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The Honorable Tahesha Way
Secretary of State of New Jersey
New Jersey Department of State
PO Box 300
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Secretary Way:

As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern about a recent report that there are tens of thousands of errors within New Jersey's voter rolls, including thousands of duplicate registrations and deceased individuals.¹

America's decentralized elections system is the best in the world. Since last Congress, I have met with Secretaries of State, Lt. Governors, and local election administrators from states as wide-ranging as Alaska, Iowa, New York, and Utah, among others, to learn about and promote the many first-rate examples of excellence in election administration across the country. Unfortunately, rather than add to those efforts, situations like this one in New Jersey have the potential to damage voter confidence in our election systems at a time when we can least afford it.

In the interest of ensuring that only eligible voters may vote in the next federal election and that every lawful ballot is counted according to law, please respond with an explanation of the processes in place to ensure that only one ballot per eligible voter is cast and counted, including a detailed explanation of the safeguards that were in place for verifying ballots in the 2020 federal election. Please also explain the procedures that were in place for the 2020 federal election for removing ineligible and deceased individuals from New Jersey's voter registration rolls.² Finally, in light of this report, please explain any changes you will make to your office's procedures to ensure that the voter registration rolls are regularly updated, specifically the removal of deceased individuals.

Please submit your response no later than July 13, 2022. Should you have questions, please contact Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

¹ *New Jersey: Tens of Thousands of Voter Registrations Are Duplicated, Missing Critical Information*, Public Interest Legal Foundation (June 6, 2022) <https://publicinterestlegal.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NJ-Data-Review-2022-1P-FINAL-4.pdf>

² Nat'l Voter Registration Act OF 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, § 8, 107 Stat. 77 (1993) ("Each state shall...conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters.")