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Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

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Re: Department of Justice Requests for State Voter Information and Department of Homeland Security Use of Voter Data

Dear Attorney General Bondi and DHS Secretary Noem,

As Secretaries of State and chief election officials of our respective states, we write to express our immense concern with recent reporting that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has shared voter data with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and to seek clarity on whether DOJ and DHS actively misled election officials regarding the uses of voter data.

Each undersigned Secretary has received a letter from DOJ in recent months seeking statewide voter registration lists. In some cases, that request sought the full, unredacted statewide voter registration list, including registrants' dates of birth, state driver's license numbers, and last four digits of Social Security numbers. Given the unprecedented nature and scope of the DOJ's requests, we require additional information about how this information will be used, shared, and secured.

In two recent meetings arranged by the National Association of Secretaries of State, senior officials with both the DOJ and DHS shared misleading and at times contradictory information with Secretaries and senior election staff. In an August 28, 2025 call, DOJ's Michael Gates represented to Secretaries of State and senior staff that the DOJ intended to use voter information to assess compliance with the voter list maintenance provisions of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

DHS's Heather Honey, who has a history of spreading false claims about elections, told attendees at a September 11, 2025 meeting that DHS had not received voter data or requested it. She then suggested that DHS had no intention of using voter data. The same day, DHS publicly contradicted her representation and confirmed that they had received this data and would input it into the unproven and potentially insecure citizenship-check system, SAVE.

Federal law and the U.S. Constitution are clear: states are responsible for administering elections. Additionally, transmitting this information to another federal agency raises serious Privacy Act concerns and risks improper dissemination of and access to sensitive voter data.

We are deeply concerned about the inconsistent and misleading information that Secretaries have received from the DOJ and DHS and with the potential lack of compliance with federal law.

Given this, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Has DOJ shared, or does it intend to share, information from voter files with DHS or any other federal agency? If so, please identify:
 - i. The agency or agencies with which any voter file information has been or will be shared, and under what authority that data was provided; which states' voter information has been shared;
 - ii. The fields of the voter files being shared;
 - iii. The relevant System of Record Notice(s) (SORN) under which that agency or agencies will receive and maintain the data;
 - iv. Confidentiality and security measures that have been taken in the transfer and maintenance of the data;
 - v. How the agencies receiving the data will use that data; and
 - vi. How DOJ is complying with its own obligations under federal privacy laws.
2. Which System of Record Notice(s) (SORN) did DOJ rely on in connection with its receipt and maintenance of voter file data?
3. If DOJ has sent information from state voter files to other federal agencies, why was this not communicated directly to the election officials?
4. Has DHS received voter information from sources other than the DOJ? If so, what data has been received, from where, and for which states?
5. DHS told Secretaries of State that they would not use – or have use for – voter information. Does DHS continue to stand by this assertion given public reporting and statements that appear to contradict those statements?

We respectfully request a response by Monday, December 1.

Sincerely,



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