

Written Testimony for Voter Data Sharing Hearing

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From: Diana Sparacino [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 2:40 AM
To: House State Affairs; House Judiciary
Subject: Division of Elections voter roll data breach

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Dear Senate Affairs and Judiciary Legislators,

I am re-sending you the email I sent to both committees on February 16 regarding the Division of Election's handing over of our Personally Identifiable Information (PII) to the U.S. Department of Justice and also the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by the Lt. Governor. While that message sent earlier expresses my concerns I feel the need to reiterate.

As the two weeks have gone on and more information is gleaned and the actual MOU has been publicized by Representative Zack Fields I grow more weary and outraged by this action by our State's Division of Elections, an agency I have worked (and do currently) both seasonally and annually, in various positions, for Republican and Democratic administrations since the mid 1980's.

This breach violates the privacy laws of our Alaska Constitution, the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, and I have since learned the Privacy Act of 1974. Our state administration should have known the severity of handing over our voter rolls in full, and the legal and security challenges of doing so. That does not instill trust in our state government. What are the options for monitoring and protecting out PII going forward? What are safeguards that voters will properly show up on precinct registers for our primary a bit over 5 months away? Will voters be notified if they have been removed? What and how quickly can expunged voters correct incorrect removal? There are many questions.

In addition, the mishandling and misinformation of some DOJ cases, the lack of accountability and transparency, plus their disregard for certain uncomfortable laws do not give me pause on how safe our PII is going forward. Between being poorly safeguarded or what might be shared between agencies for other than stated reasons, it's all very concerning. It was only a year ago that U.S. agencies under DOGE exposed PII, with sloppy cybersecurity, As I previously stated what is the criteria for expunging voters?

Alaskans need answers and we are out here paying attention.

Thank you.

Regards,
Diana Sparacino

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Mon, Feb 16, 2026 at 3:55 PM

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Dear Legislators,

To say I am disturbed by the recent Alaska voter roll breach from Alaska's elected and appointed officials is an understatement. Turning over private voter information and signing a binding agreement at the Division of Elections to the US Department of Justice looks like an unconstitutional sharing from the states who are responsible for the rules, laws, and governing of elections overall. This is clearly in our US Constitution. The proper response was the response in August 2025 for the Director of Elections to submit PUBLICLY available voter information.

It's hard to concentrate on any meaningful legislation that will benefit all Alaskans in this legislative session when elected and appointed officials are selling off our personal, private information under the guise of cleaning up the voter rolls. I ask how this effects our elections with our primary a bit over 5 months away. Who gets to make the decision on who is expunged? What standard and source are they basing decisions on? What other agencies and individuals will have access to our private information?

We already know that the former DOGE construct crossed agencies with our information and in an unsafe (cybersecurity) manner. As a 35+ year election worker through administrations and with officials of both parties, and currently administrating elections annually as a chairperson at a precinct for the last 10 years, I am trained annually and familiar with how safe our Alaskan elections are. Alaska has had a few changes on how to clean up and voter roll expunges over the years, but this is the chore of the State Division of Elections and not the federal government.

What is the current legislature is doing about this? I'd like to know who in the Alaskan Department of law signed off on this reinterpreting the US Constitution. Action on this breach can not wait until the primary. I hate to think of the people standing in front of me to sign a register to vote and having to be told they have to fill out a question ballot as they are not, or no longer on the register.

I sent a POM to some of you on this issue, but felt constrained by the 50 word limit, and also wanted to address the specific committees who deal with elections.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: B.R. Swenson [REDACTED]
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To: House Judiciary; House State Affairs
Subject: Testimony for Joint Hearing on Voter Data Sharing Concerns

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House State Affairs Committee & Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my concern and disapproval of Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom's release of our sensitive voter registration information to the current Department of Justice, as well as Attorney General designee Stephen Cox's legal counsel to do so. From what I have read, maintenance of voter rolls is the legal responsibility of the states, not the federal government. Our state constitution enshrines a broad right to privacy. In the press release, compliance with "other federal laws" was stated. I expected a more detailed justification. As a healthcare worker I know that with any release of information who, what, why, when, and how are vital. Once information is released, how it may be used cannot be controlled. Our civil servants should be fighting to protect our privacy and voting rights. Other state governments have resisted and released only public information; California's stance was validated in court. Sadly, I expected this from this governor's administration. Now I expect accountability.

Sincerely,

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