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Representative Andrew Gray
Chair House Judiciary Committee

Senator Scott Kawasaki
Chair Senate State Affairs Committee

Representative Ashley Carrick
Chair House State Affairs Committee

Re: The Division of Elections' confidential sharing of voter information with the Department of Justice pursuant to AS 15.07.195(c)(1) and Section 11 of the NVRA (52 U.S.C. §20501(a)).

Dear Committee Chairs,

As the Director of the Division of Elections, I appeared before your committees on March 2 and 4, 2026, to discuss a memorandum of understanding (MOU) the State entered with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), allowing the transmittal of confidential voter information in accordance with AS 15.07.195(c) and other state and federal laws. I write to address three questions that you or committee members raised during the hearings. I respectfully request that this letter be made part of the official record.

1. The committees asked how the Division would interpret section 8 of the MOU. This section provides that the DOJ will "securely notify" the division of "any voter list maintenance issues, insufficiencies, inadequacies, deficiencies, anomalies, or concerns" that the DOJ finds in the list of registered voters. Then, within 45 days, the division "will clean its VRL/Data by removing ineligible voters and resubmit the updated VRL/Data to the [DOJ] to verify proper list maintenance has occurred by [Alaska] pursuant to the NVRA and HAVA."

The division interprets this section as follows. If the DOJ notifies the division of any issues with any voters on the list, the division will independently review those issues. The division will notify, inactivate, or remove those voters to the extent

allowed by state and federal law, including the NVRA and HAVA, which this section of the MOU specifically references. Within 45 days, the division will then provide the DOJ a list of the voters the DOJ identified, with any updated condition codes after the division conducts its independent review in accordance with state and federal law.

For example, if the DOJ identified 100 voters and the basis for its concerns, the division would review each one. If 10 voters are ineligible because the division confirmed they were convicted of disqualifying federal felonies, the division would remove them from the list of registered voters. If the division confirms that 10 other voters are deceased, they would also be removed. If the remaining 80 appear to have moved to another state, the division will, depending on the information from the DOJ, send them a notice under state and federal list maintenance laws, but will not immediately change their status. After 45 days, the division will respond to the DOJ with the list of 100 voters, including the changes to the condition codes for the 20 convicted and deceased voters and any changes to the others.

The division will not resubmit the entire list of registered voters with confidential information. Once the division submits its updated list in 45 days, the division will consider its obligations under the MOU met and the DOJ's project complete.

2. The committee asked about the information the division shares with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Like the DOJ under AS 15.07.195(c)(1), ERIC is an entity that can receive otherwise confidential voter information under (c)(5). The division sends ERIC the same confidential information it sent the DOJ, along with additional information, including, for example, a voter's full social security number and also the voter's driver's license number. As with the DOJ, the division sends this information using a secure portal. The information is encrypted and disguised in transit and while stored at ERIC, which is similar to the security measures the DOJ has agreed to under the MOU.
3. On the date the list was sent, December 22, 2025, there were 607,975 active voters, whose otherwise confidential information was included in the list the division sent to the DOJ.

To: Chairs (S)JUD, (S)STA, (H)JUD, (H)STA,
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The division is working to compile and review the records that the committees requested. If you or your committees have further questions, I would be happy to respond.

Sincerely,

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