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**Secretary of State**



**State Capitol**  
**Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

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**OFFICE OF THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE**

Senator Chuck Grassley  
135 Hart Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley,

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office has undertaken preparations to ensure the security and accuracy of the results of Election 2024, including an individualized review of certain registered voters who are potentially ineligible to vote.

During that review of voter registration data, we compared an Iowa Department of Transportation ("DOT") file of non-citizens with I-Voters. In doing so, we discovered 2,176 registrants who had self-reported as non-citizens that are registered to vote and 154 registrants who had self-reported to the DOT as non-citizens after registering to vote or voting. There is a reasonable suspicion that any voter on either list is a non-citizen.

Last week, we were pleased that the Des Moines Field Office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) told us that they would review all 2,176 names that were provided to county auditors for precinct election officials to challenge. The DOT provided us with Alien Registration Numbers, which we forwarded to them. The Des Moines Field Office has since informed us that they had completed a review of every name. Now, the office in Washington, D.C. is refusing to let the Des Moines office share those results with us. This information would be critical to Iowa's election officials in this process and ensure naturalized citizens can cast their ballots as normal.

The U.S. Department of Justice has indicated they may challenge Iowa's process. During our initial meeting with the DOJ, we informed them that USCIS had already reviewed each and every name and has determined whether they are naturalized or are still noncitizens. As such, we asked the DOJ to request their federal colleagues at the Washington, D.C. Office to release this important clarifying data to us.

The work has been done. The most current, verified information is available. Yet Washington, D.C. will not share it with us. We have heard it before – "see something, say something." The federal government has said it themselves but have not followed through. If the federal government has information that will ensure only U.S. citizens vote AND ensure naturalized citizens can cast their ballot as normal, that information must be shared.

We are grateful to the Des Moines Field Office of USCIS for performing this laudable task on behalf of Iowa voters. We urge the Washington, D.C. Office, who refuses to release this key information, to do so and provide clarity and certainty regarding these Iowa voters and allow Iowa elections to be run more efficiently.

Their office has responded to our urgent pleas to release the data with: our request is being "sent to an executive level within the Department" and our request will "require extensive research and review by multiple oversight offices." Would you intercede on our behalf with the Washington D.C. Office of the USCIS to get this data released to us?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Pate". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "P" and "D".

Paul D. Pate  
Iowa Secretary of State