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From: **Matthew Dunlap** <mattdunlap47@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 3:46 PM

Subject: Thank you for responding, but....

To: "Kossack, Andrew J. EOP/OVP" <Andrew.J.Kossack@ovp.eop.gov>

Cc: "Dunlap, Matthew" <matthew.dunlap@maine.gov>, "Muszynski, Kristen" <kristen.muszynski@maine.gov>

Andrew,

I appreciate the response you sent this morning to my letter of the 17th. In an effort to keep my request simple and make the job of the attorneys a bit easier as they sort out whether the response to my request "accords with all applicable law," perhaps you could shed light on our work schedule and our communications generally. Please see below; the text immediately below is from a media inquiry about statements made by Indiana Secretary of State and fellow commissioner Connie Lawson that our work is on hold because of pending litigation, and further a fundraising email sent out by the Minnesota Voters Alliance celebrating their invitation to present testimony at our December meeting (the first I had heard of either). Both of these elements may help make the vice-chair "aware of any information or discussions or exchange of materials from commission members that would exclude (Dunlap)" as reported by PBS News.

If our work is on hold, could you let us know? And if we're meeting, can we know that too? My phone is ringing off the hook about this and I don't have any answers.

Any light you could shed would be helpful.

Matt Dunlap
Secretary of State of Maine and Commissioner,
Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

"I hope you're doing well. I wanted to reach out to Secretary Dunlap to get his thoughts on comments made by Secretary Connie Lawson today. After a hearing in Washington, she told reporters that it was her understanding that the work of the election integrity commission had essentially been paused because of the lawsuits filed against the commission. She said that has had a chilling effect, and that it's her understanding that the commission is waiting to resolve those suits before moving forward. She said she hasn't received any new information since the last meeting and that she doesn't think members are emailing each other.

Here's part of Lawson's comments today: "It's my understanding that there were just so many lawsuits against the commission that it's really right now there's nothing going on. So it's not the fact that anybody's being shut out, it's just that they wanted to get some of these lawsuits settled and then move forward."

I know that Secretary Dunlap has been concerned about the lack of communication that he has received as a commission member. I wanted to ask him if he has any thoughts or reaction to Secretary Lawson's explanation of what's going on. I'm writing this up so if he has any response or a second to chat, that would be great."

From: Minnesota Voters Alliance <info@mnvoters.org>
Subject: Voter Data lawsuit update and more!
Date: October 19, 2017 at 8:44:38 AM CDT
To: jimacarlson@comcast.net



October 2017 Update

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to let you know that the **Minnesota Voters Alliance (MVA)** was invited to speak at the December 2017 meeting of the "Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity", also known as the "**Trump Voter Fraud Commission**".

The meeting information has not been released yet, but we'll let you know as we learn more, as well as share with you our objectives for the event. The Commission has held two meetings thus far; the first one was held at the White House and the second was in New Hampshire. Your continued support has made this possible and we are very grateful.

Minnesota Secretary of State covering up voter data

The Office of the Secretary of State holds a monopoly on statewide election data and over the years has become increasingly **unwilling to open the books** for public scrutiny.

Secretary of State Steve Simon's recent defiance of the **Presidential Commission on Election Integrity's** request for access to Minnesota's voter registration data is just the latest example of stonewalling by his office.

Minnesota has led the nation in voter fraud convictions, yet, Secretary Simon tells the people that no voter exists because he has 'rigorous safety measures' in place. When asked to see proof, i.e. "the data", he says "it's not public".

In our ongoing efforts to determine the true amount of ineligible voting in Minnesota, we submitted a simple Data Practices Act (DPA) request to the Secretary of State on July 21, 2017, asking for "public" voter data on all voters, and, as expected, were denied.

Lawsuit against Secretary of State

The Minnesota Voters Alliance (MVA) filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Steve Simon on August 10, 2017, in Ramsey County District Court, for wrongfully rejecting our Data Practices Act (DPA) request seeking 'public' voter data.

Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act statute, all government data is presumed to be 'public', unless explicitly classified as non-public or confidential.

Our DPA request simply asked for 'public' voter data, (i.e. name, address, voter status, etc..), on all voters in the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) including those with an "**Ineligible**" voter status. The request did not seek personal information about party affiliation, or confidential information such as driver's license numbers.

The only data that the Secretary of State **currently releases as 'public data'** is routinely sold on CD-ROM for \$46 to any Minnesota voter. But, the readily available disk contains only "**active**" voters because it was intended to be used as a political mailing list.

The CD-ROM, however, **does not contain that same information** on persons marked "**inactive**" and "**challenged**". Such designations, or "voter statuses", are key indicators of a voter's ineligibility and are critical to identifying how much ineligible voting is occurring.

Recent opinions by the **Data Practices Office** (DPO, formerly known as IPAD), a government agency established to settle disputes over access to government-held data, suggests that 'public data' is available on **all voters**, not merely just those marked "**active**" in the SVRS.

Two major advantages

-While the Data Practices Office is not a court, the law states that a court must give 'deference' to a favorable DPO opinion, thus, providing us with considerable leverage in court.

-Nationally recognized **Judicial Watch** has expressed strong interest in filing an Amicus 'friend of the court' supporting our position.

Judge and court data assigned:

We have been assigned Ramsey County District Court Judge Jennifer Fritsch, and a court date of December 4, 2017. We'll keep you posted!

Critical Support!

We are seeking to raise \$10,000 by November 15th to stay on course for our 2017 budget and to cover court costs, administrative and operational expenses.

A generous donor has agreed to match all donations up to \$5,000 towards this appeal. Please make a generous "Tax Deductible" donation today to help us reach our goal!

If you have not recently done so, please make check payable today to the "Minnesota Voters Alliance" or you can donate online at www.MNVoters.org

Warm regards,

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