

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 9, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 1145  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions,

As the country approaches election day, it is vital to protect the integrity of our elections. We write to urge you, and all federal prosecutors that you lead, to dedicate all resources reasonable and necessary to protect our ballots from fraud or other illegality.

Specifically, we request that you thoroughly investigate all instances of foreign nationals, visa holders, refugees, and other noncitizens that are either included in voter databases or have been found to cast ballots in any election and prosecute those violations fully.

We have additional concerns that jurisdictions with “Sanctuary” policies are ripe for widespread participation by noncitizens in our elections.<sup>[1]</sup> Sanctuary jurisdictions already refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, providing extralegal concealment for illegal aliens. We are concerned that these sanctuary jurisdictions will allow additional violations of federal law by refusing to verify citizenship and tolerating false claims of citizenship being made during voter registration.<sup>[2]</sup>

Their direct refusal to follow federal law leads us to believe that these sanctuary jurisdictions also defy their legal obligation to verify citizenship status when individuals register to vote. If sanctuary jurisdictions willfully and wantonly refuse to validate each registrant’s citizenship status during voter registration their practices

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<sup>[1]</sup> Safe Spaces: How Sanctuary Cities are Giving Cover to Noncitizens on the Voter Rolls, Public Interest Legal Foundation, August 27, 2018; <https://publicinterestlegal.org/blog/report-at-least-3100-noncitizens-registered-to-vote-in-just-13-sanctuary-cities/>

<sup>[2]</sup> 18 U.S. Code § 911; 18 U.S.C. § 1015.

will undoubtedly result in illegal immigrants or other foreign nationals appearing on our voter rolls. We strongly encourage you, the entire Department of Justice, and federal prosecutors across the country to take all steps necessary to stop this practice and prosecute to the greatest extent allowed by law.

The exceptional work by one federal prosecutor should be heralded as an example that should be replicated across the country. Robert J. Higdon, Jr., the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, recently announced indictments against nineteen foreign nationals for voting crimes, including the specific crime of voting by non-citizens for their actions prior to and on November 8, 2016.<sup>[3]</sup> The work by Mr. Higdon should be admired and duplicated across the nation; even just one illegal vote by a noncitizen violates the rights and privileges of each lawful American voter.

The Rule of Law demands swift and just punishment in the face of the lawlessness of sanctuary jurisdictions.

Respectfully,



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Congressman Bradley Byrne (AL-01)



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Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-04)

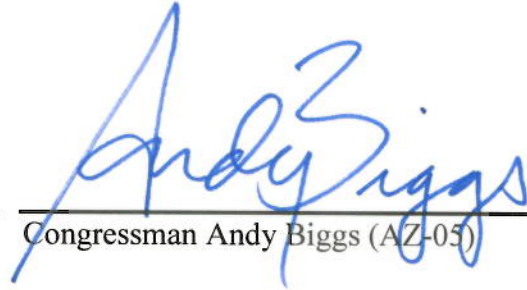


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Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36)

<sup>[3]</sup> Department of Justice Press Release: Department of Justice, Nineteen Foreign Nationals Charged for Voting in 2016 Election, August 24, 2018; <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/nineteen-foreign-nationals-charged-voting-2016-election>



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