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December 4, 2025

Jared DeMarinis
State Administrator
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Administrator DeMarinis:

The Committee on House Administration (Committee) has broad oversight of federal elections.¹ Records released by the Maryland State Board of Elections confirm that a noncitizen has successfully registered to vote in Maryland on at least two occasions.² The situation prompts ongoing concerns that states are not verifying the citizenship of registrants. Oversight of federal elections is critical to inform potential legislative reforms and safeguard the integrity of federal elections. The Committee is therefore seeking information from the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Ian Andre Roberts, superintendent of the Des Moines, Iowa public school district, was arrested in September 2025, for “being an illegal alien in possession of firearms.”³ Mr. Roberts repeatedly claimed U.S. citizenship and remained a registered voter in Maryland for years, despite leaving the state over a decade ago.⁴ The American Accountability Foundation filed a public records request for Mr. Roberts’s voter registration application.⁵ The original release of the documents contained heavy, intentional redactions, including Mr. Roberts’s answer to the citizenship

¹ Rules of the House of Representatives, Rule X (K) Committee on House Administration.

² See Stephen Dinan, *Documents show Ian Roberts claimed citizenship on voting applications*, The Washington Times (Dec. 1, 2025).

³ United States Dep’t of Justice, Press Release, *Former Des Moines Superintendent Arrested on Federal Firearms Charge* (Oct. 2, 2025).

⁴ See Maryland Freedom Caucus, Press Release, *Maryland Freedom Caucus to Introduce Citizenship-Verification Reforms After New Revelations in Ian Roberts Case* (Dec. 2, 2025).

⁵ Emma Colton, *Heavily redacted voting records for school superintendent nabbed by ICE spark outrage*, Fox News (Nov. 23, 2025) (The released documents “included blacking out Roberts’ sex, whether he checked the citizenship box, his date of birth and other information.”).

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question.⁶ The subsequent release of Mr. Roberts's application still redacts crucial information such as the source of his voter registration application.⁷ These recurring redactions suggest that Maryland is either concealing an accidental voter registration of an illegal alien or withholding information about its failure to verify citizenship. While both possibilities are concerning, Mr. Roberts's partially unredacted form substantiates the latter.⁸

Based on this information, the Committee is concerned about the integrity and accuracy of Maryland's citizenship verification processes, and therefore the state's voter rolls. To assist the Committee's oversight of this matter, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but no later than December 18, 2025:

1. What registration method did Mr. Roberts use to register to vote in Maryland?
2. Is Mr. Roberts still a registered voter in Maryland?
3. Has Mr. Roberts ever voted in Maryland? If yes, what election(s) did he participate in?
4. Was Mr. Roberts ever mailed an absentee ballot? If yes, for which election(s)?
5. What was the basis for Prince George's County Board of Election's redaction of the citizenship question when Mr. Roberts's voter registration documents were released?
6. Why did Prince George's County redact the source of Mr. Roberts's unlawful voter registration application?
7. How do the State and County Boards of Election verify citizenship when registering voters?
8. Is the state of Maryland using the USCIS SAVE database to assist with citizenship verification?

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Elaine Mallon, *Maryland board releases voter records of ex-Iowa superintendent under legal pressure*, The National News Desk (Dec. 3, 2025).

⁸ Stephen Dinan, *Documents show Ian Roberts claimed citizenship on voting applications*, The Washington Times (Dec. 1, 2025).

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9. How does the State Board of Elections fulfill their obligations under 52 U.S.C. §20507 to conduct a general program to remove ineligible voters from the rolls?
10. Has the State Board of Elections conducted a formal review or investigation of this case? If yes, what are the findings and have any new policies to verify citizenship been proposed or implemented?

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee at 202- 225-8281. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Joseph Morelle, Ranking Member

The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor