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Via mail and email

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Re: Kansas Voter Registration List

Assistant Attorney General Dhillon,

We are in receipt of correspondence from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) dated August 6, 2025, and August 14, 2025, regarding the state's voter registration list and list maintenance. The agency appreciates the opportunity to respond to your requests.

We agree that routine voter maintenance is critical to ensuring accurate voter rolls and confidence in elections. To this end, Kansas county election officials undertake more than a dozen activities on a routine basis to clean voter rolls. This includes every activity authorized under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) which set certain standards for voter registration. We attached a narrative summary of Kansas's voter roll maintenance activities. Many maintenance activities occur daily such as obituary review, mailing notices of disposition, mailing confirmation notices, reviewing jury duty lists, and reviewing federal felony lists.

I am grateful to President Trump for elevating information sharing for voter roll maintenance to a national priority, and for the President's Executive Order 14248: Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections, that directs information sharing by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) with states for the purpose of state voter roll maintenance. This directive is a key step toward strengthening voter roll maintenance nationwide. Having reached out to these federal agencies in prior years, and having received no useful response, we are well-aware of how important it is for federal and state governments to work together to share information verifying voter registration information. No previous administration has taken the initiative to bring this tool to the states.

We welcome our federal partners' recognition of their important supporting role of information sharing to ensure clean voter rolls. I have already seen improvements in information sharing with USCIS since the issuance of the Executive Order. My office has requested and obtained the ability to access USCIS data to identify and remove non-citizens from the voter registration database as part of the state's maintenance efforts.

In addition, the agency has requested SSA's Death Master File to help maintain our voter rolls. We have been assured that the SSA data can be provided, although our request has not yet been granted. Accessing this information is the only way the state can identify voters who have died outside of the state and, in accordance with state law, remove them from the voter rolls. (52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4)(A)). We, therefore, anticipate removing these names from the voter rolls in the immediate future.

I also appreciated the opportunity to share the importance of information sharing, specifically Kansas's request for SSA data, during the Fly-in for Secretaries of State at the White House on July 28, 2025. It was a very beneficial discussion, and we appreciate the steps taken to assist with information sharing in other areas within the federal government.

We also have had productive conversations with DOJ personnel, including Senior Counsels from the Criminal Division and twice with the Acting Chief, Voting Section on June 26, 2025, July 3, 2025, and August 19, 2025, respectively. Conversations discussed various aspects of information sharing. Following the July 3, 2025, conversation, our agency provided, via email, a four-page summary of Kansas's voter roll maintenance procedures [a copy of which is attached], referenced the production of our voter rolls to an NVRA request by the Dhillon Law Firm on behalf of their client, and asked DOJ to advise if there was any additional information requested. We did not receive a response to this communication.

In response to DOJ's request and as another means to help ensure that Kansas voter rolls are as clean as possible, the agency is initially providing publicly available voter data. Kansas recently completed statewide voter list de-duplication and county election officials are in the process of removing verified duplicate voters from the registration list. To ensure DOJ receives a voter registration list that reflects this de-duplication and removal of out-of-state deceased, the agency will provide DOJ with an updated list once these efforts are complete.

We recognize that driver's license numbers and last four social security numbers were also requested. My office appreciates the clarification received by DOJ on August 19, 2025, that DOJ will not share any voter data with any other agency or entity. Pursuing a suggestion from DOJ, we are working with our Division of Vehicles (DoV) to assess whether additional information may be used to supplement the existing information found in the Kansas voter registration list. It is important to note that a driver's license number is not a constitutional requirement to be eligible to register to vote. When a person applies to register to vote in Kansas, one can register to vote online. This requires the use of a Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification card number issued by the DoV. If a person applies to register to vote using the paper Kansas Voter Registration application, the wording of the application mirrors the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirement of asking for the driver's license number first.

Finally, in response to other DOJ requests we are enclosing a narrative summary of our voter roll maintenance procedures with the estimated date for non-routine procedures and a copy of our standard voter registration form to demonstrate compliance with HAVA 52 § 21083(a)(5)(A)(i-ii). Kansas also permits a person to apply to register to vote online through a co-operative agreement with the state's DoV. To apply to register to vote using this system, you must have a Kansas Driver's License. Also

requested was a list of election officials responsible for implementing Kansas's general program of voter registration list maintenance which can be found here:

https://sos.ks.gov/elections/county_election_officers.aspx

We appreciate the efforts of DOJ and other federal partners to assist in ensuring states have access to federal resources to conduct voter registration list maintenance. We look forward to your communication on any findings from your review of Kansas voter information. Should further clarification be required, please contact Clay Barker, General Counsel, at clay.barker2@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Schwab", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Scott Schwab

Kansas Secretary of State

Enclosures