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April 18, 2007

The Honorable Gary Bartlett
Executive Director
State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 27255
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7255

Dear Director Bartlett:

We write to you as the chief State elections official for the State of North Carolina to request information concerning the State's compliance with certain requirements of the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 42 U.S.C. §1973gg *et seq.* ("NVRA") and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 15301 *et seq.* ("HAVA").

Section 8 of the NVRA sets forth requirements with respect to the administration of voter registration. As part of a nationwide effort to assess compliance with the Section 8 of the NVRA, we conducted an analysis of each state's total voter registration numbers as a percentage of citizen voting age population based on reports following the 2004 general election submitted to the Election Assistance Commission. According to that report, voter registration actually exceeded the total citizen voting age population in 10 percent or more of the jurisdictions within your State. It is contemplated that the effective implementation of a statewide voter registration database pursuant to HAVA would help address that issue and provide an opportunity for State action.

We write to you to request a copy of your State's current voter registration list in electronic format. Please include, at a minimum, voters' full names, dates of birth, addresses, dates of registration, voter history, and social security number (if available), on a compact disc in a comma-delimited file format or as a Microsoft Access database file. We are requesting this information under the statutory authority found in 42 U.S.C. §1974b. As you are aware, we made a similar request to you in August 2006, and we thank you for complying with that request. We write now to assess the changes in your voter registration list since that time, and in particular since the adoption of a statewide voter registration database and since the intervening federal election and the subsequent removal from the rolls of persons no longer eligible to vote.

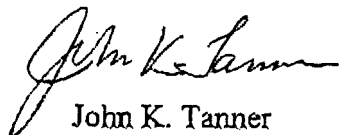
Please provide the information requested above no later than two weeks from the date of this letter. We will be happy to provide you with our Federal Express account number. The

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materials may be sent to Robert Popper of the Civil Rights Division Voting Section to the following address: Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, 1800 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. If you have any questions regarding our request, please contact Mr. Popper at 202-305-0046. We very much appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to monitor the progress nationwide of NVRA and HAVA compliance.

Sincerely,



John K. Tanner
Chief, Voting Section