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MEMORANDUM FOR: Government Oversight Committee, 132nd Maine Legislature, Attn: Senator Craig D. Hickman, Senate Chair and Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, House Chair, 82 State House Station, Room 104 Cross Building, Augusta, Maine 04333-0082

SUBJECT: Election Integrity Investigative Request from Senator Keim/ Representative Arata

Senator Hickman and Representative Mastraccio and Fellow Members of the Government Oversight Committee,

1. As referenced in my letter, dated 23 Jan 25, I am requesting that this committee vote to direct the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to conduct an investigation into the allegations brought forward by former Senator Keim and Representative Arata referencing the existence of non-citizens on the State of Maine voter rolls.

2. As referenced in their letter, a whistle-blower source revealed the existence of such entries on the voter rolls to a media outlet which subsequently published a story on the matter. Additionally, as referenced in their letter, the Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of the Attorney General have declined to look into the matter without the media outlet revealing confidential sources, which they are protecting under the First Amendment.

3. Senator Keim and Representative Arata have requested that OPEGA conduct an investigation into the existence of such names on the voter rolls as they believe OPEGA would would be able to access the records needed without revealing any confidential sources.

4. I am a firm believer that Maine voters have to have confidence in their election systems. Election integrity, at all levels, is vital for such confidence and is an integral part of of the success of our electoral process.

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5. With the approval of this request, the existence of non-citizens on the voter rolls can either be proved or disproved. If such names do exist, any appropriate remedial action can be pursued. If such names do not exist, an investigation will show it. Either way, the voters can retain confidence in the system and the voters win.

6. While I do not know have any inside information, other than what was reported, Representative Arata has assured me that she has seen the information first hand and can attest to it.

7. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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