



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Jocelyn Benson  
Michigan Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Benson:

We write to you regarding the recent media report<sup>1</sup> that your office completed a review of the November 2024 election. According to that report, you found that 15 noncitizens voted, and their ballots were included in the final election results for Michigan. Additionally, these 15 noncitizens did not include Haoxiang Gao, a citizen of the People’s Republic of China, who illegally voted and is facing charges for doing so. The fact that at least 16 noncitizens were able to register and then vote is unacceptable.

Your failure to secure Michigan’s elections continues to erode the public’s trust. Your department not only failed to prevent these noncitizens from voting, but your report casts further doubt about how many noncitizens actually voted on Election Day. House Republicans have repeatedly raised these concerns. Last year, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 8281 – *SAVE Act* with a bipartisan 221-198 vote<sup>2</sup> and is poised to pass it again this Congress. The *SAVE Act* would require individuals to provide proof of citizenship, including REAL ID, when registering to vote in federal elections.

We have already raised these concerns directly with you. In November, we wrote to you about Haoxiang Gao’s vote, and you dismissed our concerns. Ironically, last year at a Committee on House Administration hearing, you stated “[t]here is no evidence that noncitizens are voting.”<sup>3</sup> Further, you have continually promoted falsehoods<sup>4</sup> about the *SAVE Act*. It is disheartening that our State’s chief election officer does not support basic election integrity measures.

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<sup>1</sup> Craig Mauger, *Michigan Review Finds 15 Probable Non-U.S. Citizens who Voted in November*, NEW YORK TIMES, April 3, 2025. Available at <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2025/04/03/michigan-non-citizens-voted-2024-election-jocelyn-benson-voter-rolls-review-drivers-licenses/82791504007/> [Hereinafter Michigan Review]

<sup>2</sup> Roll Call 345, H. R. 8281. OFFICE OF THE CLERK, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 118th Cong. (2024).

<sup>3</sup> *American Confidence in Elections: Looking Ahead to the 2024 General Election*, Hearing before the Committee on House Administration, 118<sup>th</sup> Cong. (2024).

<sup>4</sup> *‘It’s a Trick’: Secretary Benson Calls on Congress to Stop the SAVE Act*, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, February 27, 2025. Available at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/resources/news/2025/02/27/its-a-trick-secretary-benson-calls-on-congress-to-stop-the-save-act> [Hereinafter “It’s a Trick”]

In light of these events, please provide a copy of the official findings and answer the following questions:

1. On March 25, you encouraged<sup>5</sup> Michiganders to get a REAL ID. A REAL ID can be used as proof of citizenship to register to vote under the *SAVE Act*<sup>6</sup>, yet you claim<sup>7</sup> the opposite. Why are you misrepresenting the *SAVE Act*?
2. Your spokeswoman claimed that it is the government's responsibility to prevent noncitizens from voting.<sup>8</sup> How are you ensuring noncitizens are not voting and will not vote in future elections?
3. How many of the illegally cast votes were the product of same-day registrations?
4. Do you think same-day registration makes Michigan elections more vulnerable to fraudulent votes?
5. Why was Haoxiang Gao not included in the count of 15 noncitizens you identified as having voted in the November election? What percentage of ballots did you audit to identify the illegally cast ballots?
6. Do you know if any more noncitizens voted? Can you certify that no others did? If not, how many other noncitizens possibly could have voted? Do you know if there are other noncitizens registered to vote? How many noncitizens are registered to vote?
7. In your estimation, how many noncitizens need to show up in state voting records for you to support Congress's efforts on election integrity through the *SAVE Act*?
8. Do you support legislation that would allow people to receive driver's licenses regardless of citizenship status?

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your swift response.

Sincerely,

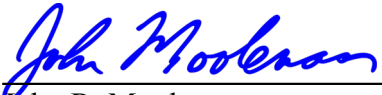
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<sup>5</sup> *If Your License or ID has a Star, you are REAL ID Ready*, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, March 25, 2025. Available at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/resources/news/2025/03/25/if-your-license-or-id-has-a-star-you-are-real-id-ready>

<sup>6</sup> *SAVE Act*, H.R. 22, 119<sup>th</sup> Cong. §2(b)(1).

<sup>7</sup> See *It's a Trick* Supra note 4.

<sup>8</sup> See *Michigan Review* Supra note 1.



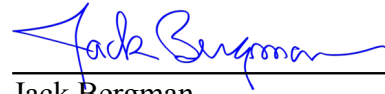
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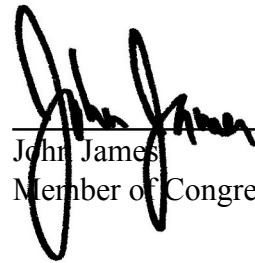
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