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Ms. Carol Aichele
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RE: Interstate Crosscheck Voter Registration Program

Dear Secretary Aichele:

Thank you for the March 31 response to my March 25 letter inquiring about how the Commonwealth intends to handle registration cancellations for voters identified as potential duplicates by the Interstate Crosscheck Voter Registration Program. Your letter has answered our questions and, for now, allayed our concerns.

The ACLU-PA hopes that in the future your staff will be more willing to discuss informally issues of concern arising around voting rights. We have for many years, pre-dating your administration and even back to the 1990's, been able to resolve many potential voting-rights disputes informally, without the need for litigation. Often it is simply a matter of clarifying misinformation in the public realm or some other misunderstanding. I have high regard for Mr. Marks and we have worked together to resolve other disputes. I'm not sure why communications broke down in this instance, but I hope you can appreciate how a refusal to respond to our inquiries simply arouses suspicion.

Thank you again for the courtesy of a comprehensive response. We will contact you again to gather information after the DOS begins the cancellation process under this program with the counties. I hope that it will not be as difficult then for us to clarify exactly how the Department intends to proceed.

Very truly yours,

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Legal Director, ACLU of Pennsylvania

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