

Dear Secretary Benson,

By way of virtual introduction, we are Paul Hayden and Scott Laragy from the U.S. Department of Justice. It is our understanding that some of our colleagues from the Civil Rights Division may have reached out to your office recently about collecting voting information as part of the Department's efforts to implement President Trump's Executive Order (EO) 14248, *Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections*.

Separate from their request, we would like to request a call with you, or the relevant election official in your office, to discuss a potential information-sharing agreement that would provide the U.S. Department of Justice with information on, among other things, individuals who have registered to vote or have voted in your state despite being ineligible to vote, who may have committed other forms of election fraud, who may have provided false information to state authorities on voter registration or other election forms, or who may otherwise have engaged in unlawful conduct relevant to the election process. With your cooperation, we plan to use this information to enforce Federal election laws and protect the integrity of Federal elections.

Please let us know a date and time convenient to your schedule.

Sincerely,

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