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Mary Helen:

Thank you for this second list of voters sent by a citizen to the Supervisor of Elections for the Hillsborough County. This list like the 1<sup>st</sup> list (27) you sent was generated by a private citizen who is alleging that there are felons in DOC (based on a public website) that are also registered voters. This list contains about 326 with columns for DOC case number, voter ID number, name (last name, first name, middle name), registration date. It appears to be dated 8/11/2012. The issue with this file is that there are:

- ? No social security numbers
- ? No dates of births
- ? No criteria on how these matches were made other than assuming the person took a name and a date of birth from the Florida Voter Registration System and looked on the DOC website to make a match.

Consequently, it is difficult to verify these matches. There are otherwise too many false positives because of alias and even multiple social security numbers. Moreover, many DOC case numbers are not contained in FDLE's criminal record database. Additionally, DOC is known to take on the supervision of a person from another state for a crime committed in the other state but which might not be a felony in that state or of a registered sexual offender who committed a crime in another state but such crime is not a felony in that state but which DOC lists them as being on 'felony probation.' Unfortunately, the databases between FDLE and DOC are not always in sync.

That being said, I will refer this list to FDLE to follow up and see what they are able to glean. We are still working on the other list of 27 of which we were able to determine so far that 23 did not meet the match criteria established or did not contain a felony conviction in the CCH record. We are drilling down on the remaining 4. The 27 were also included on the big ol' 21 thousand list which we have similarly whittled down and will provide an update.

Just a reminder even if we are able to determine that these individuals are felons, Supervisor Lennard has to follow the procedures for notice and removal governed by section 98.075(7), F.S., and takes time for removal. Obviously, the process for referring to the state attorney's office any fraud associated with registration or voting can be done at any time.

Bennett Miller, assistant general counsel, will be the one to contact you ultimately with the outcome.

Respectfully,

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