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The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett:

On October, 4, 2011, I wrote to you asking specifically for the number of complaints, investigations, prosecutions and convictions of voter impersonation fraud during your service as Attorney General. A November 1, 2011 letter from Secretary of Legislative Affairs Annmarie Kaiser is a nonresponse.

Ms. Kaiser's only example of voter impersonation fraud is a vague allegation of voter registration fraud committed by all too frequent scapegoat ACORN. There is no indication in her letter if any alleged fraudulent registrations led to voting fraud or whether any one was prosecuted for such voter registration fraud. She also makes the dubious claim that the "prevalence of voter fraud has steadily increased in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over the past few years."

As Attorney General from 2005 to 2011, you should be familiar with specific examples of voter fraud if they existed.

As I wrote last month, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), an organization of the public officials who administer elections, submitted written testimony on House Bill 934, a bill that they oppose. According to CCAP, "Were the question of fraudulent voting an issue, we would be calling for legislation such as these proposals, and perhaps other measures, to deal with the problem. **But we find no evidence—substantiated by a search of case records and anecdotal information from the counties that it is an issue. And so we believe a requirement to present ID at all elections is a solution to a problem that does not exist.**"

Since a law to require voter identification could cost Pennsylvania taxpayers more than \$4,315,417 to implement (the Majority Appropriations Chair's rosy, low-ball estimate) and will potentially disenfranchise thousands of law-abiding Pennsylvanians, I would like to know specific examples of fraud. In the absence of any evidence of fraud, it is shameful for this legislation to be enacted.

As Attorney General, you prosecuted numerous public officials for using their offices with the intent to rig elections. House Bill 934 is an obvious attempt to rig elections in Pennsylvania.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Babette Josephs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Babette Josephs
Democratic Chair
House State Government Committee

CC: Interested parties