

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin:

I write regarding credible and deeply concerning reports that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has sought access to sensitive voter information and engaged directly with state and local election officials across multiple jurisdictions.

A recent investigation by Reuters found that DHS personnel requested voter registration records, voting histories, and other election-related data in at least eight states, including, in some cases, unredacted materials containing signatures and partial Social Security numbers.¹ The reporting indicates that these requests were made without a clearly articulated investigative basis and in areas that do not traditionally fall within DHS's core mission.²

These actions come amid broader efforts by the Administration to expand federal involvement in election administration, including statements by President Donald Trump calling for the federal government to "take over" or "nationalize" aspects of the election system.³ Additional reporting has highlighted growing concern among election officials about increased political and federal pressure on election administration as the 2026 cycle approaches.⁴ Independent analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice has further warned that recent federal actions, such as efforts to revisit prior election results and obtain voting system data, represent a significant escalation in federal involvement in state-run elections.⁵

Taken together, these reports suggest a pattern of expanding federal involvement in election administration that raises serious legal, constitutional, and privacy concerns.

These reported actions raise serious legal and constitutional concerns. Election administration is primarily the responsibility of state and local governments, and any federal involvement, particularly where it touches sensitive voter data, must be clearly authorized, narrowly scoped, and handled with care. They also risk eroding public confidence in the integrity and impartial administration of our elections.

Given the significance of these issues, I request that DHS provide the following information no later than May 8, 2026:

¹ Parker, Ned and Eisler, Peter, "How Trump Is Moving to Control U.S. Elections, One State at a Time," Reuters, April 27, 2026, <https://www.reuters.com/investigations/how-trump-is-moving-control-us-elections-one-state-time-2026-04-27/>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

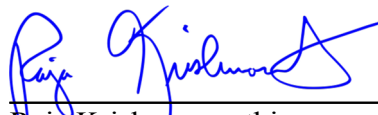
⁴ Landers, Liz; Schmitz, Ali and Jackson, Leila, "Election Officials Sound Alarm over Political Interference in Midterms," PBS NewsHour, PBS, accessed April 29, 2026, <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/election-officials-sound-alarm-over-political-interference-in-midterms>.

⁵ Weiser, Wendy, "Trump Administration Escalates Election Meddling by Seizing 2020 Voting Records in Georgia," Brennan Center for Justice, last modified February 3, 2026, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/trump-administration-escalates-election-meddling-seizing-2020-voting>.

1. Identify all statutory, regulatory, or other legal authorities DHS relies upon to request or obtain voter registration records, voting histories, or other election-related data from state or local officials.
2. Provide a list of all jurisdictions in which DHS personnel have requested or obtained election-related records since January 20, 2025, including the type of information requested and whether such requests were fulfilled.
3. For each request, describe the factual basis or predicate for the inquiry, including whether the request was tied to a specific allegation, referral, or ongoing investigation.
4. Describe any coordination with the U.S. Department of Justice or other federal entities regarding election-related investigations, including whether such entities reviewed, approved, or directed any such requests.
5. Detail the policies and procedures governing the handling, storage, retention, and protection of sensitive voter information obtained by DHS, including any limitations on dissemination, third-party access, breach notification protocols, and timelines for deletion or destruction of such data.
6. Provide all internal guidance, memoranda, or directives governing DHS involvement in election-related matters, including any changes to DHS's role in election security, investigations, or data collection since January 20, 2025.
7. Explain how any voter data obtained by DHS has been used, including whether it has been shared with other federal agencies, used to initiate enforcement actions, or incorporated into broader federal databases.
8. Describe the training provided to DHS personnel engaging with election officials and the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws, privacy protections, and constitutional limits.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress