May 18, 2017

SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

The Honorable Connie Lawson
Office of the Indiana Secretary of State
200 W. Washington St., Room 201
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Public Records Request Regarding Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Dear Ms. Lawson:

This is a request for public records pursuant to Indiana’s Access to Public Records Act, Indiana Code 5-14-3-1 et seq., by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana (ACLU) for public records regarding your appointment to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

Below are the specific requests. Please note that they include any communications between (i) any member of the Office of the Indiana Secretary of State and (ii) any member of the federal Executive Branch, the presidential transition, the President’s staff, the Vice President’s staff, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, and/or the staff of Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

1. All documents and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity described in the President’s May 11, 2017 Executive Order, and Secretary of State Connie Lawson’s membership on this Commission.

2. All documents and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning changes or potential changes to any rules, regulations, guidance, or guidelines contemplated in connection with the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

3. All documents and internal/external communications—including but not limited to emails, letters, and texts—concerning allegations of improper voter registration, improper voting, fraudulent voter registration, and/or fraudulent voting, as those terms are defined in the President’s May 11, 2017 Executive Order, in the November 2016 General Election.
4. Legal opinions, memoranda, findings, factual evidence, studies, audits or advisories concerning allegations of improper voter registration, improper voting, fraudulent voter registration, and/or fraudulent voting, as those terms are defined in the President’s May 11, 2017 Executive Order, in the November 2016 General Election.

5. Proposed findings, recommendations, policies, and/or draft legislation for enhancing “election integrity” or promoting “confidence in the integrity of the voting processes” in connection with the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity.

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-3-3(b), we look forward to receiving a response to this request within 15 working days of receipt.

The ACLU requests a waiver of all fees and costs arising from this request. The ACLU is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the protection of civil liberties and constitutional rights of all people. The ACLU serves an important public education function, regularly disseminating information of interest to the public through newsletters, news briefings, right-to-know brochures, and other public education materials. If you challenge our entitlement to a waiver of fees, and if incurred fees will exceed $100.00, please contact me before the charges are incurred.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jan P. Mensz
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Enclosure