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Re: Request For Information

Dear Representative Cummings, Brady and Clyburn:

I write with regard to your request dated January 25, 2017. In the request you seek a list of all cases in which my office has determined that an individual who cast a vote in the federal elections held in November 2016 was legally prohibited from doing so.

By way of response, we provide the following information. There have been fourteen investigations of "wrongful voting" as defined in RSA 659:34 resulting from the general election on November 8, 2016. Out of those fourteen, six matters have been closed as unfounded and seven remain open. I cannot provide any further information as to open matters that remain active investigations.

One investigation, now closed, resulted in a conclusion that a voter violated RSA 659:34, I by voting absentee more than once in the November general election. The voter, Elaine Blache of Pelham New Hampshire, completed an absentee ballot for her and one intended for her husband who had died a few days earlier. The ballot intended for her husband was received by the Pelham Town Clerk's Office on October 14, 2016. Following an investigation, this office concluded that she voted more than once for an office or measure at an election contrary to RSA 659:34, I. This office issued a \$500 civil penalty on February 24, 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Buonamano".

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