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VIA EMAIL

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Ms. Karen Brinson Bell
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**Re: Voter List Maintenance Leads
Request for Meeting**

Dear Ms. Bell:

Our organization—the Public Interest Legal Foundation—is a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) public-interest organization that is dedicated entirely to promoting the integrity of elections nationwide through research, education, remedial programs, and litigation. As part of our mission, we study, audit, and analyze voter rolls throughout the country to assess their health and accuracy. We compare voter roll data against federal and other public or commercial databases to flag registrations that may be incomplete, outdated, or no longer valid. We then submit findings and leads to proper election officials for further investigation and confirmation to better aid voter roll maintenance programs.

We write today to offer you our findings regarding potential duplicate registrations in the State of North Carolina.

Summary of Findings and Methodology

In January 2020, we downloaded a copy of the North Carolina voter registration extract from your offices. We flagged registrations that are potentially duplicated within the same North Carolina county (intracounty) and across county lines (intercounty). To ensure a high degree of confidence, the Foundation flagged only those registrations with identical addresses and dates of birth and nearly identical first and last names. We then reviewed assigned voting credits for each such registration.

Potential Intercounty and Intracounty Duplicates with Apparent Voting Credits Assigned for 2016 and 2018 General Elections.

For the 2016 General Election, more than 1,700 potential intercounty duplicates were apparently assigned voting credits, and more than 9,700 potential intracounty duplicates were apparently assigned voting credits. For the 2018 General Election, 7,000 potential intracounty duplicates were apparently assigned voting credits.

We have utilized multiple means to verify these potentially duplicate registrations but ultimately only your office can conclusively determine whether these registrations are indeed duplications with genuine document trails reflecting the voting credits shown in the voter extract.

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We would like to offer our findings to you for further investigation and confirmation. We are available via telephone or videoconference, if needed, to discuss our research and how we can best transfer the data to you. Please let us know which date(s) and time(s) you prefer.

Should you need to contact us regarding this matter, please contact me at lchurchwell@publicinterestlegal.org. Thank you for your service on this matter.

Sincerely,



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