



**U.S. Department of Justice**

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Via Mail and Email

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Dear Lieutenant Governor Henderson:

We write to you as the chief election official for the State of Utah to request information regarding the state's procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*

Please provide a list of the election officials who are responsible for implementing Utah's general program of voter registration list maintenance from November 2022 through receipt of this letter, including those responsible officials not employed by your office (such as local election officials) who are also involved in that effort. Please also provide a description of the steps that you have taken, and when those steps were taken, to ensure that the state's list maintenance program has been properly carried out in full compliance with the NVRA.

The NVRA requires each state and the District of Columbia to make available for inspection "all records concerning the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency of official lists of eligible voters." 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1). Section 11 of the NVRA authorizes the Attorney General to bring NVRA enforcement actions. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20510.

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of the NVRA, the Attorney General requests that you produce for inspection the following records:

The current electronic copy of Utah's computerized statewide voter registration list ("statewide voter registration list") as required by Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act. Please include all fields contained within the list. Please produce each list in a .xls, .csv, or delimited-text file format. Please specify what delimiter is used, if applicable, or provide a file layout along with a database user manual, coding list, or other materials that define or explain how a voter record is coded into the statewide voter registration list and reported in the electronic copy of the statewide voter registration list.

Additionally, please provide the following information in electronic form. The time period for these requests is close of registration for the November 2022 general election through the close of registration for the November 2024 general election, the same time period as the most recent report from the Election Assistance Commission's Election Administration and Voting Survey ("EAVS"). If you are unable to provide the data, please explain why the data is not available.

1. A review of the most recent EAVS report shows that Utah has the lowest rate in the nation for voter registration records removed from the voter registration rolls. Only four of Utah's twenty-nine counties provided data regarding removals in response to Question A12a. Please supply the data for the twenty-five remaining counties. Additionally, please explain what actions the State is taking to ensure that voters who should not be on the voter roll are being removed.
2. No data was listed for any county in Utah in the EAVS survey for Question A3d, which asks for information regarding registration transactions submitted by persons already registered to vote. Please provide the data on duplicate registrations for each county in Utah. If such registrations were merged or linked with another record, please provide that information. Additionally, please explain Utah's process for determining duplicates and what happens to the duplicate registrations.
3. Most counties in Utah reported no data for Questions A10b through A10f, which track the outcome of Confirmation Notices that were mailed to registrants. Only six counties provided data for any category and only two counties provided data for all categories. The information on confirmation notices that Utah did provide indicates that those reporting counties generally did not know the result of the confirmation notice. 180,061 (65.8%) of the Result of Confirmation Notice were listed as "not categorized." Please provide the data for each county in Utah for Questions A10b through A10f.
4. Most counties in Utah provided no data on the reasons that voters were removed from the registration rolls, as is requested by Questions A12b through A12h. Only two counties in Utah reported data for voters removed because they moved outside the jurisdiction. Only one county reported data for voters removed because they failed to respond to a sent confirmation notice and failed to vote in the two most recent federal elections. All other categories – including removal of deceased voters, voter's request for removal, felony, and mental incompetence – had no data reported for any county. Please provide the data for each county in Utah for Questions A12b through A12h.
5. In response to Question A12e, Utah reported an aggregate total of 45,342 registrants removed for failure to return confirmation notices. This number is 263.7% of all voters removed from the state registration list, which Utah reported as 17,196. Please provide an explanation for the discrepancy.

Please provide a description of the steps that Utah has taken, and when those steps were taken, to identify registered voters who are ineligible to vote as well as the procedures the state used to remove those ineligible voters from the registration list. Please identify the number of registered

voters identified as ineligible to vote for the time period of the close of registration for the November 2022 general election through present for each of the following reasons:

1. Non-citizen
2. Adjudicated incompetent
3. Felony conviction

For each of those voters identified in categories 1-3 above, provide their registration information on the statewide voter registration list, including their vote history.

Please provide this information within 14 days of the date of this letter. The information and materials may be sent by encrypted email to [voting.section@usdoj.gov](mailto:voting.section@usdoj.gov) or via the Department's secure file-sharing system, Justice Enterprise File Sharing (JEFS).

Should further clarification be required, please contact Maureen Riordan at [maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov](mailto:maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov). We look forward to your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,



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