac (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: Suggested EO 14248 follow up from Michael to Ketan

Excellent. Thank you.

**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

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**From:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 5:56 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** Zandi, Matt (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** Suggested EO 14248 follow up from Michael to Ketan

Michael:

I suggest we send a follow up to Ketan [(b)(5)]  
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[(b)(5)] Here's a draft for your review:

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R. Jonas Geissler, Esq.  
Senior Counsel  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Civil Rights Division  
DOJ Cell Phone: (b)(6)

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
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**Sent:** 4/23/2025 7:47:40 PM  
**To:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Thank you both. I agree would be very helpful for Toni to attend and if you can too, Vetan, that would be great. [(b)(5)]

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**From:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:37 PM  
**To:** Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

I think it's best for Vetan or Toni to attend and then CRT to send someone as well.

**Ketan Bhirud**

Associate Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:32 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi Michael,

Sorry for the confusion. I think the best path forward is (b)(5)

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:16 PM  
**To:** Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi Vetan, (b)(5)

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Thanks Vetan!

**Michael E. Gates**

Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

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**From:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:35 AM  
**To:** Fox, Jordan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)> Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Henricks, Aaron (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Nieves, Brian (ODAG) <(b)(6)>; Day, Vance (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Jordan,

See below regarding EO 14248 (Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections).

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Here's a link to the EO: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/preserving-and-protecting-the-integrity-of-american-elections/>

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

**Ketan Bhirud**

Associate Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)

**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 8:01 PM

**To:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi Ketan,

Thank you for (b)(5)

(b)(5) Accordingly, we  
suggest the following actions: (b)(5)

(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Please let me know if we should clarify any of these suggestions or if there is another specific task that CRT should take on for this EO.

**Michael E. Gates**

Deputy Assistant Attorney General

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
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**Sent:** 4/23/2025 7:13:28 PM  
**To:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

I'll fix.

**Michael E. Gates**

Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
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**From:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:12 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Can I just add Vetan to this chain so we can sort it out?

**Ketan Bhirud**

Associate Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:10 PM  
**To:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Ketan, I think it is unclear: (b)(5)

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Please advise.

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**Subject:** RE: DOJ Action on EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [T (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 4/23/2025 10:06:49 PM  
**To:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:06 PM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Tamar:

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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Thank you.

- Jonas

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:55 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Great, will do. Thanks.

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:39 PM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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(b)(5) Please feel free to be in direct contact. Thank you.

**Michael E. Gates**  
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Cc: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi, Michael – (b)(5) I think it's important

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Do we have a contact there yet?

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Thanks!

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From: Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:04 PM

To: Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Cc: Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>

Subject: RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Also, Tamar, we need to add to the list of to-do's (b)(5)

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And...

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Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 3:19 PM

**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi Tamar, (b)(5)

(b)(5) that would be great.

**Michael E. Gates**

Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 10:31 AM

**To:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Got it, thanks, Andrew.

And Michael, we'll get right on the tasks in your email below. I'm sure we will have questions as we dig into the details and we'll reach out with those. One initial question – (b)(5)

(b)(5) just wanted to make sure I understood what you had in mind.

Thanks!

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**From:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:59 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi Tamar,

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I will get back to you on the other matters.

Thanks,

Andrew

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>;  
Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**Sent:** 4/23/2025 8:55:31 PM  
**To:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [T (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 4/24/2025 12:06:41 AM  
**To:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** Re: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Thank you, both.

On Apr 23, 2025, at 7:52 PM, Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)> wrote:

This also looks fine to me.

On Apr 23, 2025, at 6:51 PM, Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT)  
<(b)(6)> wrote:

Looks good to me.

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:48 PM  
**To:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT)  
<(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Becky, Tim – let me know what you think of this response to Michael:

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**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 4/28/2025 10:49:03 PM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Sell, Eric (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**CC:** Warner, Mac (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

No problem. Thank you.

**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 5:56 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Michael – attached is proposed draft memorandum regarding [(b)(5)] Note that this is written so that [(b)(5)]

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Happy to discuss.

Thanks,  
Tamar

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 10:09 PM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Great, thank you!

**Michael E. Gates**  
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**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Sell, Eric (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** Warner, Mac (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Mellett,

Timothy F (CRT) <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Michael (+Tim) –

Here is an update on the EO-related questions:

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R. Tamar Hagler  
Chief  
Voting Section  
Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**Sent:** 5/8/2025 2:47:42 PM  
**To:** Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections  
**Attachments:** (b)(5)

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [T (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 4/25/2025 8:29:28 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Thanks, Michael.

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2025 4:20 PM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Yes. Thank you.

**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2025 4:19 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Hi, Michael – it's turned out to be such a busy week. Would it be okay if I got you (b)(5) on Monday?

Thanks,  
Tamar

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**Sent:** 4/25/2025 8:29:45 PM  
**To:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Berman, Robert (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Russ, Bert (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
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**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 10:33 AM  
**To:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
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Good question – what was your thought

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**CC:** Warner, Mac (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
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Understood, thanks.

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**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Yes re [(b)(5)]

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**To:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)  
**CC:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

thanks

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**From:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:45 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** Re: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Not that I am aware of.  
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2025, at 9:34 AM, Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)> wrote:

Tim – you don’t need to read the below email in full right now, but I do have one quick question. Do you know if (b)(5)

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Thanks,  
Tamar

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)  
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**Sent:** 4/15/2025 2:05:18 PM  
**To:** Warner, Mac (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

I think our communication protocols require Senior Counsels and Counsels to cc DAAGs on all communications so we see what's going on... but, maybe I am unclear.

(b)(5) Maybe you do. I do not. I would think he needs to cc a DAAG on all his communications period – and certainly those with sections. That is my understanding.

Obviously, I will take your lead and direction on this.

**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

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**From:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) (b)(6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:59 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) (b)(6) >  
**Cc:** Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6); Warner, Mac (CRT) (b)(6) >  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** 4/15/2025 2:11:28 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**CC:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** RE: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Thank you!

**Ketan Bhirud**

Associate Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>;  
Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 4/16/2025 4:33:12 PM  
**To:** Wertz, Rebecca J (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Berman, Robert (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Richardson, Jasmyn (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Russ, Bert (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

FYI. [(b)(5)]  
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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Cc:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

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**From:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** 4/21/2025 1:36:53 AM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections

Once you are back and have a chance to catch up on emails, I suggest that we talk about (b)(5)

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How about an email along these lines:

Tamar:

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 9:26 AM

**To:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Darlington, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>;

Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Warner, Mac (CRT) <(b)(6)>

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**From:** Hagler, Tamar (CRT) [T (b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 5/8/2025 2:40:08 PM  
**To:** Riordan, Maureen (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 PCC Past Due Action Items

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 11:29 AM  
**To:** Mellett, Timothy F (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Hagler, Tamar (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Cc:** Geissler, Jonas (CRT) <(b)(6)>  
**Subject:** FW: EO 14248 PCC Past Due Action Items

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**From:** Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 6/26/2025 11:03:48 PM  
**To:** Whitaker, Henry (OAG) [(b)(6)]; Manion, Jason (OAG) [(b)(6)]; Dhillon, Harmeet K. (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Fox, Jordan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Davis, Nick (ODAG) [(b)(6)]; Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]; Braniff, Andrew (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** RE: EO Implementation Huddle: Election Integrity - NEXT FRIDAY 6/27

Hi All,

**(b)(5)**

[(b)(5)] Please take a look at our proposed talking points and let us know if you'd like to add or change anything. Similarly, please let us know if anyone else would like to join and/or speak.

Thanks,

Vetan

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Sent:** 6/28/2025 8:36:36 PM  
**To:** Neff, Katie (CRT) [(b)(6)]  
**Subject:** FW: Election Integrity

Forgot to cc you

**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
Cell: [(b)(6)]

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**From:** Gates, Michael (CRT)  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 28, 2025 4:14 PM  
**To:** Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** FW: Election Integrity

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**Michael E. Gates**  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice  
Cell: [(b)(6)]

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**From:** Braniff, Andrew (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2025 3:40 PM  
**To:** Gates, Michael (CRT) <[(b)(6)]>  
**Subject:** FW: Election Integrity

Meeting notes:

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Stephen Miller gets on call:

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Stephen leaves.

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**From:** Braniff, Andrew (CRT)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:01 PM

**To:** Kapoor, Vetan (ODAG) <(b)(6)> Bhirud, Ketan (ODAG) <(b)(6)>

**Cc:** Zandi, Matt (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Osete, Jesus (CRT) <(b)(6)>; Gates, Michael (CRT)

<(b)(6)>

**Subject:** RE: Election Integrity

FYI, Orange County, California was filed today ([Office of Public Affairs | Justice Department Files Suit Against Orange County California Registrar of Voters for Refusing to Provide Non-Citizen Voter Removal Records in Violation of Federal Elections Laws | United States Department of Justice](#)) and (b)(5)

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