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Dear Secretary Hargett:

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On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Tennessee I would like to express appreciation for your denial of Tennessee's voter registration records to the Election Integrity Commission. LWVUS President Chris Carson, speaking for the League, has said: "State laws govern the release of voter registration information, and, at a minimum, election officials must follow those laws before releasing data. The League stands with those state leaders who have already come out to support their voters and refuse these requests from Mr. Kobach and the EIC."

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As national data and our experience here in Tennessee with the 2016 elections indicate, voter fraud is simply not a significant issue. However, as we stated to you and Mark last fall, the League agrees that appropriate, diligent maintenance of voter registration lists to identify voters who have moved and as a result are no longer properly registered is important to election integrity. We are encouraged by the recent changes in Tennessee's voter registration list maintenance procedures because voters who have likely moved will be identified several years earlier than the previous process.

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The League of Women Voters of Tennessee is also excited about the implementation of online voter registration this fall. We anticipate that online voter registration will simplify our voter registration efforts. We look forward to learning the details. And if you think the League can be helpful with education and promotion of the online voter registration, we are pleased to cooperate.

Sincerely,

Marian Ott
President

CC: Mark Goins