

VIA EMAIL

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## **RE: NVRA Request**

Dear Disclosure Officer:

I am writing on behalf of the Public Interest Legal Foundation ("Foundation") to request records pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1). Specifically, the Foundation requests a copy of the statewide voter registration file and records related to voter list maintenance activities conducted in concert with the Electronic Registration Information Center ("ERIC").

The Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public-interest law firm that studies voter list maintenance procedures throughout the Nation.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501 *et seq.*, requires each state and the District of Columbia to make available for public 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).<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of NVRA, the Foundation requests that your office reproduce the following records:

1. A current or most updated copy (.CSV or .TXT formats) of the complete Wisconsin Official Registration List as described in Wis. Stat. § 6.36 containing all data fields except for operator's license and/or last-four of Social Security number (Wis. Stat. § 6.36(1)(a)(5)). Please include year of birth as opposed to the full birth date for each registrant (Wis. Stat. § 6.36(1)(a)(2)). The Foundation will pay a reproduction fee not to exceed cost of reproduction. *See* Wis. Stat. § 6.45(2) (describing fee imposed on candidates).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding 52 U.S.C. § 20503(b), the Foundation believes Wisconsin is not exempt from the NVRA's public records provision, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i)(1).

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2. "Deceased Reports"<sup>2</sup> received from ERIC during the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Should further clarification be required, send email to <u>lchurchwell@publicinterestlegal.org</u>.

Thank you for your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,

Logan Churchwell Research Director Public Interest Legal Foundation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An ERIC "Deceased Report" "identifies voters who may have died." *See* ERIC Membership Agreement at Section 3(a)(i)(E) (page 15/PDF page 18), *available at* https://ericstates.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/ERIC-Bylaw-MA-FINAL.pdf (last accessed Jan. 12, 2024).