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The Honorable Steve Simon
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Secretary Simon,

I am writing to express my concerns about the integrity of Minnesota's election system and the possibility that individuals who are not legally eligible to vote, including those unlawfully present in the United States, may register to vote or cast ballots in Minnesota elections.

Minnesota's "Driver's License for All" allows all Minnesota residents to obtain a standard Class D driver's license or identification (ID) Card, regardless of immigration status.[1] Additionally, Automatic Voter Registration was signed into law in Minnesota in 2023, which allows Minnesotans to register to vote or update their voter registration when they apply for or renew their Minnesota driver's license or ID Card.[2]

This raises concerns about the potential for non-citizens to be accidentally registered to vote due to technical errors or malfeasance. On July 21, 2026, it was reported that more than 6,000 non-citizens in New Jersey were erroneously registered to vote while obtaining New Jersey driver's licenses.[3] It is important to ensure that your office has safeguards in place to prevent this same issue from happening in Minnesota.

Further, in April of 2026, a non-citizen in Minnesota was charged with perjury and a voting violation for voting in the 2024 Election. According to investigators, the man received a voter registration notice from the state of Minnesota that was likely triggered after he obtained his driver's license.[4] This illustrates a proven track record that automatic voter registration errors have occurred in Minnesota.

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[1] https://www.house.mn.gov/NewLaws/story/2023/5520.
[2] https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/automatic-voter-registration/.
[3] https://apnews.com/article/noncitizen-voter-registration-new-jersey-99ef57346bbe09ba2ff606538a76eede.
[4] https://www.foxnews.com/politics/noncitizen-charged-voting-minnesota-2024-election-after-admitting-mistake-investigators.

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I am concerned that obtaining meaningful access to Minnesota's voter registration data has become increasingly difficult. In January of 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) requested Minnesota to hand over records related to the state's voter registration practices, pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1960.[5] To this date, even with a suit brought forth by the DOJ, you have refused to fulfill the DOJ's request. Transparency is an essential component of election integrity, and appropriate access to voter registration records allows proper identification of possible inaccuracies and strengthens confidence in election outcomes. I encourage you to comply with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Additionally, I would like a written response to the following questions:

1. What is your office doing to ensure that non-citizens aren't accidentally registered to vote in Minnesota's elections? If this happens again, what will you do to enforce automatic voter registration errors?
2. Have there been any confirmed cases of noncitizens voting in Minnesota in recent election cycles? If so, how many, and how were those cases detected?
3. What safeguards are in place to prevent noncitizens from voting?

Minnesotans deserve confidence that every reasonable measure is taken to prevent ineligible voting while protecting the rights of eligible voters. I respectfully request a written response to the questions above and look forward to working with your office to help ensure Minnesota's elections remain secure, transparent, and trusted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brad Finstad

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Member of Congress

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[5] Addie McCabe, *LETTER: DOJ demands voter registration records from MN Secretary of State*, KTTC, (Jan. 2, 2026), available at: https://www.kttc.com/2026/01/02/letter-doj-demands-voter-registration-records-mn-secretary-state/.