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follow-up Qs on felon database

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To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <kevin.hall@sos.iowa.gov>

Kevin, I'm circling back on these questions. I also realized that I forgot to ask whether Secretary Pate has been in communication with the Iowa County Attorneys Association or any individual county attorneys about this. My understanding is that someone who tries to vote with a provisional ballot (sincerely thinking he or she is eligible) could later be subject to prosecution if it turns out they were accurately listed on the felon database.

It sounds like Secretary Pate is encouraging Iowans to use a provisional ballot if there is doubt about their status. Has he received assurances that people acting in good faith won't be criminally charged later?

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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <kevin.hall@sos.iowa.gov>

Hello Kevin,

I saw today's news release. Can you clarify:

Have staff from the Iowa Secretary of State's office developed this plan with input from Brennan Center staff or volunteers with the League of Women Voters of Iowa?

Can you be more specific about the six-step verification process? Which parts are being enhanced and what is new?

How many staff have been repurposed for this project, and how many new hires will be brought on?

What is the policy on people convicted of felonies in other states? If their voting rights were restored in another state, but they move to Iowa, can they vote or not?

Thanks,

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