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Dear Mr. Neff,

Thank you, AAG Dhillon and President Trump, for your commitment to protecting the security and integrity of our elections, not only in Montana but throughout our entire country. As a second-term Secretary of State, it was a priority to start partnering immediately with the Trump Administration, which was a stark contrast to the lack of response I received from the Biden Administration.

Montana is a national leader in protecting election integrity, improving voters' confidence, and increasing efficiency for state and local election officials. Over the last five years under my leadership, we have moved the needle in a big way. It's long overdue for the Department of Justice to assess states' compliance with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act. In response to the initial request earlier this year, Montana provided the public statewide voter registration list and is awaiting the results of the DOJ's efforts. Additionally, in recent months, we have referred instances of identified double voting to federal prosecutors and await enforcement actions in those cases.

Attached is another copy of Montana's public statewide voter list, including additional information pertinent to 52 U.S.C. § 20703. The Montana Secretary of State's Office is aware of litigation in different states regarding access to statewide voter files. We will be monitoring these cases for clarification regarding scope of authority in the future.

Montana has an aggressive voter roll maintenance program under federal and state law, far exceeding the baseline for voter registration records required by 52 U.S.C. §

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21083(a)(4). Montana is the gold standard when it comes to voter roll maintenance, and we will always utilize new sources of reliable and accurate information to further improve our list maintenance efforts. Hopefully, other states will follow our lead.

Should you find any individuals who are suspected of being ineligible, please send any and all information used to identify the individual. Please also include the reason and any source(s) of information used in determining potential ineligibility. This information is needed to ensure eligible voters are not removed in error in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(4)(B). Should any individuals meet the threshold for removal from the voter roll based on both state and federal law, we will communicate those results to our Election Administrators.

In the spirit of the information contained in a proposed Memorandum of Understanding, which you are aware we cannot agree to as communicated to you by my colleagues, and pursuant to federal privacy laws, we have a mutual understanding that this information is protected under the law. *Ad exemplum*, 52 U.S.C. § 20704. In addition to the protections afforded under 52 U.S.C. § 20704, any records will be kept securely and treated consistently with the Privacy Act, unless 52 U.S.C. § 20704 provides for more restrictive disclosure requirements.

God Bless,



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