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July 10, 2017

The Honorable Kris W. Kobach
Kansas Secretary of State
Memorial Hall, 1st Floor
120 S.W. 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612-1594

Dear Secretary Kobach:

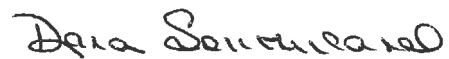
The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (“FSASE”) is composed of sixty-six of Florida’s sixty-seven county Supervisors of Elections. I am the current President. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (“Commission”) recently sent a letter to Ken Detzner who is the Secretary of the Florida Department of State. The Commission requested information from Florida’s statewide voter registration system. The Florida Department of State operates and maintains that system in Florida in conjunction with Florida’s elected county Supervisors of Elections. The supervisors in Florida maintain their county voter registration rolls and add or remove voters from the statewide system. The Department of State has responded to the Commission’s letter indicating that it would provide all information concerning Florida voters which is public under Florida law but not certain information which is protected from disclosure by Florida law, such as social security numbers or drivers license information.

The Commission’s letter, in conjunction with requesting the above information, also inquired concerning what actions might be taken to support state and local election administrators and insure the integrity of elections. While there are numerous actions which could be taken to do that, we would like to call your attention to voter registration information sharing programs between states, such as the Electronic Registration Information Center (“ERIC”). Programs of this type provide the opportunity to election officials to identify voters who have moved within their state, moved to another state, who have died and potential duplicate registrations. This allows for cleaner voter rolls. The FSASE has been

advocating amending Florida law to allow Florida's participation in this program.

Therefore, we would suggest that as the Commission considers various issues, that it evaluate programs such as ERIC which provide valuable information to local election officials who are responsible to maintain the voter registration systems and rolls in their counties and state. Please contact me if we can be of assistance concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Southerland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Dana Southerland