



July 5, 2017

Robert Giles, Director
Division of Elections
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Dear Mr. Giles:

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey understands that under New Jersey law some of the information requested by the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity is publicly available. The League of Women Voters places great value in government transparency and open records, but this particular request is nuanced and needs to be handled sensitively. Before complying with any part of the Commission's request, we ask you to consider your role in protecting New Jersey voters' privacy and safeguarding our election process.

The de-centralized process in our country, with states being charged with protecting voter information, offers certain securities and safeguards. We are concerned that these securities are not in place when this information is compiled and made publicly available on a national level and are unsure how the Commission intends to protect voter information. We are also concerned that this request does not take into account state procedures that are in place regarding the use and disclosure of this information or the process, including payment, to obtain this info.

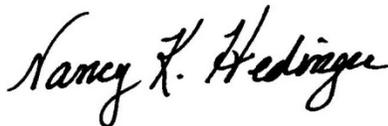
Please also consider the amount of trust New Jersey voters place in our election system when administered by state and county election officials. They trust that their voting information is secure in your hands, but do not have the same level of trust in this request, particularly when no information has been provided regarding how voters' personal information will be protected. To

truly protect the integrity of our elections, we must safeguard the American people's faith in the system. The League of Women Voters is committed to encouraging informed and active participation in government, and we see this request as an assault on our mission because it erodes voters' confidence and trust in our government.

There are a series of questions listed in the letter you received. The questions themselves are telling because they intend to uncover flaws in the system and expose voter fraud, with only one question addressing preventing disenfranchisement. The Commission is after an imaginary ghost of voter fraud, when they should be examining voter suppression. New Jersey elections are safe and secure and voter fraud is not an issue. We hope you take this opportunity to express this to the Commission in your reply.

The League has worked closely with your office for many years and we know that you value ensuring that New Jersey voters have undeterred access to the ballot. We trust that in your response, both to the media and to the Commission, you will make your hesitations with this request known, deny the Commission's request for data, and ensure New Jersey voters that their information remains secure.

Sincerely,



Nancy Hedinger
President



Jesse Burns
Executive Director