

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



SPENCER J. COX
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 11th, 2014

Dear Representatives –

As Lt. Governor and County Clerks, we would like to take the opportunity to reiterate our concerns regarding the use of the Voter Registration Database and to advocate for immediate changes to better safeguard voter's personal information.

Our offices have been and continue to be very concerned about the sensitive personal information being posted on the internet and made available to the public under the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA). Currently we know of two websites, utvoters.com and UtahVoters.com, which have released the Voter Registration Database online for public view. Since their publication several months ago, constituents have been calling and emailing our offices daily to voice their complaints and concerns about their information being made public. People are upset and frustrated that their elected officials have not protected their information.

As you know, GRAMA requires the Lt. Governor's Office to provide the Utah Voter Registration database to those who file a request and pay a fee of \$1050. The statute requires that we provide all voter information, including the full birth date, with the only exceptions being the social security number, driver license number and email address. There is no recourse for the average voter who simply wants their information made private. Voters have continually said that if they have to choose between privacy and the right to vote, they choose privacy. As election administrators, we believe they should not be forced to make this choice, and as elected officials, we need to protect their right to privacy.

Please do not let another legislative session pass without addressing the urgent and growing concerns of the public. We encourage you to vote in consideration of the needs of your constituents. Furthermore, we urge you to better protect and restrict the usage of voter information, and prohibit the online publication of the Voter Registration Database.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Spencer Cox
Brian Stephenson, Beaver County Clerk/Auditor
Marla Young, Box Elder County Clerk
Jill Zollinger, Cache County Clerk
Seth Oveson, Carbon County Clerk/Auditor
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Becky Peart, Rich County Clerk/Auditor
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Norm Johnson, San Juan County Clerk/Auditor
Sandy Neil, Sanpete County Clerk
Steven Wall, Sevier County Clerk/Auditor
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Michael Wilkins, Uintah County Clerk/Auditor
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