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Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Cegavske:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 14, 2017, regarding the Department's practices for voter registration. Your letter comes as a complete surprise as you and your office have reviewed, contributed to, and approved the processes you are expressing concerns about. For the past year, we have worked in cooperation with your office, our Deputy Attorney Generals, and representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Demos, Project Vote, League of Women Voters, and Mi Familia Vota Education to bring the Department into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The NVRA requires each driver's license application, including any renewal application, to serve as a simultaneous application for voter registration. In accordance with the NVRA and our memorandum of understanding with the parties noted above, the Department is required to submit the application regardless of completeness to State election officials for them to assess the eligibility of the applicant.

The Department electronically transmits voter registration information to your office for dissemination to the appropriate clerk/registrar. In addition, the original signed voter registration applications are provided to the clerk/registrar along with a transmittal sheet that contains a summary of the applications being submitted. As you are aware, our current practice is to place an indicator on the transmittal sheet next to the registration status code of an applicant the Department believes needs further review by the clerk/registrar to determine voter eligibility. This indicator is used when a DMV technician has reason to believe the applicant may not be eligible to vote based on the documents they have provided in order to receive a driver's license or identification card.

Your letter indicates the Department's practice to forward all applications may be attributable to a misinterpretation of the NVRA. Our current practices have been put in place based on advice from all parties. We will work with our Deputy Attorney Generals to review all processes to ensure we have not misinterpreted the NVRA requirements and take appropriate corrective action if deemed necessary.

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes, the Department has and will continue to provide your office with all requested records for the purpose of voter registration. We look forward to working with your office to assist in maintaining the integrity of Nevada's voter registration process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Terri Albertson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, large watermark of the Nevada state seal.

Terri Albertson
Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

Cc: Governor Brian Sandoval
Mike Willden, Governor's Chief of Staff