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Mr. David Maxwell
Director of Law Enforcement
Office of the Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Maxwell,

Pursuant to Section 31.006 of the Texas Election Code, I respectfully request your assistance in reviewing allegations of criminal activity in connection with pre-marked voter registration applications sent to multiple non-United States citizens in the Rio Grande Valley, as well as with applications sent to deceased individuals.

The complainant alleges that individuals in the Rio Grande Valley, including, but not necessarily limited to, Starr county, who are not United States citizens, were sent voter registration forms with the answer for "Are you a United States Citizen?" pre-marked as "yes." In addition, the complainant alleges that individuals who were deceased and removed from the voter rolls had received identical mailers.

Section 13.007 of the Texas Election Code provides that a person commits an offense if the person knowingly makes a false statement or requests, commands, or attempts to induce another person to make a false statement on a voter registration application. A violation of Section 13.007 of the Texas Election Code is a Class B misdemeanor.

After review of the submitted documentation, we believe the information regarding the offense warrants a submission for criminal investigation to the Texas Attorney General as the specific allegations described involve a potential Class B misdemeanor on the part of those who "request" or "attempt[] to induce" (1) non-United States citizens to make a false statement on a voter registration application that they are United States citizens; and (2) individuals who are not deceased to fill out a voter registration application in the name of individuals who are deceased. Accordingly, under Section 31.006 of the Texas Election Code, we are forwarding this complaint to the Attorney General for investigation.

Sincerely,


Keith Ingram
Director of Elections