



NORTH CAROLINA

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The Honorable Paul Tine
North Carolina Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
NCDMV Commissioner's Office
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Dear Commissioner Tine,

The State Board of Elections ("State Board") appreciates the ongoing partnership with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles ("NCDMV") to register eligible North Carolinians to vote in person at NCDMV offices and electronically through the online service. This partnership makes registering to vote easy and efficient and helps ensure that our state's voters have access to the ballot box.

I write today to request that the NCDMV provide certain data to the State Board to help us maintain the most accurate voter rolls possible for the citizens of this state. Specifically, I ask that the NCDMV engage in a more robust data-sharing and matching program with election officials, to include providing full Social Security numbers for registered voters who are also NCDMV customers.

Having these numbers would help maintain accurate voter rolls because election officials would be able to match these numbers against data in other government databases to ensure proper removal of voters due to deaths and felony convictions. It would also allow us to better identify when an individual has "duplicate" registrations, or more than one registration on the rolls. Finally, having full Social Security numbers would allow us to identify non-U.S. citizens who may be unlawfully registered to vote.

As you know, Russ Ferguson, the United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, shared concerns and evidence that NCDMV examiners had mistakenly processed voter registrations for non-citizens as recently as 2024. As the state's chief election official, I share these concerns and ask that your agency provide the data necessary to ensure our voter rolls are free of non-U.S. citizens and remain as accurate and up to date as possible.

Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires the state officials responsible for elections and the motor vehicle agency to enter into a data-sharing agreement "to the extent

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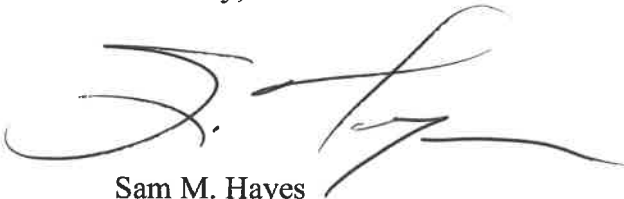
required ... to verify the accuracy of the information provided on applications for voter registration.”

State Board staff and I stand ready to work with you and NCDMV staff to ensure that any transfer of data can be accomplished securely and in full compliance with state and federal laws. We commit to maintaining this data securely in our election management system, as we have with sensitive voter data continuously for decades.

I believe we all agree that voting accessibility and voting integrity are equally important as we work toward the most accessible, fair, and accurate elections for North Carolina’s 7.6 million registered voters. With full Social Security numbers of registered voters, we can all be sure that non-U.S. citizens registered to vote can be identified and removed from the voter list, in addition to the additional benefits described above.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns as we await your response to this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hayes', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sam M. Hayes
Executive Director

CC: Russ Ferguson, U.S. Attorney, Western District of North Carolina