While the Presidential election is still unknown, I would like to share with you that Proposition 25 (also known as SB 10) in California, which would have replaced cash bail with risk assessments, was rejected by California voters.

In 2018, California politicians passed Senate Bill 10, which eliminated the right of people accused of a crime to have a choice in securing their release through bail. The bail industry fought back and secured enough California signatures to require a state-wide referendum on the law. With over 72 percent of precincts reporting, California voters have rejected Proposition 25 with 55.4 percent of the vote.

Bail is a fundamental civil right, with protections in the U.S. Bill of Rights. We applaud California voters for rejecting a system that puts public safety at risk, puts the burden of taxpayers to fund a risk assessment system, eliminates a private industry that has saved millions of taxpayer dollars and threatens the fundamental civil right to bail.

In terms of the Senate and House, Senate seats are up for election once every six years. There are 35 seats up for this year's Senate elections including special elections in Arizona and Georgia. The Democrats need to flip four seats to gain control. The Republicans need to retain at least 21 seats to keep control. All 435 House seats are up for election every two years. The Democrats gained control from the 2018 Midterm Elections with 232 seats. The Republicans need to flip 21 seats to gain control.

No matter what the outcome is for the Presidential election, Americans need to come together for the benefit of all. The Coronavirus is still raging in our country and abroad; now is not the time for civil unrest and fighting.

As the holiday season approaches, I and the PBUS Board of Directors wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

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