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TRENTON – Governor Mikie Sherrill today responded to the July 24th letter from a group of House Republican members reiterating her continued focus on fixing the MVC issue and calling out their long record of actively undermining elections.

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Full text of the letter is included below.



August 21, 2026

The Honorable Jefferson Van Drew, Member of Congress
The Honorable Christopher H. Smith, Member of Congress
The Honorable Randy Fine, Member of Congress
The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis, Member of Congress
The Honorable Tony Wied, Member of Congress
The Honorable Michael V. Lawler, Member of Congress
The Honorable Abraham J. Hamadeh, Member of Congress
The Honorable Pete Stauber, Member of Congress
The Honorable Claudia Tenney, Member of Congress
The Honorable Nicholas A. Langworthy, Member of Congress
The Honorable Ben Cline, Member of Congress
The Honorable Elijah Crane, Member of Congress
The Honorable Clay Fuller, Member of Congress
The Honorable Max L. Miller, Member of Congress
The Honorable August Pfluger, Member of Congress
The Honorable Dan Meuser, Member of Congress
The Honorable Tom Tiffany, Member of Congress
The Honorable Stephanie Bice, Member of Congress
The Honorable Tim Moore, Member of Congress

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Re: July 24, 2026, Letter to Governor Sherrill

Dear Representative Van Drew and Undersigned Members of Congress:

Today, I write in response to your letter dated July 24, 2026.

My administration is fully committed to ensuring that elections in New Jersey remain free and fair, and we treat the integrity of the State's elections as a matter of the utmost seriousness. Consistent with that, I publicly disclosed on July 21, 2026, three days before your letter, that a registration error occurred years before I took office and the State was moving immediately to correct it. My administration has since moved aggressively to remediate the issue and remove affected individuals from the voter rolls. In addition, I ordered



an immediate investigation that is ongoing, conducted by a bipartisan firm led by the former state Attorney General for a Republican Governor.

This work remains my focus.

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Furthermore, you misrepresent in your letter that the SAVE America Act would have prevented this system error. I encourage you to become more familiar with the legislation you have cosponsored. As your letter acknowledges, the affected individuals answered that they were not citizens (although subsequent investigation indicates that some may, in fact, have had valid registrations).

In addition, as you are aware, the SAVE database that President Trump has used to purge voter rolls has well-documented accuracy issues. This has led to the disenfranchisement of eligible, citizen voters. For instance, in Texas, the Secretary of State acknowledged that the SAVE database flagged U.S. citizens as potential ineligible voters, and some of whom were likely unfairly removed from voter rolls.

Proposals to expand the federal government's role in voter registration systems, including through a centralized registry of voters, raise important concerns regarding personal privacy and abuses of power under President Trump, who has shown time and time again that he will do anything to ensure that only those who support him are able to vote. It is exactly this type of concern that our Founding Fathers sought to guard against when they gave the states the power to administer elections.

We will continue to approach this issue with transparency, integrity, and accountability. That commitment is a matter of record. I will continue to report publicly on this matter, as I have done from the outset. Additionally, the answers to many of the questions posed in your letter are already matters of public record or have been addressed through information released by my administration.¹ For your convenience, we have included citations to those materials.

¹ Office of New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill, "Statement by Governor Mikie Sherrill" (July 21, 2026), <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260721a.shtml>.

Office of New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill, "Statement by Governor Mikie Sherrill" (July 28, 2026), <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260728b.shtml>.

Office of New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill, "Update and Statement from Governor Sherrill on MVC Issue" (Aug. 19, 2026), <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/2026/approved/20260819a.shtml>.



The People of New Jersey have my commitment that we will protect the private information of New Jersey voters, protect the integrity of our voter rolls, and ensure our elections remain free, fair, and secure.

Sincerely,



Mikie Sherrill
Governor



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