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*Mark Shelden*  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

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Mark Shelden  
Champaign County Clerk  
1776 East Washington Street  
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Dear Mr. Shelden:

Thank you very much for reaching out to us as representatives of the Committee to Modernize Voter Registration. We were not aware of the previous e-mail that you said was sent to the Committee, but are happy to respond to the letter that you sent to both of us recently.

As you know, the Committee launched its efforts in August 2009 and is co-chaired by Marc Elias and Trevor Potter. What you may not realize is that this Committee has not and will not be drafting legislation for Congressional action, nor will we be conducting hearings or writing a final report. The main purpose of this Committee is to draw attention to the concept of a bipartisan approach to voter registration reform in an effort to clean up voter registration lists and ensure that all eligible voters are registered accurately and have the option of voting – objectives shared by all members of the Committee.

As a starting point, we recommend that any proposed legislation respect state sovereignty, does not impose unfunded mandates, and demonstrates a bipartisan effort to increase the accuracy and efficiency of voter registration records in all states. Without question, the policy discussion we hope will take place must address an array of issues including those raised in your letter and those issues must be considered in light of the current system and the history of voter registration.

Very respectfully,

*Matt Damschroder*

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*Dean C. Logan*

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cc: Committee to Modernize Voter Registration