Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche
Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Blanche,

We are writing in response to DOJ's letter to all California counties requesting that the counties' Registrar of Voters (ROVs) cooperate with both DOJ and the Department of Homeland Security to identify voters' citizenship status. The DOJ letter demands that counties provide voter information – including driver's license information, Social Security numbers, and voter registration applications – within 48 hours. This request for confidential voter information without a court order is prohibited under California and federal law.

California ROVs follow all state and federal laws governing election administration, which include citizenship attestation requirements. ROVs are required to register voters only when eligibility requirements are met. This is then verified through a database regulated and maintained by the California Secretary of State. The letter from DOJ cites no legal or statutory authority that would grant it the ability to direct any county's administration of ballots. DOJ's illegal demand also violates the National Voter Registration Act's (NVRA) 90 day "quiet period," within which individuals may not be removed systematically from voter rolls.

The information requested by DOJ is intended to confirm the department's unsubstantiated allegations of noncitizen voting in California. DOJ concedes in its request for information that their own data may be outdated or incomplete. Notice of unverified allegations of voter fraud does not authorize ROVs to violate existing federal law [52 U.S.C. section 10307(a)], which says that no individual acting under the law can refuse to tabulate or count any person's vote who is already deemed eligible. In the demand letter, the department also does not include any explanation of who, how, and when citizenship status of so called "ineligible voters" would be determined, less than a week out from Election Day.

The request from DOJ violates the NVRA, Voting Rights Act, California state law, and jeopardizes Californians' constitutional right to vote. As Members of the California Congressional delegation, we commend the work of our state ROVs to ensure state and federal election laws are upheld.

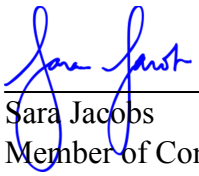
Sincerely,



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