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DOJ Fraud Takedown Highlights Vulnerabilities and Renewed Call for Strong Integrity Standards in Public Programs and Elections

WASHINGTON, D.C.- The Department of Justice’s nationwide health care fraud enforcement action resulted in charges against more than 450 defendants and over \$6.5 billion in alleged fraudulent claims across Medicare, Medicaid, and related federal programs.

The operation spanned 56 federal districts and involved coordinated schemes targeting taxpayer-funded systems. Federal officials described it as one of the largest health care fraud crackdowns in U.S. history.

“Fraud like this proves **we must set clear rules to protect public funds and public trust,**” said Lori Furstenberg, Chair of the DC Chapter of The Conservative Caucus.

Large-scale government fraud exposes the exact same weaknesses we face in election security: broken verification and vulnerable data systems.

At the federal level, the SAVE America Act continues to drive debate over citizenship verification requirements for voting in federal elections, with supporters citing the need for consistent national standards to strengthen electoral confidence.

Locally, the issue of fundamental verification remains highly relevant, the DC Board of Elections' data shows out of 482,968 registered voters, 153,359 ballots were counted in the most recent primary, with approximately **95,091 (62%) submitted by mail or** through what are formally designated as “**special ballots,**” **used when any voter - citizen or non-citizen, fails to provide proof of DC residence and/or whose immediate eligibility cannot be verified at the polling place.**

Public reporting in recent years has also documented:

- The reclassification or removal of more than 103,000 voter registration records following a 2023 National Voter Registration Act compliance review
- A 2023 cybersecurity incident involving exposure of voter registration database information within DC election systems - affecting roughly 400,000 to 600,000 lines of data containing personally identifiable information

These findings continue to fuel broader discussion about election safeguards, verification processes, and data security in local and federal elections.

These structural governance concerns come as DC prepares for the November mayoral election. Following her victory in the June Democratic primary, Democrat Socialist Janeese Lewis George, has vowed to take a hard legal stance against any attempts to encroach on the District's autonomy. Lewis George told POLITICO in an interview that she would “actively tell our employees to resist.”

The Conservative Caucus DC Chapter notes that regardless of party affiliation, governance systems must remain grounded in **accountability, transparency, and integrity.**

To that end, the organization also recognizes the positive impact of federal and local public safety initiatives supported under President Donald Trump's “DC Safe and Beautiful” task force, which has focused attention on overwhelmingly restoring order, improving conditions, and strengthening enforcement coordination in the District.

To sustain these quality-of-life gains over time, the Caucus advocates for the **TRIFECTA framework**, a governance reform model centered on structural changes: **Home Rule reform**, juvenile justice accountability through **ONE & DONE**, and government efficiency under **DC DOGE.**

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