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To: Senate Leadership and CRT
Regarding CRT Vice Chair Elections

The CRT committee held their vice chair elections this past Monday, June 3rd, 2019. In that election, Senators Tufo, Doran, and Jimenez ran for vice chair. At the conclusion of the election the final vote count was 3 for Senator Jimenez, 2 for Senator Doran, and 1 for Senator Tufo. Pro Tempore McClellan who was running the meeting, called the election for Senator Jimenez. However, Senator Jimenez did not receive a majority vote for election. Nowhere in our statutes does it clarify whether a vice chair election requires a majority vote or a plurality¹ however, every other election specified by our statutes requires a majority vote not a plurality, up to and including the Presidency. Therefore, it can be safely assumed that the legislative intent of Title III is that a vice chair election requires a majority vote. That would mean that a runoff would've been needed, and Senator Jimenez did not win outright. Since our statutes don't clarify a process for re-doing a vice chair election, I will lay out that process as follows. The election will begin again at the point where it began. There will be no new nominations so the three Senators mentioned above will be the only ones to be considered for the vote. Any of these Senators may drop their name out of the running, but no new can be added. The election will start again at the questioning period and follow along until voting procedures. If a majority isn't received in that first election, the top two vote getters shall go into a run-off election where the winner will have the

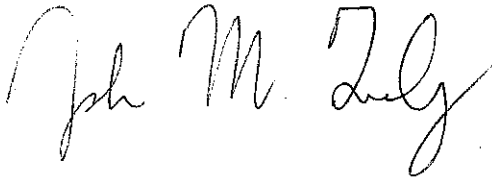
¹ This will need to be fixed in statutes sooner rather than later to avoid this issue and provide clarity to future people running for President.

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majority. As it's unfair and very difficult to determine, all of the individuals present at the meeting where this new election will be held, regardless of whether they were present at the initial vote, are able to vote in this new vice chair election. I would encourage that vote to happen at the Senate meeting this Thursday the 6th in a caucus.

It is so ordered,



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