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June 1, 2012

The Honorable Rick Scott Governor, State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

The Honorable Ken Detzner Florida Secretary of State Florida Department of State RA Gray Building 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Governor Scott and Secretary Detzner:

I am writing to request information related to the efforts your Administration has undertaken to purge names from eligible voter rolls in the State.

Pursuant to the Public Records Act, Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes, I am requesting the following records be made available on or before June 8, 2012:

- 1. The full list of potentially ineligible voters and the list of deceased voters that your Administration produced, a list of any databases or other sources used to produce the list, and the list or lists that have been given to county supervisors of elections for removal of individuals from the voter rolls;
- 2. A description of how the initial 2,600 names were selected out of the full list of potentially ineligible individuals that your Administration produced;
- 3. Any communications or documents produced by your Administration related to the expected timeline and completion date for the removal of the names from voter rolls;
- 4. Any internal communications or analysis between January 4, 2011 and May 31, 2012 about instances of voter fraud or instances of suspected voter fraud, including cases involving the impersonation of deceased voters, multiple ballots cast, and non-citizens casting ballots;

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- 5. Any internal communications or analysis between January 4, 2011 and May 31, 2012 about instances of voter fraud or instances of suspected voter fraud involving individuals included in the lists of potentially ineligible voters and deceased voters that your Administration produced;
- 6. Any legal analysis performed by or on behalf of your Administration related to whether the removal of these names in the manner and time period proscribed was permissible under federal or state voting laws; and
- 7. Any analysis performed by or on behalf of your Administration related to how many eligible voters were likely to be included erroneously in the list of potentially ineligible voters or deceased voters that your Administration produced, and any related information.

I am also requesting the following detailed information. Given that your office expects individuals who have been listed as potentially ineligible voters to prove their eligibility within 30 days or lose their voting rights, I am sure that you will agree that 30 days is more than enough time to collect the following information I am requesting. Please make the following information available on or before July 2, 2012:

- 1. A detailed description of the criteria used for the selection and evaluation of names to be placed on list of potentially ineligible voters and a detailed description of the criteria used for the selection and evaluation of names to be placed on the list of deceased voters that your Administration produced;
- 2. Any internal communications or analysis between January 4, 2011 and May 31, 2012 related to the use of racial, ethnic, geographical or partisan criteria in the selection and evaluation of names to be placed on the list of potentially ineligible voters that your Administration produced or the potentially disproportionate impact on any racial, ethnic, geographical or partisan groups.
- 3. Any internal communications between January 4, 2011 and May 31, 2012 related to the creation of the list of potentially ineligible voters, the list of deceased voters that your Administration produced, and the list or lists that have been given to county supervisors of elections for removal of individuals from the voter rolls;
- 4. Any communications related to the creation or evaluation of lists of potentially ineligible voters or deceased voters between your Administration and individuals or outside groups, including but not limited to advocacy groups, national or state parties, state or federal registered lobbyists, and third-party vendors;
- 5. Any communications between your Administration and the Department of Homeland Security related to access to a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) database that includes information about individuals who have become naturalized U.S. citizens;

- 6. Any internal communication between January 4, 2011 and May 31, 2012 related to media stories about eligible voters who have been included on the list of potentially ineligible voters or deceased voters;
- 7. Any communications between your Administration, including the Office of Secretary of State and the Division of Elections, and county supervisors of elections or any local officials or State officials regarding lists of potentially ineligible individuals or deceased voters that your Administration produced; and
- 8. The number of staff hours and other costs associated with the creation of these lists, including any money paid to outside vendors.

This request includes copies of every document related to the matter, regardless of the format in which the information is stored. If there is any delay or there is any reason that you believe that part of my request is not covered by Public Records Act, please provide a detailed explanation of your position on or before June 8, 2012.

I agree to pay the actual cost of duplication as defined in Section 119.07(1)(a). However, if you anticipate that in order to satisfy this request, "extensive use" of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance as defined in Section 119.07(1)(b) will be required, please provide a written estimate and justification.

I am happy to discuss this request with you or a member of your staff at any time. Thank you in advance for your assistance with my request.

Sincerely,

Ted Deutch

Member of Congress