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January 24, 2018

Wendy Wintersteen
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Dear President Wintersteen:

As you may know, the State of Iowa enacted a Voter ID requirement for elections. As Iowa's Commissioner of Elections, it is my goal to make it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. I also want to ensure that no eligible voter is turned away from the polls. That is why I am reaching out to you.

College students' ID cards are not one of the forms of identification we are accepting at this time. However, I would like to modify that provision. We would need your assistance in making student ID's compliant and compatible for use with electronic poll books used for checking in voters at polling places.

Additionally, Iowa is one of only 16 states that allows Election Day registration at the polls. In order to register at the polls, a voter needs a photo ID that includes an expiration date (such as an out-of-state driver's license) and proof of residency. We have heard from college students that acquiring a paper document that shows their actual residency (like their on-campus address) can be difficult.

I have proposed legislation this year that would allow Iowans to provide this documentation in electronic format, such as an email on their phones. My request to you is to provide some form of official documentation, paper or electronic, to all your students that includes their specific address so they can utilize that when registering to vote on Election Day.

I am very interested in working with you to facilitate these changes. Please let me know if you need any more information. You can reach me anytime at Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov or by calling my office at 515-725-2874.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul D. Pate".

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May 1, 2018

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Dear President Wintersteen:

This is a follow-up to the letter I sent you regarding college students registering to vote and participating in our elections. I have heard back from several college presidents asking for more information and what they can do to help.

There are two steps I am requesting every college and university in Iowa to take:

- Most immediately, provide some form of official documentation to all your students that includes their specific on-campus/college address, so they can utilize that document for proof of residency when registering to vote on Election Day.

Many college students do not pre-register for elections, and choose to wait register at the polls on Election Day. In order to register to vote on Election Day, a voter needs a photo ID that includes an expiration date (such as an out-of-state driver's license), and an official document that shows proof of residency. We have heard from college students that acquiring a paper document that shows their actual residency (like their on-campus address) can be difficult.

If you could provide an official document to all your students that clearly states their college address, that would be very helpful. **The key election dates in Iowa this year are the primary on June 5 and the general election on November 6.** It is important for students to have the residency documentation in advance of these election dates.

- Additionally, would you, or someone with your school, be interested in joining a statewide task force to help us implement changes to college identification cards so students can use those as an acceptable form of Voter ID to use at the polls?

I am organizing this task force to help us determine best practices to implement this important change. We need student IDs to be compliant and compatible for use with electronic poll books used for checking-in voters at polling places. This will require some technological modifications that need further examination.

My hope is to organize the board and convene the first meeting this summer. If you or a representative from your college/university would like to join the task force, please contact Molly Hammer at **Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov**.

Thank you very much for time, and your dedication to helping Iowa students participate in the voting process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul D. Pate".

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