



# NORTH CAROLINA

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## STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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**December 4, 2025**

The Honorable Paul Tine  
North Carolina Commissioner of Motor Vehicles  
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Dear Commissioner Tine:

I am writing as a follow-up to my September 29 letter requesting the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles' cooperation in providing specific data needed to help maintain accurate voter rolls for the people of our state.

The State Board of Elections continues to seek a strengthened data-sharing program between our agencies, including access to full Social Security numbers for registered voters who are also NCDMV customers. This information is essential for precise matching against other government databases and for ensuring the accuracy and integrity of our voter lists.

At its November 25 meeting, the State Board voted to begin the process to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Once finalized, this agreement will allow the State Board to compare North Carolina's voter rolls with DHS's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database. This is one of the few tools available to verify citizenship status and uphold the constitutional requirement that voting in North Carolina be reserved for U.S. citizens.

We understand that the data-sharing request is undergoing legal review within NCDMV. However, two months have now passed since my initial request. As we approach the 2026 midterm elections, timely cooperation is critical. Full Social Security numbers would significantly improve our ability to remove deceased voters and individuals with disqualifying felony convictions, identify duplicate registrations, and determine whether any non-U.S. citizens have been added, mistakenly or otherwise, to the rolls. Access to

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this information would also reduce the likelihood of false matches, which is vital for maintaining public confidence.

Recent concerns shared by Russ Ferguson, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, underscore the urgency of this request. His office identified instances in 2024 in which NCDMV examiners inadvertently processed voter registrations for non-citizens. As the state's chief elections official, I remain committed to addressing these issues quickly and responsibly, and I again request the data necessary to ensure our voter rolls remain accurate and lawful.

Federal law is clear. Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires election officials and motor vehicle agencies to enter into data-sharing agreements as needed to verify the accuracy of voter registration information. Our request aligns with these requirements and reflects longstanding best practices across the country.

Staff of the State Board and I stand ready to work closely with you and your team to transfer this information securely and in full compliance with state and federal law. We will continue to safeguard sensitive data within our election management system, as we have done reliably for decades.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I welcome any questions as we await your response and look forward to continuing our partnership to ensure fair, accurate, and secure elections for North Carolina's 7.6 million registered voters.

Sincerely,

**Sam M. Hayes**

Executive Director

North Carolina State Board of Elections

cc: Russ Ferguson, U.S. Attorney, Western District of North Carolina  
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