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October XX, 2024

The Honorable Adrian Fontes

Arizona Secretary of State

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Secretary Fontes,

I write regarding an issue brought to my attention from constituents expressing their concerns over a “clerical error” within Arizona Department of Transportation’s (ADOT’s) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) and Arizona Voter Registration Databases. As you have stated, this data coding glitch has mistakenly marked several Arizonans as having provided documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC), bringing the total of impacted individuals to a staggering number of approximately 218,000.[[1]](#footnote-1)

As you know, DPOC is required to vote in state and local elections pursuant to state law. I find it highly concerning that these individuals included in the database error illegally remain eligible to vote. There must be thorough actions taken to correctly identify voters as U.S. citizens with DPOC— especially given that the discovery of this error was made after the Maricopa County Recorder’s Office received information about a man who was registered to vote but wasn’t a U.S. citizen, in which his voter file erroneously indicated that the MVD had his DPOC on record.[[2]](#footnote-2)

The right to vote is the most fundamental right afforded to Americans under the Constitution, upon which other rights depend. It is critical to uphold measures that strengthen the integrity and security of our federal, state, and local elections for public office in the United States. Given these reports and concerns, please provide an answer to the following question:

1. What measures is your office taking to ensure that the aforementioned agencies solve this administrative error and correctly flag individuals as needing to provide DPOC?

If not addressed, this database issue opens our election system to non-citizen voter fraud, which loses trust from voters and ultimately delegitimizes the entire U.S. democratic process. It is of the utmost importance that U.S. citizens do not lose confidence in the administrative running of elections and that we uphold the law.

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1. <https://azsos.gov/news/849> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://ktar.com/story/5610193/arizona-voter-registration-system-error-3/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)