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Democratic Caucus of Connecticut Legislative Office Building LOB Room 3300 Hartford, CT 06106-1591



Dear Members of the Democratic Caucus of Connecticut,

I am writing to urge you to take immediate and decisive action to ensure the integrity of our voter rolls by removing non-U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants from the state's voter registration lists. The importance of preserving the sanctity of our electoral process cannot be overstated, and we must act to protect the rights of legal voters in Connecticut.

Recent information obtained from the Republican National Committee Counsel's Office highlights several effective methods that the Secretary of State's office can utilize to identify and remove non-U.S. citizens from voter rolls. One key resource is the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, offered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The SAVE Program assists federal, state, and local governments in verifying immigration or citizenship status. By entering a memorandum of agreement with USCIS, Connecticut could gain access to the SAVE database and run queries using individuals' names, dates of birth, and government-issued identification numbers. This process would provide an efficient and reliable means of verifying the citizenship status of registered voters.

In addition to the SAVE Program, other resources can be utilized to cross-reference and verify voter eligibility. The Social Security Administration (SSA) maintains databases with citizen-identifying records, which could be leveraged to confirm citizenship status. Furthermore, organizations like the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) provide access to vital records, including birth, death, and marriage certificates. These records could serve as another layer of verification.

State and federal courts also maintain records of individuals disqualified from jury duty due to lack of U.S. citizenship, offering yet another potential source of verification. Additionally, state motor vehicle departments hold databases containing driver's license information that often includes evidence of citizenship.

I believe that implementing these strategies would be a significant step toward ensuring the integrity of Connecticut's voter rolls. By working closely with the Secretary of State's office to utilize these available resources, we can protect the integrity of our elections and safeguard the voting rights of all eligible citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I trust that you will consider this matter with the urgency it deserves and take the necessary steps to maintain the integrity of our electoral process in Connecticut.

Sincerely.

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