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Terri Albertson **Director, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles** 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89701

## Dear Director Albertson:

Consistent with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and state law, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers voter registration opportunities to persons who apply for driver's licenses and identification cards. It has come to our attention that when offering voter registration opportunities to customers, DMV's employees offer voter registration materials to DMV customers whom they know to be non-citizens based upon their presentation of a Green Card for identification purposes.

More specifically, it is our understanding that some DMV employees have been instructed to accept voter registration materials from all customers, including those who present a Green Card for identification purposes. The DMV then forwards all such materials to local election officials for voter registration purposes. This practice is perhaps attributable to a misinterpretation of the NVRA. This practice must cease immediately. Please take appropriate corrective action, as we have reason to believe that non-citizens have unlawfully registered to vote in Nevada as a direct result of DMV's practices. Moreover, we have now confirmed that some noncitizens illegally cast votes in the 2016 general election.

To insure the integrity of voter registration processes and elections, this office will be requesting records from the DMV in the near future. We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Respectfully,

Barbara K. Cegarske

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