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RE: Driver's License Application and Voter Registration

Dear Sirs,

As members of the Pima County Election Integrity Commission we have been very interested in the progress you have made in updating the Arizona License Registration form. We understand the difficulty in fulfilling the letter and spirit of the Motor Voter Law and the other licensing requirements within the State of Arizona. We have noted that some of the recent changes to the basic form have cleared some of the confusion associated with voter registration. It's our understanding that you are continuing to work on providing clarity of the form regarding the actual information required to register to vote. It is to that end we believe some observations about the practical use of the form may be interfering with the ability of applicants to understand how the voter registration part of the form is used and interpreted.

We have heard from a number of concerned citizens that the form as currently configured leaves some doubt as to whether someone changing an address should also re-register to vote and in doing so change their party designation. We have heard that a number of voters that were registered to a stated party when changing their address may not check the box designation for party believing that since they are already registered with the party and are simply changing addresses there is no need mark their same party designation. This leads to the County Recorder as now registering them as PND or Party Not Determined. This has lead in some cases to voters wanting to vote in a primary and not being given a mail in ballot as they must be a recognized member of a party in order to receive the appropriate primary ballot. This frustration on the part of the voter is troubling for many reasons. It would also seem to run counter to the clear intent of the Motor Voter Law.

We believe a simple change to the format of your license application form may solve this problem. We recommend that the box with the party designation be moved to a separate line on the form. The wording could simply state "Do you have a party preference for voter registration purposes \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No" Then place the box with the party designation at the end of this line. This may assist the voter, the Department of Motor Vehicle and the County Recorders to fulfill not just the letter of the Motor Voter Law but the spirit of the law as well.

Respectfully,