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Speaker of the House of Representatives
President of the Senate
Chair, House Election Law Committee
Chair, Senate Committee on Public and Municipal Affairs

Re: Report to Legislature: Voter Affidavits

Dear Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, and Committee Chairs:

Pursuant to RSA 659:13,IV(c), this letter is our report reflecting the individuals recorded by local election officials in 2016 as having signed challenged voter affidavits, qualified voter affidavits, and domicile affidavits.

In the 2016 Presidential Primary, state special and municipal elections held between January 1 and May 8, 2016, election officials recorded 1,158 individuals who did not present valid photo identification, were not verified by an election official, and signed challenged voter affidavits ("CVAs") in order to vote. In the 2016 State Primary and the 2016 General Election and other elections held between May 9 and December 31, 2016, election officials recorded 1,486 individuals who did not present valid photo identification, were not verified by an election official, and signed challenged voter affidavits ("CVAs") in order to vote.

Between January 1 and May 8, 2016, election officials recorded 731 individuals who did not verify their identity with an approved photo ID and signed qualified voter affidavits (QVAs) to register to vote. Between May 9 and December 31, 2016, election officials recorded 764 individuals who did not verify their identity with an approved photo ID and signed qualified voter affidavits ("QVAs") to register to vote.

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The attachment entitled "Summary Report - Affidavit Follow-up Letters – 2012 through 2016" describes the disposition of affidavit follow-up letters sent by the Secretary of State covering the time frame between 2012 and 2016. Pursuant to RSA 654:12 and RSA 659:13, the Secretary of State must submit to the Attorney General for investigation the list of voters who did not respond to CVA and QVA follow-up letters, as well as voters to whom domicile affidavit (DA) follow-up letters were sent but returned as undeliverable.

Between May 9 and December 31, 2016, there were 63 voters who signed both a CVA and a QVA and were sent only one QVA follow-up letter, pursuant to RSA 659:13,IV(a) and (b). As a result, the Secretary of State sent 1,423 CVA follow-up letters (1,486 less 63) covering the period between May 9 and December 31, 2016.

Please refer to the attached tables for a report by affidavit type, voting district, and time period. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anthony B.S. Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Anthony B.S. Stevens

Enclosures:

Summary Report – CVA, QVA and DA Affidavit Follow-up Letters - 2012 through 2016
Challenged Voter Affidavit Table by District, 2016
Qualified Voter Affidavit Table by District, 2016