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April 1, 2022

Ian K. Linnabary
Chair
Illinois State Board of Elections
2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.
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Dear Chair Linnabary:

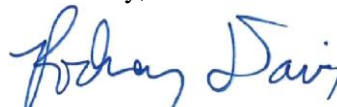
As Ranking Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, which has broad oversight of our nation's federal elections, I write today to express my concern that the State Board of Elections from my home state of Illinois violated federal law, specifically that the Board refused to release its voter registration list, as required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).¹

America's decentralized elections system is the best in the world. Since last Congress, I have met with Secretaries of State, Lt. Governors, and local election administrators from states as wide-ranging as Alaska, Iowa, and New York, among others, to learn about and promote the many first-rate examples of excellence in election administration across the country. Unfortunately, rather than add to those efforts, situations like this one in Illinois do real damage to voter confidence in our election systems and outcomes at a time when we can least afford it. Maintaining accurate, public-facing voter registration lists helps states ensure election integrity and strengthens voter confidence in elections.

In the interest of ensuring that the Board follows the court order and federal law, please respond with an explanation of how and when the Board plans to comply with the order to release the voter registration list. Also, please share how the Board intends to follow the NVRA requirement so that the public has access to the state's voter registration list moving forward.

Please submit your response no later than April 29, 2022. Should you have questions, please contact Caleb Hays, General Counsel and Deputy Staff Director, at Caleb.Hays@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration

¹J. Christian Adams, *Two wins for election transparency*, The Washington Times (April 1, 2022)
<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/mar/21/two-wins-for-election-transparency/>

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