

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

August 3, 2026

The Honorable Dale G. Caldwell  
Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State  
New Jersey Department of State  
Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Lieutenant Governor Caldwell:

The Committee on House Administration and the Committee on the Judiciary are charged with upholding American civil liberties and defending the integrity of American elections.<sup>1</sup> During a July 21, 2026, press conference, New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill announced that approximately 6,600 noncitizens were registered to vote between June 2023 and June 2024 because the state Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) sent the information of noncitizens who accurately marked they were not citizens to the Department of State's Division of Elections and the noncitizens were then registered to vote.<sup>2</sup> According to Governor Sherrill, around 400 of these individuals successfully voted in elections since 2023.<sup>3</sup> We write to express our serious concerns with New Jersey apparently adding thousands of noncitizens to its voter rolls and to request information from the New Jersey Department of State about its compliance with applicable federal voting laws.<sup>4</sup>

Governor Sherrill's July 21 press conference focused on "information [she] learned of a few days ago," pertaining to an alleged "serious software error in New Jersey's Motor Vehicle system [which] led to the improper voter registration of" roughly 6,600 noncitizens according to the Governor.<sup>5</sup> Governor Sherrill claimed that an error affected "individuals [who] indicated that they weren't citizens and weren't eligible to vote, but the software registered them anyway."<sup>6</sup> According to Governor Sherrill, the issue lasted from June 2023 to June 2024, at which point "the software was corrected."<sup>7</sup> Of the 6,600 noncitizens registered, approximately 400 of them voted in elections after they were incorrectly registered.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rules of the House of Representatives R. X (K) Committee on House Administration, (L) Committee on the Judiciary (2025).

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

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> These include the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

<sup>5</sup> *Governor Sherrill Holds Press Conference Regarding Voter Registration*, YouTube (July 21, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoYZ9B0ezpQ>.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

The vendor, IDEMIA, that provided the software that Governor Sherrill alleges caused the noncitizens to be registered refuted Governor Sherrill's claims, stating that New Jersey agencies were to blame.<sup>9</sup> IDEMIA's senior vice president of global corporate relations noted in a public statement that the information on noncitizenship status and interest in registering to vote "was recorded correctly and always available to the MVC via the database that MVC utilized to gather voter information and transmit to the Division of Elections."<sup>10</sup> According to IDEMIA, the registration of noncitizens appears to have ended only when 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 now.<sup>11</sup> If the New Jersey government had access to accurate information about the citizenship status of the noncitizens who were registered to vote and were aware of the situation in June 2024, this raises additional questions about Governor Sherrill's decision to blame IDEMIA, to not remove the noncitizens from the voter rolls, and to not disclose the issue to the public.<sup>12</sup>

Compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), and the Civil Rights Act of 1960 (CRA) is paramount to defend fundamental American civil liberties and electoral integrity.<sup>13</sup> HAVA governs the rules, maintenance, and technical coordination required for statewide voter registration databases.<sup>14</sup> The NVRA mandates that state motor agencies serve as voter registration portals with requisite compliance protocols to maintain accurate and up-to-date voter rolls.<sup>15</sup> The CRA requires states to maintain voter records and empowers the U.S. Department of Justice to vet voter rolls by cross-referencing lists to identify improper registrations.<sup>16</sup>

Based on this information, the Committees are concerned about the application of federal law in New Jersey as it pertains to accurate voter registration, as well as the effect that New Jersey's failure to identify and remove noncitizens from its voter rolls has on the civil liberties of American voters and their ability to elect their representatives. As New Jersey's chief election officer overseeing the Department of State's Division of Elections, you are uniquely positioned to assist with the Committees' oversight.<sup>17</sup> To further the Committees' oversight and inform

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<sup>9</sup> Daniel Han & Joey Fox, *Contractor disputes Mikie Sherrill's claims of NJ voter registration software error*, POLITICO (July 23, 2026).

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> See *Governor Sherrill Holds Press Conference Regarding Voter Registration*, YouTube (July 21, 2026), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoYZ9B0ezpQ>; Christine Sloan, *N.J. Gov. Mikie Sherrill refuses to hand over information to DOJ on 6,600 noncitizens who registered to vote*, CBS NEWS (July 23, 2026); Dareh Gregorian & Jane C. Timm, *6,600 noncitizens were registered to vote in N.J. because of a 'software error,' governor says*, NBC NEWS (July 21, 2026).

<sup>13</sup> Help America Vote Act of 2002, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145; National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501–20511; Civil Rights Act of 1960, Pub. L. No. 86-449, 74 Stat. 86 (codified as amended in scattered sections of 18, 42, and 52 U.S.C.).

<sup>14</sup> Help America Vote Act of 2002, 52 U.S.C. § 21083.

<sup>15</sup> National Voting Rights Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20504, 20507.

<sup>16</sup> Civil Rights Act of 1960, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20701–20706.

<sup>17</sup> *New Jersey Department of State - Office of the Secretary - About the Secretary*, State of N.J., <https://www.nj.gov/state/sos-about.shtml> (last visited July 23, 2026).

legislative efforts to secure our elections and civil liberties, we request the following documents and information for the period January 1, 2023, to the present:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to New Jersey's compliance with HAVA, the NVRA, and the CRA, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Information about systems in place to ensure compliance with federal law,
  - b. Guardrails and guidelines in place to catch noncitizen voter registration,
  - c. The New Jersey Division of Elections' standard operating procedure when it comes to addressing noncompliance issues, and
  - d. Information about the New Jersey Division of Elections and Motor Vehicle Commission compliance teams;
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to any alleged software errors that resulted in noncitizens registering to vote or the purposeful registration of noncitizens, including the discovery of the noncitizen registration up to and including any investigations related to the noncitizen registration;
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to the determination that the software errors were accidental, including feedback from the vendor;
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to New Jersey's protocols to verify voter registration information transmitted through third-party vendors, such as IDEMIA;
5. All documents and communications referring or relating to New Jersey's efforts to comply with federal voting laws as they relate to identifying and removing noncitizens from New Jersey voter rolls, including how New Jersey identifies noncitizens who falsely claim citizenship at the MVC or during the voter registration process;
6. All documents and communications referring or relating to New Jersey's lack of cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) database the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) to verify voter rolls are free of noncitizens; and
7. All documents and communications between or among New Jersey officials and the vendor that provided the software used at the MVC to help register New Jerseyans to vote, including communications at the time of the discovery of the error, a potential warning provided by the vendor, and discussions that occurred relating to its remediation.

Please produce this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2026. 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.<sup>18</sup> If you have any questions about

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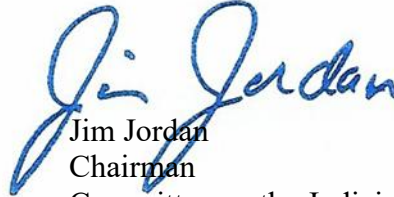
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this matter, please contact House Administration Committee staff at (202) 225-8281 or Judiciary Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Terri Sewell, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Elections, Committee on House Administration

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