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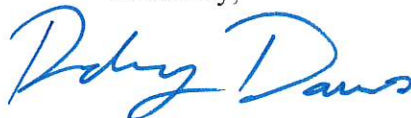
The Honorable Jesse White
Secretary of State of Illinois
213 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62756

Dear Secretary White,

As Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration (“Committee”), which is tasked by the U.S. House of Representatives with oversight authority over federal elections, I write to express my grave concerns regarding recent reports that 574 non-citizens were registered to vote in Illinois in conjunction with the state’s Automatic Voter Registration (“AVR”) system. I will be hosting a listening session with election administration stakeholders in Illinois in order to ensure that the imminent 2020 Federal Election will not be affected by erroneous voter registration lists. I invite your office to attend and share your plans as to how mistakes such as this one will not happen in the future. More details on this listening session are forthcoming.

While I believe AVR has the potential to encourage voter participation and increase efficiencies across our state’s voter registration system, this administrative failure only underscores apprehensions that I and others shared when AVR passed into law in 2017. To move forward, Illinois voters must be assured that their elections are not compromised, nor appear to be compromised, in any way.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member

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