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Acting Commissioner Leland Dudek Social Security Administration 6401 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Acting Commissioner Dudek:

The Kansas Secretary of State's Office is requesting access to the Social Security Administration's (SSAs) Death Master File (DMF) for the purpose of voter roll maintenance.

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires that states "conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of-(A) the death of the registrant." 52 USC 20507(a)(4)(A). Further, state law requires that "when a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the registration books and the party affiliation lists when the name of the vote appears in information provided by the social security administration." KSA 25-2316c(f)

My office is requesting your assistance in providing the DMF so Kansas can continue to maintain accurate voter rolls. The agency has made previous requests to the SSA for the DMF in 2021 and 2023 and both requests were denied. The agency notes that the President's Executive Order on Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of Amcerican Elections issued on March 25, 2025, further supports this request.

We appreciate your review of this request and look forward to a favorable response.

Sincerely,

Scott Schwab

Kansas Secretary of State

cc: Senator Jerry Moran
Senator Roger Marshall
Representative Tracey Mann
Representative Derek Schmidt
Representative Sharice Davids
Representative Ron Estes