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ACLU of Nebraska and Nebraskans for Civic Reform Urge Secretary of State John Gale to Protect Nebraska Voters

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LINCOLN – Today the ACLU of Nebraska and Nebraskans for Civic Reform sent a letter to Secretary of State John Gale urging his office to reject a recent request from the Trump Administration to turn over sensitive information about Nebraska voters. Turning over the information as requested, according to the groups, may be a violation of Nebraska law.

The letter, signed by ACLU of Nebraska Executive Director Danielle Conrad and Nebraskans for Civic Reform Director of Voting Rights Bri McLarty says “Mr. Secretary, you have exhibited strong leadership for many years and know first-hand that Nebraskans can be proud of our free fair elections and hardworking county election officials. We urge you to follow the sound judgement of many of your peers—both Republicans and Democrats—to reject this troubling request with all deliberate speed to protect the integrity of our voter records and the personal privacy of countless Nebraska citizens.”

“As many Nebraskans gather with our family and friends to celebrate our democracy this 4th of July” said Conrad, “let us remember that voting is the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest.”

McLarty added, “Nebraskans of all political parties should urge Nebraska to join the over 20 states which have protected the information of their voters. Let's celebrate our vibrant democracy together by protecting the integrity of our elections and the personal privacy of our voters.”

A copy of the letter to Sec. Gale is available here:

https://www.aclunebraska.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/aclu_ncr_letter_to_gale_on_voter_request.pdf

A copy of guidance from Nebraskans for Civic Reform to voters is available here:
<http://nereform.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Letter-to-Nebraska-Voters.pdf>

Statement from ACLU Nationwide is available here: <https://www.aclu.org/news/aclu-comment-trump-administrations-effort-gather-details-all-voters-america>

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