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State House, Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

September 22, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Brian Slodysko
Indiana State Capitol Correspondent
The Associated Press
bslodysko@ap.org

Re: Public Records Request 17-17

Dear Mr. Slodysko:

Enclosed herewith are copies of records responsive to the public records request you sent pursuant to Indiana's Access to Public Records Act ("APRA"), which requested the following:

All emails addressing the subject of voter fraud or voter registration, routed through private and official email addresses maintained by former Gov. Mike Pence between the dates 07/01/2016 and 12/31/2016, that also include any of the following people on the chain: Jim Atterholt, Doug Carter, Matt Lloyd, Connie Lawson, Josh Pitcock, Kara Brooks, J. Bradley King.

As a courtesy, we are providing responsive records to you free of charge. In connection with your request, we have searched the emails produced electronically by the former governor from his email accounts which have Jim Atterholt, Doug Carter, Matt Lloyd, Connie Lawson, Josh Pitcock, Kara Brooks, or J. Bradley King as either senders or recipients (whether directly or as cc's) and contain the terms "voter fraud" or "voter registration" during the specified time period.

Certain records, and/or portions of records, have been withheld from disclosure, and are not being produced in this response, in accordance with and as permitted by the laws of the State of Indiana, as follows: Indiana Code § 5-14-3-4(b)(6), records that are advisory or deliberative material. The person responsible for the denial and/or withholding of records, or portions thereof, is Mr. Joseph R. Heerens, General Counsel.

In the interest of time and providing you with records as soon as reasonably possible, the enclosed copies of emails are being produced to you on a rolling basis as our office's review of these records is completed; and this production may be supplemented as additional responsive records are located and/or reviewed.

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Our office is continuing its work to respond to the unusually large number of records requests pending at this time, and we appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Wilson".

Stephanie Wilson
Press Secretary

Enclosures
cc: File

From: Lloyd, Matthew
Sent: Sat 10/15/2016 9:48 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "mpence1959@aol.com" <mpence1959@aol.com>
Cc: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>, "Carter, Doug" <DCarter@isp.IN.gov>, "Triol, Shelley" <STriol@gov.IN.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Community Message: Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties

Governor,
This is latest update we have from ISP on investigation.
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Triol, Shelley" <STriol@gov.IN.gov>
Date: October 15, 2016 at 9:18:14 AM EDT
To: "Lloyd, Matthew" <MLloyd@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: Community Message: Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties

Checking to see if they are going to release another update

From: Triol, Shelley
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Lloyd, Matthew <MLloyd@gov.IN.gov>; Pitcock, Josh <jpitcock@sso.org>
Subject: FW: Community Message: Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties

FYI – 56 counties, not 57.

From: Indiana State Police-Headquarters - Statewide [<mailto:indiana-state-police-headquarters---statewide@emails.nixle.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2016 11:43 AM
To: Triol, Shelley <STriol@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: Community Message: Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties

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Friday October 7, 2016, 11:34 AM

Indiana State Police-Headquarters - Statewide

Community: Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties

Dear Shelley Triol,

Correction to UPDATE - Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands from 9 to 56 of Indiana's 92 Counties; Registered Voters are Encouraged to Confirm Registration at <https://indianavoters.in.gov>

CORRECTION: The previous version of this release listed Jefferson County two times. This has been corrected with this update. The accurate number of counties potentially affected by this investigation fifty-six.

Indianapolis – The investigation that began in late August of 2016 alleging the filing of fraudulent voter application information has expanded from the nine counties listed in an October 4, 2016 news release, to a total of 57 Indiana counties as of today's date of October 6, 2016.

While it is the normal practice of the Indiana State Police to refrain from providing detailed updates of an active investigation, this exception is being made due to the deadline for Indiana voters to register or update their voter registration information by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Indiana voters may check the accuracy of their voter information by visiting this site: <https://indianavoters.in.gov>. Updates to voter registration information can also be made from the same site, up to the date of the deadline. The Secretary of State Office is also available to assist voters on regular business days, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, by calling 866-461-8683.

While it is recommended all Indiana voters should confirm the accuracy of their voter registration information, it is especially prudent for voters who live in the listed counties to verify their voter information. At this point of the on-going investigation it is not possible to determine the number of registered voters that may have been negatively impacted by recent voter registration drive efforts.

The below list includes counties named in previous state police news releases:

1. Adams
2. Allen
3. Bartholomew
4. Benton
5. Blackford
6. Boone
7. Brown
8. Carroll
9. Cass
10. Clark
11. Clay
12. Clinton
13. Daviess
14. Dearborn
15. Decatur
16. DeKalb
17. Delaware
18. Dubois
19. Elkhart
20. Fayette
21. Floyd
22. Franklin
23. Fulton
24. Gibson
25. Grant
26. Greene
27. Hamilton
28. Hancock
29. Harrison
30. Hendricks
31. Henry
32. Howard
33. Huntington
34. Jackson
35. Jasper
36. Jay
37. Jefferson
38. Jennings
39. Johnson
40. Knox
41. Kosciusko
42. LaGrange
43. Lake
44. LaPorte
45. Lawrence
46. Madison
47. Marion
48. Marshall
49. Martin
50. Miami

51. Monroe
52. Montgomery
53. Morgan
54. Newton
55. Noble
56. Owen

The Indiana State Police is dedicated to protecting the right for all citizens to be able to cast a valid vote regardless of political party affiliation.

The previous news release on this ongoing investigation was issued on October 4, 2016 and is copied below for reference.

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Copy of Release Issued October 4, 2016:

Indiana Voter Registration Project Investigation Expands to Multiple Indiana Counties

Indianapolis – The investigation that began in late August of 2016 alleging the filing of fraudulent voter application information has expanded from the original involved counties of Hendricks and Marion to also include the counties of Allen, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Lake and Madison.

As part of the expanded investigation, state police detectives obtained a search warrant for the business offices of the Indiana Voter Registration Project, located at 2425 North Meridian Street, Suite A, in downtown Indianapolis. The search warrant was served mid-morning of Tuesday, October 4th. The affidavit and search warrant are sealed for a period of 30 days from the time the warrant was granted, which was October 3, 2016.

An investigation of this nature is complex, time consuming and is expected to continue for several more weeks or months.

Important points related to this ongoing investigation include:

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names and made up addresses, real names with made up or incorrect addresses and false dates of births with real names as well as combinations of all these examples.

Victims of the activities by some agents of the Indiana Voter Registration Project may not discover they have been disenfranchised from voting until they go to vote and realize their voting information has been altered. Such action may result in the citizen having to cast a provisional ballot.

There are simple steps people can take now, before the election, to protect their right to vote by ensuring they are properly registered. Visit this site and follow the directions to confirm you are properly registered: <https://indianavoters.in.gov>

If after checking this source, a citizen discovers inaccurate information that indicates they could be a victim, they should contact their local voter registration office and the 24 hour Indiana State Police Voter Registration Application Fraud tip line of 888-603-3147.

The investigation continues and no further information is available at this time.

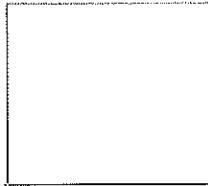
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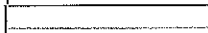
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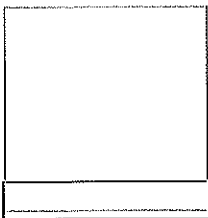
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Sent: Sat 10/15/2016 4:44 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "'mpence1959@aol.com'" <mpence1959@aol.com>
Cc: "Pitcock, Josh" <jpitcock@sso.org>, "Lloyd, Matthew" <MLloyd@gov.IN.gov>, "Hodgin, Stephanie" <SHodgin@gov.in.gov>
Bcc:
Subject: Gov Statement, ISP News Release, Patriot Majority Release
Attachments: Fwd Patriot Majority USA Launches Statewide Voter Protection Campaign in Indiana00001.eml;
Community Message Indiana State Police Calls Patriot Majority USA Allegations Completely False00002.eml; [Govstatehouse] Governor Mike Pence Spokesman Calls Voter Suppression Allegations "Completely False and Beyond Absurd"00003.eml

From: Hearon, Jeff
Sent: Sat 10/15/2016 3:38 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Triol, Shelley" <STriol@gov.IN.gov>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Patriot Majority USA Launches Statewide Voter Protection Campaign in Indiana
Attachments: Image00200002.png; Image00300003.png

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bursten, Dave" <DBursten@isp.IN.gov>
Date: October 13, 2016 at 1:58:38 PM EDT
To: "Warycha, Valerie" <VWarycha@sos.IN.gov>, "Snider, Mike" <MSnider@isp.IN.gov>, "Hearon, Jeff" <JHearon@isp.IN.gov>
Subject: RE: Patriot Majority USA Launches Statewide Voter Protection Campaign in Indiana

Received.....thanks for forwarding

David R. Bursten, Captain
Chief Public Information Officer
Indiana State Police



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From: Warycha, Valerie
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Bursten, Dave <DBursten@isp.IN.gov>; Snider, Mike <MSnider@isp.IN.gov>; Hearon, Jeff <JHearon@isp.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: Patriot Majority USA Launches Statewide Voter Protection Campaign in Indiana



Patriot Majority USA

**Patriot Majority USA Launches Statewide
Voter Protection Campaign in Indiana**

*Print, Online & Social Media Advertising Protects Voters
Against Suppression by State Police & Pence Political Machine*

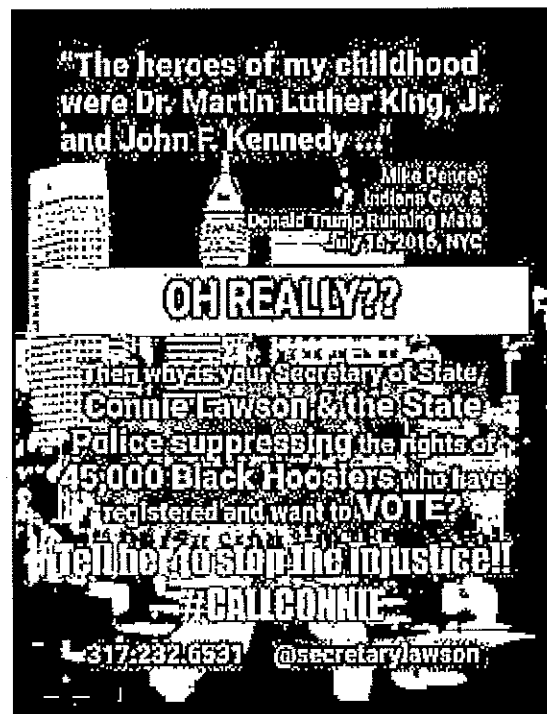
CONTACT: Bill Buck, 202-724-6396, billbuck@newpartners.com

(Indianapolis, IN October 13, 2016) – In response to voter-suppression efforts by Governor Mike Pence's political allies, including Pence appointees and donors inside at the Indiana State Police, Patriot Majority USA has launched a statewide digital and print public awareness campaign to raise awareness of the partisan effort to disenfranchise 45,000 new Hoosier voters, most of whom are African American.

According to Craig Varoga, President of Patriot Majority USA:

"Earlier this week, in Newton, Iowa, Mike Pence bragged about partisan efforts in Indiana to use the State Police to suppress the rights of at least 45,000 Hoosiers, most of whom are African Americans, to take part in this November's elections. This Republican effort to suppress the vote is a violation of civil rights, but it is also a dangerous and cynical move that undermines law-enforcement's relations with its own citizens. We are going to shine a light on this intimidation and misconduct, and urge Hoosiers to document this abuse of both the political process and rogue partisans inside the State Police who are working hand-in-hand with partisan politicians."

People are encouraged to use Facebook and Twitter and share problems using #CallConnie and @SecretaryLawson as well as call the Secretary of State's office at 317-232-6531. The creative for the campaign is below:



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Matthew E. S. Butler

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From: Indiana State Police-Headquarters - Statewide
Sent: Sat 10/15/2016 4:25 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: <striol@gov.in.gov>

Cc:

Bcc:

Subject: Community Message: Indiana State Police Calls Patriot Majority USA Allegations Completely False

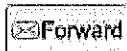
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Saturday October 15, 2016, 4:19 PM



Indiana State Police-Headquarters - Statewide



Community: Indiana State Police Calls Patriot Majority USA Allegations Completely False

Dear Shelley Triol,

Indiana State Police Calls Patriot Majority USA Allegations Completely False; Has Uncovered Intentional Acts of Fraud and Will Protect the Integrity of the Election and Every Citizen's Right to Vote

In response to accusations by Patriot Majority USA of voter suppression efforts and civil rights violations by the Indiana State Police (ISP), the ISP issued the following statement:

"Every allegation by Patriot Majority USA against the Indiana State Police is completely false. In fact, it is clear from evidence documented to date that we have uncovered intentional acts of fraud by representatives of Patriot Majority USA," said Captain David Bursten, Chief Public Information Office for the Indiana State Police. "The Indiana State Police is charged with enforcing the laws of the state of Indiana and we are determined to protect the integrity of the election and every citizen's right to vote."

In late August, Hendricks County Voter Registration Officials received voter application forms that appeared to be fraudulent or forged and they contacted the Indiana State Police. Per standard protocol, the ISP then made a courtesy notification to the Indiana Secretary of State's office that it had initiated an investigation that has since expanded to 56 Indiana counties.

Important points related to this ongoing investigation include:

- The possible fraudulent or false information is a combination of made up names and made up addresses, real names with made up or incorrect addresses and false dates of births with real names as well as combinations of all these examples.
- The expanded number of counties involved leads investigators to believe the total of potentially fraudulent records may be in the thousands, thus creating a potential to disenfranchise many voters
- A representative sample of voter registration applications received by county voter registration offices suspected of being fraudulent have been COPIED and provided to state police detectives. In all cases the ORIGINAL applications are maintained by the appropriate voter registration office
- When the search warrant was executed on October 4, copies were made of voter application forms and the originals were left with representatives of Indiana Voter Registration Project, a subsidiary of Patriot Majority USA
- In accordance with state law, all voter registration applications received by Indiana voter registration offices are processed according to established policies

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From: "Govstatehouse" <govstatehouse-bounces@lists.in.gov> on behalf of Hodgins, Stephanie
Sent: Sat 10/15/2016 4:42 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "undisclosed-recipients":<>;
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: [Govstatehouse] Governor Mike Pence Spokesman Calls Voter Suppression Allegations "Completely False and Beyond Absurd"
Attachments: 00005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 15, 2016

Contact: Matt Lloyd
mlloyd@gov.in.gov

Governor Mike Pence Spokesman Calls Voter Suppression Allegations "Completely False and Beyond Absurd"

Indianapolis – Governor Pence spokesman Matt Lloyd issued the following statement today regarding allegations made by Patriot Majority USA against the Indiana State Police and Governor Pence:

"These allegations are completely false and beyond absurd. In fact, the Indiana State Police has uncovered strong evidence of voter fraud by Patriot Majority USA. Among Governor Pence's top priorities is ensuring the integrity of the election and that every single Hoosier vote counts. He has full confidence in the Indiana State Police investigation to achieve this goal."

In response to accusations by Patriot Majority USA of voter suppression efforts and civil rights violations by the Indiana State Police (ISP), the ISP issued the following statement: https://local.nixle.com/alert/5754636/?sub_id=1000000057

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From: Atterholt, Jim
Sent: Fri 10/21/2016 5:43 PM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mpence Pence" <Mpence1959@aol.com>, "Zach Bauer" <bauerzc@gmail.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: FYI - Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter Discusses Investigation into Possible Voter Fraud on RTV6

Just wanted to make sure you saw this Governor:

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From: "Hodgin, Stephanie" <SHodgin@gov.in.gov>
Date: October 21, 2016 at 5:24:38 PM EDT
To: "Ahearn, Mark" <MAhearn@gov.IN.gov>, "Vincent, Micah" <mvincent@gov.in.gov>, "McGrath, Danielle" <DMcGrath@gov.IN.gov>, "Brookes, Brady" <BBrookes@gov.IN.gov>, "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>, "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>, "Czarniecki, Cary (Lani)" <LaniCz@gov.IN.gov>, "Pitcock, Josh" <jpitcock@sso.org>, "Lloyd, Matthew" <MLloyd@gov.IN.gov>, "Brooks, Kara D" <kbrooks@gov.in.gov>, "Triol, Shelley" <STriol@gov.IN.gov>, "McCleery, William" <WMccleery@iot.IN.gov>
Subject: FYI - Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter Discusses Investigation into Possible Voter Fraud on RTV6

FYI – we're sending the below release at 5:45. Thanks!

NOT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 21, 2016

Contact: Kara Brooks
kbrooks@gov.in.gov

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter Discusses Investigation into Possible Voter Fraud on RTV6

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Indianapolis – Indiana State Police (ISP) Superintendent Doug Carter joined Rafael Sanchez from RTV6 today to discuss ISP's ongoing investigation into possible voter fraud spanning 56 of Indiana's 92 counties. Superintendent Carter issued a statement earlier this week regarding the investigation. In the statement, he said, "Let me be clear: Among the highest priorities of the Indiana State Police is ensuring the integrity of this election and that every Hoosier vote counts."

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ISP Superintendent Doug Carter: He did absolutely not misspeak. I think there's voter fraud, voter forgery, in every state in America. And I think there will forever be voter fraud and voter forgery in every state in America. A challenge for us, as a peaceful people, would be to investigate those incidents when they occur. And that's exactly what we're doing.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV6: There was also a report that the Governor directed you to conduct a raid. Directed you and State Police to begin this investigation. Did the Governor direct you to do what the agency is doing today?

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Rafael Sanchez, RTV6: Is the agency keeping the Governor's Office or the Governor up-to-date on the developments as they come along?

ISP Superintendent Doug Carter: I have not talked to the Governor about this. I'm not surprised that I haven't.

Rafael Sanchez, RTV6: You won't?

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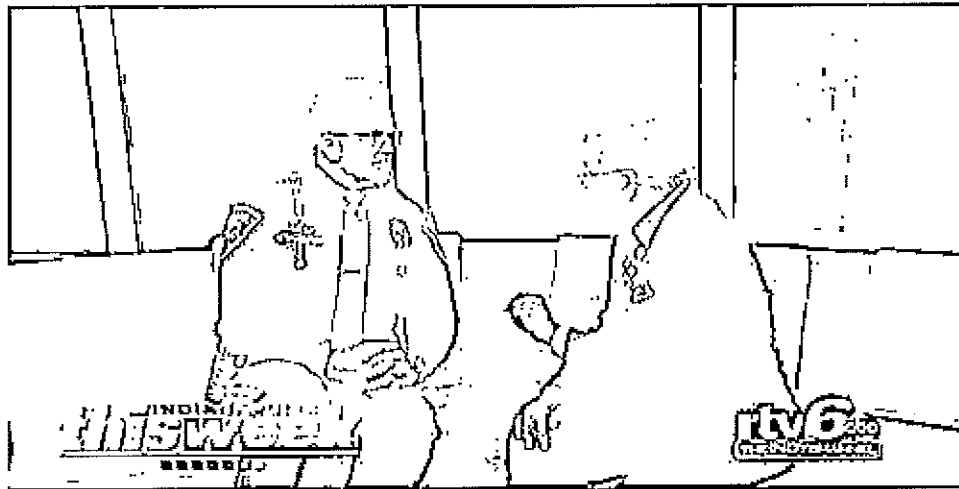
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