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Dear Assistant Attorney General Dhillon:

The Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on House Administration are conducting oversight of recent information revealing that hundreds of noncitizens in New Jersey voted in an unspecified number of U.S. elections during the Biden-Harris Administration. In light of this new information, the Committees are concerned that Democrat-run states may not be complying with the Civil Rights Act and are undermining America's elections by allowing noncitizens to vote. We appreciate the Department of Justice's (DOJ) commitment to the fair and unbiased enforcement of civil rights laws, and we respectfully request a briefing about this matter.

On July 21, 2026, New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill announced that approximately 6,600 noncitizens were registered to vote in the state between June 2023 and June 2024, and that hundreds of noncitizens had voted.¹ Using IDEMIA software, the state's Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) sent the information of noncitizens to the New Jersey Division of Elections and the noncitizens were then registered to vote.² Governor Sherrill blamed an error with IDEMIA's software.³ However, IDEMIA has publicly denied that its software was the cause of the improper voter registrations.⁴

IDEMIA has refuted Governor Sherrill's claims that the software error was the cause of the improper voter registrations, instead blaming the New Jersey state agencies.⁵ As IDEMIA explained, "all 6,600 individuals indicated 'Yes' to wanting to register to vote and 'No' to being a

¹ See Press Release, N.J. Off. of the Gov'r, Statement by Mikie Sherrill (July 21, 2026); *Governor Sherrill Holds Press Conference Regarding Voter Registration*, YouTube (July 21, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoYZ9B0ezpQ>; Tracey Tully, *Error Led to 400 Noncitizens Voting, New Jersey Governor Says*, N.Y. TIMES (July 21, 2026).

² *Governor Sherrill Holds Press Conference Regarding Voter Registration*, YouTube (July 21, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoYZ9B0ezpQ>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Daniel Han & Joey Fox, *Contractor disputes Mikie Sherrill's claims of NJ voter registration software error*, POLITICO (July 23, 2026).

⁵ *Id.*

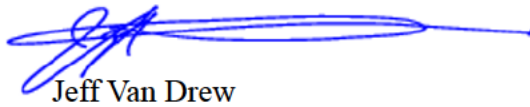
US Citizen,” and that this information “was recorded correctly and always available to the MVC via the database that the MVC utilized to gather voter information and transmit it to the Division of Elections.”⁶ According to IDEMIA, the registration of noncitizens appears to have ended only when the MVC asked IDEMIA to change certain settings in June 2024, but the noncitizens were not removed from the voter rolls and the issue was not publicly disclosed until July 2026.⁷

In order to protect the integrity of America’s elections, it is paramount to ensure compliance with its voting laws. The Committees are concerned about the application of federal law, not only in New Jersey, but nationwide as it pertains to accurate voter registration, as well as the effect that states’ failing to identify and remove noncitizens from its voter rolls has on the civil liberties of American voters. The Civil Rights Act requires states to maintain voter records and empowers the DOJ to vet voter rolls by cross-referencing lists to identify improper registrations.⁸ Accordingly, the Committees respectfully requests a briefing from the DOJ Civil Rights Division on how it ensures that states comply with federal voting laws.

Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committees have jurisdiction to conduct oversight of matters concerning elections, civil liberties, criminal law, and U.S. national security to inform potential legislative reforms.⁹ To schedule the briefing, please have your staff contact Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 or Committee on House Administration staff at (202) 225-8281.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Civil Rights Act of 1960, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20701–20706.

⁹ Rules of the House of Representatives, R. X (K) Committee on House Administration, (L) Committee on Judiciary (2025).

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