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Iowans' private data and voting information released with Brenna Bird's approval

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa — Nate Willems, Democratic candidate for Iowa Attorney General, today sounded the alarm on Brenna Bird's disturbing approval of [turning over Iowans' personal voting data](#) and putting their private information at serious risk. While states across the country have successfully stood up to this unprecedented federal overreach, Brenna Bird refused to fight these demands, and now driver's license numbers, Social Security information, and other personal data on Iowans have been released.

Yesterday, Secretary of State Paul Pate announced his office complied with federal demands after consultation with Bird's office. Thirty states and the District of Columbia have been sued for refusing to comply. Six federal district courts have already dismissed the Justice Department's suits on the merits.

"The attorney general should always fight to protect the privacy of Iowans and protect their personal data, including when the federal government takes unprecedented steps to interfere with a state's ability to administer elections," **said Nate Willems**. "While attorneys general across the country, both Republicans and Democrats alike, have stood up to this overreach, Brenna Bird chose to rubber-stamp the request and hand over Iowans' information."

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