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Dear Ms. Perez and Ms. Orlansky:

Thank you for your letter concerning Mississippi purge protocols. The Secretary of State's Office is committed to supporting the legally-compliant revision of the voter roll system.

Even before passage of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the Secretary of State's Office provided documentation and training to assist local election officials in the procedures of voter roll maintenance, as outlined in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and Mississippi state law. Since the implementation of the Statewide Elections Management System (SEMS), training of the local election officials has been a key component of our project, and the effectiveness of this effort has been shown in the successful conduct of eight statewide elections. This training initiative will continue as we work to enhance the procedures election officials utilize in fulfilling the tasks prescribed to them by law.

Of course, SEMS is a highly-effective tool for voter registration and maintenance which is fully compliant with NVRA and HAVA. The system provides a high degree of accuracy and accountability through user profiles, audit logs on changes, retention of all voter records and history, regardless of status. SEMS also provides reporting features that allow full disclosure of information in compliance with the Mississippi Public Records Act.

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Again, I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please know my office will continue our efforts to ensure election integrity in Mississippi.

Sincerely,



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