## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

December 10, 2021

The Honorable Jocelyn Benson Secretary of State of Michigan 430 W. Allegan St., 4<sup>th</sup> Fl. Lansing, MI 48918

Dear Secretary Benson:

We write as a follow-up to the letter that Ranking Member Rodney Davis of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration sent you on November 8, 2021. We are gravely concerned about the alleged lack of voter list maintenance in Michigan before the 2020 election, specifically referencing the allegations that nearly 26,000 deceased individuals are still on Michigan's voter list. We know of reports that voters who have moved out of state from their established voting household are still on the voter list.

Voter list maintenance is vital to ensuring that states conduct safe and secure elections.<sup>2</sup> Under your leadership, Michigan must ensure that only eligible voters may vote in future elections and that only lawful ballots are counted.

Similar to the request made by Ranking Member Davis, please respond with a description of the processes you have in place to certify that only lawful ballots are cast and counted, including a detailed explanation of the processes that were in place for authenticating ballots in the 2020 election. Regarding the 2020 election specifically, please also respond detailing the processes that were in place at that time for removing deceased and ineligible individuals from Michigan's voter registration rolls. Lastly, please detail any changes you will make to your office's processes moving forward to guarantee that the voter registration rolls are regularly updated, specifically the removal of deceased individuals.

Please submit your response no later than December 20, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Trevor TenBrink at <u>Trevor.TenBrink@mail.house.gov</u> or (202) 225-4401.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fred Lucas, Exclusive: 26,000 Dead People Still Registered to Vote in Michigan, Lawsuit Alleges, THE DAILY SIGNAL (Nov. 3, 2021), https://www.dailysignal.com/2021/11/03/exclusive-26000-dead-people-still-registered-to-vote-in-michigan-lawsuit-alleges/; See also Tyler O'Neil, Michigan still has more than 25K dead people on the voter rolls, lawsuit alleges, FOX NEWS (Nov. 5, 2021), https://www.foxnews.com/politics/michigan-still-has-more-than-25k-dead-people-on-the-voter-rolls-lawsuit-claims.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nat'l Voter Registration Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-31, 107 Stat. 77 (1993), § 8 ("Each state shall...conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters.").

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