



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

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Lyn McDermid
Secretary of Administration

October 24, 2023

Ms. Mary Bauer
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia
P. O. Box 26464
Richmond, Virginia 23261

Dear Ms. Bauer:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 2023, seeking information related to the improper removal of certain Virginians from the registered voter list.

Governor Youngkin believes that every eligible Virginian should exercise his or her right to vote. He was deeply concerned to learn that certain felons whose rights had previously been restored, but who had subsequently violated their probation, were improperly removed from the registered voter list because this subsequent violation was miscoded as a felony. The Governor has requested that the Office of the State Inspector General ("OSIG") immediately investigate and report on the causes and circumstances surrounding these individuals being removed from the list of eligible voters.

In addition, Governor Youngkin has asked OSIG to investigate preliminary findings that during the past several decades, thousands of Virginians may have been permitted to remain on Virginia's registered voter list, despite being convicted of a new felony following an earlier restoration of their voting rights. OSIG's investigation is already underway.

Finally, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections has advised local registrars to make certain that those persons improperly removed from the registered voter list be reinstated as quickly as possible and permitted to vote in the November 7th election. It is our understanding that those affected have been notified by their local registrars of their reinstatement and eligibility to vote in this election.

Governor Youngkin looks forward to receiving the findings of the Inspector General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyn McDermid".

Secretary Lyn McDermid