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The Honorable Pam Bondi
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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

My office recently learned of the current lawsuit between the Department of Justice and Oregon and Maine, in which the DOJ is suing those states and their secretaries of state for rebuffing the DOJ's access to each state's voter registration list. As the Chair of the Michigan House Committee on Election Integrity, I would like to ask that you also investigate the State of Michigan and its secretary of state for similar actions.

Two months ago, to ascertain whether Michigan's Department of State (MDOS) maintains accurate voter rolls, my office wrote a letter to MDOS requesting the following information:

- 1) Identify:
 - a. All databases (including but not limited to the Qualified Voter File ("QVF")) used by the Secretary of State, and/or the Department of State, and/or the Bureau of Elections to manage any aspect of Michigan elections
 - b. The individual custodian(s) of the databases (including but not limited to the QVF)
 - c. For each identified database, the associated election function(s) and/or information
 - d. The type of servers used to house each of these databases, including but not limited to the QVF database, as well as the custodians of the servers and the location(s) of the servers
 - e. By database, all persons and/or vendors who manage and maintain said database(s), including but not limited to the QVF database, for the Department and/or the Bureau of Elections, including but not limited to the code and servers, and for each, please provide the name, title, employer, phone number, and email address for each identified person, primary points of contact, and vendor
- 2) The full, complete, unredacted and unencumbered "read" login access to the complete Qualified Voter File Database and every field, aspect and component of that database, including but not limited to the lists of all voters who voted (in any type of election, including but not limited to primary and general elections) and all the statewide poll books.
- 3) For the period of January 1, 2018 through the present, the full, complete, unencumbered (with complete and unredacted access to every data field of any and every kind) login access to the Qualified Voter File Database Transaction Log (or however such log/data is described/styled/referred to by the Department of State and/or the Bureau of Elections).

- 4) The full, complete, and unredacted QVF batch file and SQL data export code used to pull all data pulled in response to each and every Freedom of Information Request relating to the Qualified Voter File between January 1, 2019 through the present.
- 5) For the time period of January 1, 2016 through the present, all contracts/agreements with all third parties who have written, and/or read, and/or had ANY access to the Qualified Voter File, including but not limited to Rock the Vote and ERIC.
- 6) The full, complete, unredacted, QVF as it existed during the following time periods:
 - a. Five days after the 2016 election
 - b. Five days after the 2018 election
 - c. Five days after the 2020 election
 - d. Five days after the 2022 election
 - e. Five days after the 2024 election

In response to these clear requests, our office received strong resistance from MDOS and a refusal to cooperate. This is not the first time MDOS has refused to act transparently towards my office. In November 2024, I requested MDOS to share all materials on the department's e-learning portal that they use to train election clerks. The demand was made to ensure that election training was up to code with changing election laws last year. A large portion of that request remains unfulfilled as MDOS claims that the legislature should not have access to sensitive information. A lawsuit with MDOS is ongoing.

The Michigan House of Representatives finds itself in the same situation as the DOJ in our efforts to achieve election integrity, which is why I respectfully urge the Department of Justice to initiate a thorough investigation into the Michigan Department of State to determine whether the DOJ would also be willing to open a lawsuit like those it has with Oregon and Maine. Michigan is in critical need of assistance from the federal government in curbing the Michigan Department of State's extreme abuse of power and appalling lack of accountability. Michigan voters deserve answers now.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or documentation.

Sincerely,



State Representative Rachelle Smit
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