Dear Friends of the NLM,

As we all know, we are living in unprecedented times. From the onslaught of COVID and its subsequent health and economic woes, to police violence and the civil unrest that followed, we have seen our country severely tested over the past year. Now, at this very moment, we find ourselves being tested again.

We are nearing the end of a presidential election cycle that has been nothing but divisive. Despite the divisiveness, our country has always relied upon and benefited from free and fair elections and the peaceful transfer of power. However, we now find that the integrity of our democratic system is under attack. Countless numbers of our citizens here in Philadelphia and around the country made their voices heard through their votes. Baseless claims of election fraud and corruption in the mail-in ballot process threaten to silence those voices. Needless to say, if there is evidence of fraud in the 2020 election process, it should and will be investigated.

The National Liberty Museum was founded on the principles of promoting and protecting liberty for everyone. Anything that undermines our political process and questions the legal rights of numerous Americans without basis is a blow to everything this Museum and this country holds dear. It is essential for all freedom-loving people — people in America and those who look to America from around the world as a beacon of liberty — that the legal, democratic electoral process run its course.

While we urge everyone to remain patient and calm and let our system work as it should, we must continue our work to protect the fundamental rights we all share in a free society. We celebrate the unprecedented voter turnout for this election as true democracy in action and the fullest expression of our collective rights. If we allow those rights to be falsely questioned and disregarded, then no matter who wins the presidency, it is democracy that ultimately loses.