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Secretary of State Alex Padilla
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RE: CBS KCAL Voter Fraud Allegations

Dear Secretary Padilla:

As the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and representing Californian's across the State we commend you on your letter dated May 20, 2016 from your Chief Counsel, Mr. Reyes, to CBS News Director, Mr. Dallman regarding KCAL's reports of voter fraud. We share your concern and appreciate your proactive approach to allegations of voter fraud.

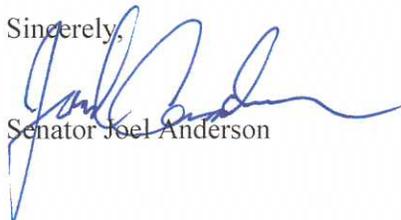
Specifically, the report alleges that 265 voters in Southern California, with 215 specifically from Los Angeles County, had voted from the "grave". It is unclear from the report whether these dead voters supposedly voted at the polls or through the vote by mail process. Regardless of the method, the act of voting is the crucial lynchpin of the Democratic process and its integrity is vitally important. The KCAL report raises serious concerns.

We commend you for your request for complete data from CBS and KCAL as a promising first step. You cite the Secretary of State having access to a more complete voter file than is available in the public voter file. We agree with your office that nothing less than a thorough reconciliation of KCAL data and Secretary of State voting records would be proper. We would additionally urge you, if necessary, to seek prosecution of each instance where and if actual voter fraud is discovered.

Further, it is obviously in California's best interest to regularly purge the voter rolls of deceased and otherwise ineligible voters. According to the news report, Los Angeles County has such a process in place to delete ineligible voters, but may have failed to remove the voters found by the KCAL report. If this indeed turns out to be the case, it seems that a re-examination of the existing purging protocols may be merited to more thoroughly complete the task using modern day tools.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this issue of critical importance. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Senator Joel Anderson



Senator Ben Allen

