

January 5, 2023

Dear Clerk Manning,

Following our conversations, I have reviewed the letter you provided and reviewed the voter registration records of Damon Watkins (Voter ID# 111331510). It is my understanding that a question has been raised regarding his residency status. As you are aware, residency for voter registration purposes is defined in I.C. §34-107. As we discussed, in addition to being a person's "primary home or place of abode," the statutory definition also references multiple instances when a voter may be absent from the state but has the present intention of returning. In these instances, a voter does not lose his residency. Given the information available, I agree with your conclusion that he is currently a qualified Idaho elector.

Sincerely,

Phil McGrane

Secretary of State