

PROTECTING HIGH-VISIBILITY POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS FROM MAIL-BASED THREATS

PETE FOR AMERICA

A Presidential Campaign Case Study
(Refreshed for 2026)



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CHALLENGE

Pete Buttigieg's rising national political profile brought significant public attention, extending to his campaign team and family.

To manage this visibility, the campaign needed to ensure safety and protect the candidate, staff, and relatives; avoid operational disruptions; screen incoming mail; and implement an immediate security solution without slowing campaign activities.

OVERVIEW

Political candidates are among the most visible—and polarizing—figures in America. With visibility comes vulnerability.

During the 2020 presidential election cycle, Pete for America, the campaign of Pete Buttigieg, faced a steady stream of suspicious and threatening mail. While much of it was routine—letters, promotional items, campaign merchandise—some pieces required closer scrutiny.

The campaign made a strategic decision: treat mail security as a proactive protection layer, not a reactive response.

THE CHALLENGE

HIGH VISIBILITY. HIGH VOLUME. ELEVATED RISK.

As a rising national political figure, Pete Buttigieg generated intense public attention. That visibility extended to campaign headquarters, staff, and family members.

- Protect the candidate, staff, and family members
- Prevent disruptive evacuations or office closures
- Screen high volumes of incoming mail daily
- Deploy a solution immediately, without slowing campaign operations

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THE SOLUTION

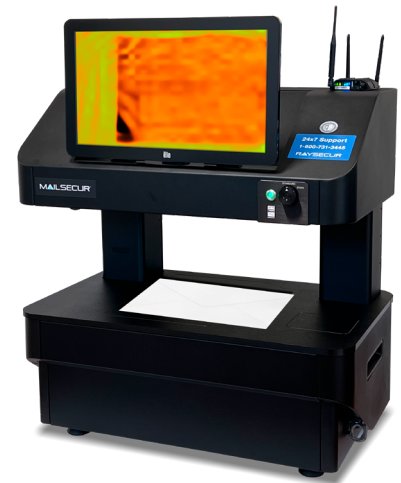
4D REAL-TIME MAIL SCREENING FOR PROACTIVE DETECTION

Pete for America implemented MailSecur®, a 4D real-time mail screener that enables operators to see length, width, depth, and motion inside unopened mail and detect potential anomalies and hidden threats before distribution.

- No radiation permitting required
- No special shielding needed
- Rapid deployment in minutes
- Operable by staff with no prior mail screening experience

All incoming mail—including items destined for field offices and family members—was routed through headquarters for screening before being opened. Daily screening took approximately one hour.

Rather than assigning a seasoned security professional, the campaign empowered a young staff member with no prior mail screening background. With structured training and 24/7 expert EOD support, she was confidently screening daily mail within weeks.



“ I did feel a lot more secure and I got a lot more confident in trusting what I saw because MailSecur was so easy to use. ”

THE OUTCOME

PROTECTION WITHOUT DISRUPTION

- Established a comprehensive mail security program where none previously existed
- Screened high volumes of mail efficiently
- Avoided costly evacuations triggered by suspicious mail
- Protected the candidate, staff, and family members from exposure risk
- Maintained operational continuity during a high-pressure national campaign

Most importantly, mail-related threats did not become headlines.



2026 ELECTION PREPAREDNESS

WHAT CAMPAIGNS SHOULD ASSUME

The threat landscape heading into 2026 is more volatile than prior cycles—and likely to intensify through 2028. Here are steps your team can take to ensure a safer election cycle:

- Integrate mail screening into executive protection planning
- Screen before distribution to detect anomalies inside unopened mail
- Empower trained non-security staff with clear escalation pathways
- Establish formal escalation protocols
- Plan for operational continuity to avoid unnecessary shutdowns