

August 26, 2004

DeForest Blake Soaries, Jr.
Chairman
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. N.W. – Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005


Dear Chairman Soaries:

The Florida Department of State has become aware of reports of individuals registering and voting in the State of Florida and another state in the same election. As you know, 42 U.S.C. 1973i(c) prohibits the provision of false information in registering or voting and 42 U.S.C. 1973i(e) prohibits the casting of multiple ballots in a federal election. As the chief election official for the State of Florida, I am deeply concerned about the implications of such illegal activity on the integrity and fairness of our electoral process.

We will be contacting elections officials in the identified jurisdictions to determine whether there may be any measures that can immediately be taken to address this issue prior to the November general election. However, as the national clearinghouse and resource for information relating to federal elections and the body charged with the duty to research and report on matters that affect the administration of federal elections, I am requesting the assistance of the United States Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”) to explore any measures that can be taken both in the short-term and the long-term to put an end to this illegal practice. We steadfastly believe that immediate and decisive action on the federal level is necessary to prevent this type of abuse.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenda E. Hood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glenda E. Hood

c: Florida's Congressional Delegation

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Robert S. Mueller, III
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Dear Director Mueller:

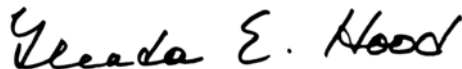
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We have at least one specific case that warrants immediate attention on the part of federal officials. Attached please find a letter from Supervisor of Elections Fred D. Galey of Brevard County, Florida, which identifies one individual that purportedly cast multiple ballots in federal elections. We believe that immediate and decisive action on the federal level is necessary to send a strong message that this type of illegal behavior and manipulation of the electoral franchise will not be tolerated.

In addition, the Florida Department of State would request that your office lend assistance and resources to our efforts to ensure that this type of illegal activity does not affect the sanctity of the elections process.

I look forward to your response.

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John Ashcroft, United States Attorney General
Charlie Crist, Florida Attorney General