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Dear Attorney General Barr and Chairman Trainor,

I write to share my concerns about recent reports¹ that the Colorado Secretary of State's Office mailed voter registration postcards to non-citizens and deceased individuals during a recent voter registration drive. The Secretary of State's actions call into question the integrity of Colorado's vote count with only 34 days until the 2020 election. As such, I urge the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Election Commission (FEC) to investigate the potential violations of federal election law committed by the Secretary of State's Office.

Last week, CBS4 Denver reported² that at least one dozen individuals who are ineligible to vote received a voter registration postcard from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office. These individuals include a deceased woman, a British citizen, a man from Lebanon, and six migrant workers in Otero County, Colorado. In one case, Karen Anderson, reported that she received a voter registration postcard addressed for her mother who died four years ago. Anderson stated that her mother, "hasn't lived, voted, owned property, worked, or done anything other than visit Colorado since 1967."

The Secretary of State also admitted that the State of Colorado knowingly used a third-party organization, the Electronic Registration Information Center, to identify unregistered voters with full knowledge that the organization's mailing list might include ineligible individuals. Particularly concerning is the unknown quantity and scope of these errors.

The American people deserve to know that the 2020 election will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner. As such, I urge the DOJ and FEC to open an investigation into the Colorado Secretary of State's efforts to register individuals who are ineligible to vote. Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Ken Buck
Member of Congress

¹ <https://denver.cbslocal.com/2020/09/27/colorado-secretary-state-explains-voter-registration-postcards/>

² <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/dead-people-and-illegal-immigrants-receive-postcards-from-colorado-secretary-of-states-office-urging-them-to-vote>