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Laura Donahue
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Dear Chairwoman Donahue:

As Members of Congress representing Illinois, we write to bring to your attention the letter that the Committee on House Administration sent to your office on January 22, 2026. As Illinois prepares for the start of early voting on February 5th, we wish to highlight our significant concerns with the State of Illinois' commitment to its obligations under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), and election integrity in general.

For years, Illinois has refused to mandate voter ID, a commonsense election integrity measure. The State also insists on counting mail-in ballots received long after election day, a controversial practice that is subject to ongoing litigation. Finally, Illinois refuses to set statewide guidance for voter list maintenance, a failure that raises serious questions about the integrity and accuracy of the state's voter rolls.

As the Committee notes in its letter, many Illinois counties fail to report removal data to the Election Assistance Commission, while others reported "few or no registrations" removed in 2024. This lack of action suggests that Illinois is not putting forth a reasonable effort with a general program to remove ineligible voters from their voter rolls, a failure that would make Illinois noncompliant with the NVRA.

In response to these concerns, the Committee requested the following information as part of its responsibility to conduct oversight of federal elections:

1. How often does Illinois conduct a general program of voter list maintenance in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §20507?
2. What sources of data does Illinois rely upon to identify ineligible registrants?

3. Does Illinois utilize free data provided by the United States Customs and Immigration Services Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database?
4. With which states does Illinois have data-sharing agreements to account for registrants who move to other states?
5. What steps does Illinois take to notify ineligible registrants of their removal from the state's voter rolls so that the registrant may correct any deficiencies?
6. How has Illinois addressed the illegal immigrants that were discovered on its voter rolls?
7. How does Illinois identify and remove deceased individuals on its voter rolls?
8. How does Illinois identify and remove voters who have moved from its voter rolls?
9. How do State and local election officials verify eligibility, including citizenship, when registering voters?

We urge you and the Illinois State Board of Elections to assist the House Administration Committee by replying to their oversight letter by February 5, 2026. With your answers, the Committee can better work to identify shortfalls with state's NVRA compliance and ensure the integrity of federal elections in Illinois.

If you have any questions, please contact House Administration majority staff at 202-225-8281. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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