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Mr. Ken Detzner
Secretary, Florida Department of State
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Dear Secretary Detzner:

Several days ago, Supervisors of Elections throughout the state received correspondence from an individual who attached spreadsheets that he indicates reflect felon matches between the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections' databases. These matches are asserted to reflect that the Florida voter registration database contains individuals who may have felony convictions and thus, are not eligible to be registered to vote in the state. The correspondence which was received requests Supervisors of Elections to begin removal of those individuals who are on that list.

The correspondence also states that this information was provided to the Department of State in July, 2012. In light of the fact that Supervisors throughout the state are questioning what should be done with this information, I want to confirm that the Department did, in fact, receive this information in July of this year. In the event that the Department did receive this information, the Supervisors request the Department's position concerning the reliability of this information that has now been distributed to the individual counties. We would further request your advice concerning when this information will be processed and documentation, pursuant to Section 98.075(5), Florida Statutes, will be provided to Supervisors of Elections concerning any individuals who

are determined to be possibly ineligible to be on the voter registration rolls.

The Department and the Supervisors of Elections, on an ongoing basis, follow the procedures under Section 98.075, F.S., concerning the removal of individuals who are ineligible to vote, including those who have been determined to have a felony conviction. Under these procedures, the Department receives information from a number of sources, initially evaluates possible felons, and provides supporting documentation to the Supervisors concerning the persons in question, at which point the Supervisors further evaluate the information, and when warranted, proceed with notification and removal under Section 98.075, F.S. This process, however, takes a significant period of time due to the statutory timelines built into the proceedings to allow for these individuals to acknowledge notification, respond, provide documentation, request a hearing, etc. With barely 40 days until the November election, persons subject to this scrutiny could not be fully processed and removed unless the individuals in question make that request pursuant to notification.

We look forward to your responses to the foregoing and if there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Vicki Davis

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