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Dear Secretary of State Husted,

Ohio Voter Integrity Project (Ohio VIP) is dedicated to ensuring the integrity of Ohio's electoral process, which is directly related to the accuracy and legitimacy of our voter registration records. Ohio VIP supports the concept of online voter registration as we believe, if conscientiously and securely implemented, it will improve the completeness, correctness and truthfulness of new voter registrations.

Ohio VIP's support of online voter registration is contingent on but not limited to the following criteria:

1. The online registration requires the applicant to enter his or her full name, residential address, date of birth, last four of the applicant's social security number, and a current Ohio driver's license or Ohio state identification card number,
2. The inputted fields match the information in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles database,
3. The applicant marks a box stating that he or she is a United States citizen, will have lived in Ohio for thirty days immediately preceding the next election, will be at least eighteen years of age on or before the day of the next general election, and authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to transmit his or her signature to the Secretary of State,
4. The applicant acknowledges that all information is truthful and his/her submission of the registration is being made under penalty of election falsification, a felony of the fifth degree.
5. The required check with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles database cannot be administratively disregarded by a future Secretary of State.
6. The Secretary of State is required to implement and monitor safeguards in the online registration system to detect fraud and misuse.

Ohio VIP has worked tirelessly to expose the problems of erroneous data on the voter rolls. Inaccurate and fictitious registrations inflate our voter rolls and waste hundreds of thousands of dollars in postage, mailings and man hours every year. Bogus registrations open the door to election fraud. Although online voter registration will not solve all of Ohio's voter registration related issues it will undoubtedly, with the proper security, set a higher level of correctness and verification which at the present time does not exist.

Secretary Husted we applaud you for championing the concept of online voter registration and for your work to improve the integrity of Ohio's voter rolls.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink are written in a cursive style. From left to right, they read: "Denise B. Mayer", "Marlene H. Kocher", and "Mary Siegel".

Denise Mayer, Marlene Kocher and Mary Siegel  
Ohio Voter Integrity Project