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October 16, 2008

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

I am contacting you regarding the results of an analysis we recently completed on the Minnesota Secretary of State's voter registration file. Although our analysis was limited in its scope, the results suggest that there may be broad-based integrity problems in the Minnesota voter registration file. I have attached a summary of our findings for your review.

I believe the findings of this analysis warrant a thorough review and verification of all voter registration records. This verification should include cross-checks between the voter registration file and other government records, such as the Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration.

Given that we are now less than three weeks away from a major election, I respectfully request that you respond with a written statement no later than 5:00P.M., Friday, October 17 as to how your office intends to investigate this matter and to ensure that every voter registration record in the file does, in fact, represent a valid Minnesota citizen who is eligible to participate in this year's election. There may be a plausible explanation for each of the apparent anomalies cited in our report. Nevertheless, with a major election on the horizon, I respectfully request that your office take immediate action. As Judge George C. Smith stated in his recent decision involving the Ohio Secretary of State's office, it is difficult to imagine a public interest more compelling than safeguarding the legitimacy of the election of the president of the United States.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davis
President, Minnesota Majority

cc. Governor Tim Pawlenty
Attorney General Lori Swanson
The Honorable Raymond R. Krause, Office of Administrative Hearings

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REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF AN ANALYSIS OF THE MINNESOTA VOTER FILE

INTRODUCTION

On October 16, 2008, Minnesota Majority completed an analysis of the Minnesota Secretary of State Voter File. The analysis is based upon the file's state as of June 30, 2008. The analysis included standard data verification and enhancement techniques, such as the DSF2 address verification and the SSA deceased persons check. The review was initially prompted by the discovery of a large number of voter registration records that were either missing a birth year or had a birth year suggesting an unnatural lifespan. The analysis was then expanded to include a review of voter records with registration dates on or after January 1, 2008. The paragraphs below summarize the findings of our analysis.

NEW REGISTRANT ANALYSIS - STATEWIDE

- 103,329 new registrants between January 1 and June 30, 2008
- 38,819 new registrants voted in 2006 and 51,771 voted in 2004
- 28,982 new registrants have bad or missing phone numbers
- 1,630 new registrants reside at undeliverable addresses
- 696 new registrants reside at vacant addresses
- 13 new registrants are 100 years old or older

DATE OF BIRTH ANALYSIS - STATEWIDE

- 14,410 registered voters have suspect date of births – 5,433 have no year of birth listed and 8,977 have birth years on or before 1908.
- 13,880 of these people voted in 2004 or 2006.
- 8,608 of these voters were 70 years or older when they first registered to vote
- 7,522 of these voters were 104 years or older when they last voted (45 were older than 120 and 16 were older than 150).
- 52% of these voters were registered in either Anoka or Hennepin Counties – this prompted us to conduct a more in-depth review of voter registration records in these two counties.

DECEASED VOTERS – ANOKA AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES

Please note that the deceased analysis does not include a date the individual died, therefore it is possible for people who are now flagged as deceased to have voted or registered to vote at an earlier date.

- 3,689 voters who voted in 2006 are now deceased
- 1,309 of these voters first registered on or after January 1, 2000
- 326 of these voters voted in 2006 and registered on or after Election Day 2006
- 137 of these voters registered after January 1, 2007 but voted in 2006

SUSPECT ADDRESSES – ANOKA AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES

- 10,099 voters who voted in either 2006 or 2004 reside at vacant addresses.
- 2,031 voters who voted in either 2004 or 2006 reside at undeliverable addresses.

PHONE NUMBERS – ANOKA AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES

- 69% of Anoka and 39% of Hennepin County voters that had missing birth years or birth years before 1908 also have bad or missing phones.

REPORT ADDENDUM

ADDRESSES WITH MULTIPLE VOTERS – ANOKA AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES
(EXCLUDES KNOWN APARTMENT BUILDINGS)

	Anoka	Hennepin
Addresses with 5 or more voters	905	4,584
Addresses with 6 or more voters	222	1,905
Addresses with 7 or more voters	93	1,173
Addresses with 8 or more voters	64	921
Addresses with 9 or more voters	55	802
Addresses with 10 or more voters	48	724
Maximum voters at one address	23	124