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Via Mail and Email

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Dear Secretary Bellows:

We write to you as the chief election official for the State of Maine to request information regarding Maine's procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act ("NVRA"), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*

Please provide a list of the election officials who are responsible for implementing Maine's general program of voter registration list maintenance from November 2022 through receipt of this letter, including those responsible officials not employed by your office (such as local election officials) who are also involved in that effort. Please also provide a description of the steps that you have taken, and when those steps were taken, to ensure that the State's list maintenance program has been properly carried out in full compliance with the NVRA.

The NVRA requires each state and the District of Columbia to make available for 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). Section 11 of the NVRA authorizes the Attorney General to bring NVRA enforcement actions. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20510.

Pursuant to Section 20507(i) of the NVRA, the Attorney General requests that you produce for inspection the following records:

The current electronic copy of Maine's computerized statewide voter registration list ("statewide voter registration list") as required by Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act. Please include all fields contained within the list. Please produce each list in a .xls, .csv, or delimited-text file format. Please specify what delimiter is used, if applicable, or provide a file layout along with a database user manual, coding list, or other materials that define or explain how a voter record is coded into the statewide voter registration list and reported in the electronic copy of the statewide voter registration list.

Additionally, please provide the following information in electronic form. The time period for these requests is close of registration for the November 2022 general election through the close of registration for the November 2024 general election, the same time period as the most recent report from the Election Assistance Commission's Election Administration and Voting Survey ("EAVS"). If you are unable to provide the data, please explain why the data is not available.

1. A review of the most recent EAVS report indicates that in response to Question A1b, there are nearly as many registered voters listed as active as the citizen voting age population in Maine, with a registration rate in 2024 of 92.4 percent of the citizen voting age population. Please explain what actions Maine is taking to ensure that ineligible voters are being removed.
2. In response to Question A3d, Maine had 11,011 voters (3.5 percent) with duplicate registrations, almost four times fewer than the nationwide average of 12.7 percent. In response to the same question for the 2022 EAVS Report, Maine had 3,638 duplicate registrations (2 percent). No data was listed for Question A12h regarding duplicate registrants who were removed from the statewide voter registration database. Moreover, no data was provided for Question 13a, regarding what records were merged or linked with another record. Please explain what actions Maine is taking to identify duplicate registrations and to remove those duplicates from the voter registration list. Please provide a list of all duplicate registrants who were removed from the statewide voter registration list. If records were merged, please provide that information.
3. Confirmation notice data was missing for Questions A10a through A10f in Maine. According to Footnote 9 in that section of the EAVS Report, the "Maine elections division conducts mass confirmation notice mailings in compliance with NVRA. The last one was completed more than 90 days before the November 2022 general election. The next one is planned for 2025." Please explain how it is determined who receives a confirmation notice. If the confirmation notices have been sent out, please explain how many and when they were sent. If there have been results for the confirmation notices sent, explain the results using the categories in 10b-f of the EAVS Report.
4. Likewise, no data was provided for Question A12e regarding individuals who were removed after receiving a confirmation notice and then failed to vote in two consecutive federal elections. Explain Maine's process for sending out and keeping track of confirmation notices and removing individuals who have received confirmation notices and failed to vote in two consecutive federal elections.
5. For Question A12b, Maine had 101,771 voters (77.2 percent) removed for having moved outside the jurisdiction, which is more than twice the national average. Explain Maine's process for removing individuals who move out of the jurisdiction.
6. Please explain Maine's process for identifying and removing deceased individuals from the voter roll.

Please provide a description of the steps that Maine has taken, and when those steps were taken, to identify registered voters who are ineligible to vote as well as the procedures it used to remove those ineligible voters from the registration list. Please identify the number of registered voters identified as ineligible to vote for the time period of the close of registration for the November 2022 general election through present for each of the following reasons:

1. Non-citizen
2. Adjudicated incompetent
3. Felony conviction

For each of those voters identified in categories 1-3 above, provide their registration information on the statewide voter registration list, including their vote history.

Please provide this information within 14 days of the date of this letter. The information and materials may be sent by encrypted email to [voting.section@usdoj.gov](mailto:voting.section@usdoj.gov) or via the Department's secure file-sharing system, Justice Enterprise File Sharing (JEFS).

Should further clarification be required, please contact Maureen Riordan at [maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov](mailto:maureen.riordan2@usdoj.gov). We look forward to your assistance in advance.

Sincerely,



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