

To: Freedom of Access Officer
Office of the Secretary of State
Bureau of Corporations, Elections & Commissions
101 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0101
Email: cec.elections@maine.gov

Subject: Request for Records Related to Investigation of Absentee Ballots Found in Amazon Box

Dear Records Officer,

Pursuant to Maine's Freedom of Access Act (1 M.R.S. §§ 401–410), True the Vote respectfully requests access to and copies of all public records created or received by the Office of the Secretary of State or the Bureau of Corporations, Elections & Commissions **from October 1, 2025 to the present** concerning the discovery of absentee ballots reportedly found in an Amazon delivery box in or near Newburgh, Maine.

This request includes, but is not limited to:

1. **Communications** (emails, texts, letters, memos) between your office and:
 - o The Town of Ellsworth or any other municipal election authority;
 - o The Maine State Police, the Attorney General's Office, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 - o Amazon.com or its representatives;
 - o The Governor's Office or any state agency concerning the incident.
2. **Internal communications** discussing the incident, chain-of-custody procedures, potential causes, or planned public statements.
3. **Reports, notes, or summaries** generated as part of the ongoing investigation or initial assessment.
4. **Any documentation** outlining procedural changes, guidance, or security reviews initiated in response to this incident.

True the Vote seeks these records to better understand the scope of the incident, the state's handling of absentee ballot custody, and any measures being taken to prevent recurrence.

We request all records be provided electronically, preferably as **searchable PDFs**, and transmitted to research@truethevote.org. If any portion of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory basis for the denial and release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt records.

We respectfully request acknowledgment within five (5) business days, as required by Maine law.

Thank you for your attention and transparency in this matter.

Sincerely,
Meg Denning
Research Team
True the Vote