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Secretary of State Alex Padilla to Testify at US House Committee on Homeland Security Hearing on Election Security

WASHINGTON, D.C. – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla will testify at a hearing of the US House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security **tomorrow Wednesday, February 13**. The public hearing is entitled “Defending Our Democracy: Building Partnerships to Protect America’s Elections.” This hearing will be part of a series of hearings the new House Democratic majority is holding on H.R. 1, the For the People Act.

Secretary Padilla will discuss measures California has taken to better secure our elections and what the federal government can do to further support states and local jurisdictions. In 2018, new offices of [Election Cybersecurity and Risk Management](#) were created within the Secretary of State. The agency also launched [VoteSure](#), a first-of-its kind public information campaign to combat election misinformation.

[Click here for a live stream of the US House of Representatives hearing "Defending Our Democracy: Building Partnerships to Protect America’s Elections."](#)

WHAT: US House Committee on Homeland Security Hearing on Election Security

WHO: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla
John Merrill, Secretary of State, Alabama
Christopher C. Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Thomas Hicks, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
Noah Praetz, Former Director of Elections, Cook County, Illinois
Jake Braun, Executive Director, University of Chicago’s Cyber Policy Initiative

WHEN: February 13, 2019
10:00am EST

WHERE: 310 Cannon House Office Building
27 Independence Ave SE
Washington, DC 20003

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