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The Honorable Shirley U. Emehelu
Acting Secretary of State
New Jersey Department of State
P.O. Box 300
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RE: Request for Immediate Investigation Regarding Improper Noncitizen Voter Registration

Dear Acting Secretary Emehelu:

We write in our capacities as members of the New Jersey Legislature representing the 13th Legislative District to formally request an immediate investigation into a troubling constituent matter involving the apparent improper registration of a noncitizen to vote in New Jersey.

On October 23, 2026, *The New York Sun* published an article by Alex Zdan detailing the experience of Ilaria Giugliano, a 19-year-old lawful permanent resident residing at the Jersey Shore, who reportedly discovered that she was listed as an active registered voter in New Jersey despite not being a United States citizen.

According to the article, Ms. Giugliano visited the Freehold Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) office in September 2024, on her 17th birthday, to obtain her driver's license. She specifically recalls taking precautions to ensure that she did not identify herself as a United States citizen or request voter registration.

Despite those precautions, public records reportedly identify Ms. Giugliano as an active registered voter, with an effective registration date corresponding to her 18th birthday in September 2025. She has also reportedly received sample ballots for multiple elections, including the upcoming November 3, 2026, general election.

Importantly, Ms. Giugliano has indicated that she has never voted and is actively pursuing United States citizenship. Based on the information reported, there is no indication that she knowingly sought to register to vote or misrepresented her citizenship status.

This case raises serious concerns regarding the accuracy, oversight, and safeguards associated with New Jersey's voter registration system. Of particular concern is the fact that Ms. Giugliano's reported registration date falls outside the June 2023 through June 2024 period previously identified by the administration as the timeframe during which approximately 6,600 noncitizens were improperly registered through the MVC process.

Despite the administration's previously announced corrective actions and additional safeguards, Ms. Giugliano's reported experience raises serious questions about whether all improperly registered individuals have been identified, whether corrective measures have been fully implemented and verified, and whether similar errors may continue to affect New Jersey residents.

It is also essential to determine whether the September 2025 effective date reflects the actual date of registration, a delayed activation of a registration initiated in 2024, or another administrative or technical error. This distinction is critical to understanding whether the previously identified problems extend beyond the timeframe publicly disclosed.

Equally concerning is the potential impact on individuals who are lawfully residing in this country and pursuing United States citizenship. A lawful permanent resident who accurately identifies their citizenship status and follows the applicable requirements should not be placed in a position where an error attributable to a state agency could create uncertainty or complications regarding their immigration status or future naturalization application.

Accordingly, we formally request that your office immediately investigate this matter and provide our legislative delegation with a comprehensive written report addressing the following:

1. How and when Ms. Giugliano was registered to vote, including the original date of registration, the date her registration became active, and identification of the agency, vendor, system, or process responsible for initiating, transmitting, processing, and approving her registration.
2. Whether Ms. Giugliano remains listed as an active registered voter and, if so, what immediate corrective action will be taken.
3. Why Ms. Giugliano's registration reportedly became effective in September 2025, including whether this reflects a registration initiated when she was 17 years old or a separate registration transaction. Please explain how this case relates to the previously identified June 2023 through June 2024 timeframe.
4. Whether the Department has identified, or is currently investigating, additional instances of noncitizens being improperly registered outside the previously disclosed timeframe, including registrations initiated or activated after June 2024.
5. The total number of improper registrations identified to date, including any discovered after the administration's initial disclosure, the number subsequently corrected or removed, and the number, if any, that remain under review.
6. What specific safeguards, verification procedures, system modifications, and oversight measures are currently in place to prevent noncitizens from being inadvertently registered through the MVC, and when those measures were implemented.

7. What steps the Department is taking to identify, notify, and assist individuals who were improperly registered through no fault of their own, including whether written confirmation of administrative error and correction will be provided to help address potential immigration or naturalization concerns.
8. Whether the Department intends to conduct a comprehensive, independently verifiable audit of MVC-generated voter registrations, including records outside the previously identified timeframe, to determine the full scope of the problem and assess whether existing corrective measures are effective.

We further request written acknowledgment of this complaint within five business days. We recognize that a comprehensive investigation may require additional time. If the investigation cannot be completed within five business days, please provide an interim status report outlining the actions taken to date, any preliminary findings, outstanding issues, and the anticipated date for completion of the investigation and submission of a final written report.

We must emphasize that this matter cannot be considered resolved simply by correcting one individual's voter registration. The State must determine precisely how this occurred, whether the underlying deficiencies have been corrected, whether similar errors continue to occur, and how many other individuals may have been affected.

The public deserves confidence that New Jersey's voter registration system is accurate, secure, and properly administered. At the same time, individuals who comply with the law must have confidence that errors made by state agencies will be identified, corrected, and appropriately documented without placing an undue burden upon them.

Protecting the integrity of our elections and protecting law-abiding noncitizens from the consequences of government mistakes are not competing priorities. Both are fundamental responsibilities of the State of New Jersey.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this serious matter and look forward to receiving your written findings, an explanation of the corrective actions taken, and a comprehensive plan to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

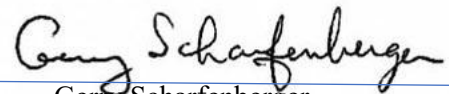
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