



VIA EMAIL

December 1, 2025

ATTN: Office of Partnership and Engagement
The Hon. Kristi Noem
MS 0385 Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20528-0385

ATTN: Jared DeMarinis, State Administrator
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Ste. 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Necessary Collaboration Between Your Offices

Dear Secretary Noem and Administrator DeMarinis:

On behalf of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, I write to recommend that Maryland and DHS administrators for the SAVE system finally begin collaborating in light of new disclosures in the **Ian Andre Roberts** case. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (“Foundation”) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, public-interest law firm dedicated exclusively to election integrity.

Prince George’s County disclosed Mr. Roberts unredacted file to the Foundation this morning, revealing that, on at least two occasions, he apparently claimed U.S. citizenship in applying for regular voter registration.¹ Maryland could have prevented this had it used SAVE for voter registration verification when the Obama Administration first offered it. It is incumbent on Maryland and DHS work together to protect citizens and immigrants alike.

CONFIRMATION NUMBER: ROBEIAN-22-Dec-2016-3483

Electronic Voter Registration Application

1	Are you at least 16 years old? YES	Are you a U.S. citizen? YES
2	Is this a New Registration or an Update? NEW REGISTRATION	Source of Registration
3	Voter Name: ROBERTS, IAN ANDRE	

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1	Are you at least 16 years old? ☒ Yes ☐ No
1	Are you a U.S. citizen? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If you answer NO to either question, do not complete this form.	
3	Last Name ROBERTS,
	Title (Jr., Sr., etc.)

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Above: Unredacted scans of Roberts’ registration forms from 2016 and 2011, respectively.

¹ The Foundation distinguishes regular voter registration (capable of voting in any election) from voting rights extended to foreign nationals under Maryland law, like offered by the Cities of Greenbelt and Hyattsville.

Administrator DeMarinis, as you know, SAVE was dramatically improved in April 2025² and again in November³ when DHS began allowing queries with the last four digits of a Social Security number. Today, the data collected on a standard Maryland voter registration form⁴ is all that is required for a successful SAVE query. It has never been easier for Maryland to adopt this tool.

Secretary Noem, the Foundation trusts that administrators for the SAVE system stand at the ready to welcome the Maryland State Board of Elections, just like that state's Department of Human Services⁵ before them. Perhaps a formal invitation is needed to get the Board of Elections started.

Elections office staffers in Prince George's County had no option but to accept Mr. Roberts' claims to U.S. citizenship as true without a tool like SAVE. It's simply unacceptable to millions of Americans for this pattern to repeat. The Public Interest Legal Foundation commends DHS's leadership in bettering SAVE, and we hope Maryland leaders now rise to meet this opportunity for improvement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Public Interest Legal Foundation

² U.S. Department of Homeland Security; DHS, USCIS, DOGE Overhaul SAVE Database (April 22, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/04/22/dhs-uscis-doge-overhaul-systematic-alien-verification-entitlements-database>

³ U.S. Department of Homeland Security; SAVE Optimization: New Option to Create Cases with Last Four Digits of SSN (November 3, 2025), <https://www.uscis.gov/save/current-user-agencies/news-alerts/save-optimization-new-option-to-create-cases-with-the-last-four-digits-of-an-ssn>

⁴ https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf

⁵ U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Roundtable 5: The SAVE Program: Verification, Immigrants, and Public Benefits (August 1, 2024), <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/roundtable-5-save-program-verification-immigrants-and-public-benefits>