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Re: U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and Mississippi Secretary of State Voter Registration List MOU

We appreciate the Trump Administration’s continued commitment to improving election integrity and ensuring only United States citizens participate in our elections. Since taking office, the Administration has delivered meaningful enhancements to election administration, including improvements to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (“SAVE”) Program. These improvements have enabled states to more effectively protect their voter rolls from non-citizens, and we have greatly valued our partnership with the Administration in helping bring those advancements to fruition.

In that spirit of continued collaboration, we appreciate your willingness to visit with us on December 15th to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding Mississippi’s computerized voter roll and voter roll list-maintenance procedures. After reviewing the MOU, and in consultation with the states of Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Nebraska, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Utah, who received similar draft agreements, together our states have identified several areas we believe would benefit from further discussion. In anticipation of our meeting, the following are our areas of concern:

1. **Clarification of Federal and State Roles Under NVRA and HAVA**
2. **Specification of Information Provided to States Regarding Potential List-Maintenance Issues**
3. **State Review and Action Pursuant to Federal and State Law - Proposed Forty-Five Day Requirement**
4. **Additional References to the Civil Rights Act of 1960**

We look forward to discussing these matters further during our meeting and appreciate your continued partnership in strengthening election administration.

Sincerely,

Michael Watson
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