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LWVNH Statement on Letter Sent by Kris Kobach’s “Elections Integrity Commission” to New Hampshire’s Secretary of State

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The recent request for voter records by the Elections Integrity Commission vice-chair Kris Kobach goes beyond what is needed in the Commission’s work. A list of all voters, with their physical and mailing addresses, is a matter of public record in New Hampshire. Requests for these lists are accommodated according to an established fee. However, the EIC’s request to include date of birth, last four digits of the Social Security number, military status, and voting history suggest infringement on the privacy of voters. More disturbing is the request for party affiliation, which should have no relevance for a commission studying election integrity.

Nor have we heard that any payment will be made for these records.

The League of Women Voters New Hampshire urges Secretary of State Bill Gardner, who has been appointed to the EIC, to do two things: first, to comply with the request only insofar as state law allows voting rolls to be made available to the public, deleting voting history and any party affiliation as irrelevant, and second, to make his voice heard at the next meeting of the Commission about voter privacy rights.

Secretary Gardner as well as Governor Sununu have stated publicly that they have no evidence of widespread voter fraud in our state. We urge them to view this over-arching request for detailed voter files as an attempt to suppress voters. An “Election Integrity Commission” should instead be seeking to protect voting and voters rights.

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To learn more about the recent letter to the states, check out the following article:

Other evidence: <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/6/30/15900478/trump-election-integrity-commission>