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RE: Interstate Duplicate Registrations to Resolve

Dear Director Hayes:

I am writing on behalf of the Public Interest Legal Foundation to share findings from our review of North Carolina's voter registration data. We appreciate the work your office does to maintain accurate voter rolls, and we hope this information will be useful to those efforts.

Apparent Interstate Duplicate Registrations

As the Foundation has done in the past, we offer a review of what appears to be interstate duplicate voter registrations between North Carolina and a collection of second states that, depending on their individual facts, may require more immediate attention than others ahead of this November election. These findings should not be construed to mean the North Carolina SBOE is violating the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 or the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

An October edition of the North Carolina voter file was compared against similarly dated voter rolls from **California, Florida, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania**. This effort produced **33,190 apparent interstate duplications** in a variety of Active-Active and Active-Inactive status matches.

State	Pairs*	NC Active	NC Inact.	Act-Act	A-A %
Florida	23,194	21,144	2,032	4,321	19%
New York	8,408	7,802	603	1,343	16%
California**	504	429	75	429	85%
Michigan	448	390	58	340	76%
Pennsylvania	362	263	98	203	56%
Ohio	239	171	68	124	52%
Maine	35	30	5	24	69%

*Mathematic inconsistencies between table and underlying data due to interstate matches connecting to duplicated registrants in North Carolina or a second state.

**Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange Counties, only.

Since most of the matches from California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maine hold Active-Active statuses, the Foundation raises these as a higher priority, **given their ability to cast ballots in both jurisdictions unimpeded**. Inactive North Carolina registrants in the findings are offered to assist with voter list maintenance operations in 2027 and beyond.

Apparent interstate duplicates are matched based on reciprocal references between the North Carolina voter roll's mailing address fields to identical name registrants in a second state's residential address fields, and vice versa. After reciprocal addresses are connected, full names and date of birth information must follow precision matching rules.

Thank you for your time and for considering this information. We look forward to working with your office.

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

Sincerely,



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