TO**:** Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: March 28, 2023

SUBJECT**:** Voter Registration Rolls\_Is ERIC Left-Leaning, As Some Say?

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**Introduction:**

Some online articles suggest that ERIC is essentially “a left-wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean-up,” but others say that ERIC is under attack because the right-wingers are sore when they lose elections. What’s the truth?

**Considerations:**

* There is no way around it, to know the truth, significant research and reading are required. Below are many of our findings – consolidated for the ease of those desiring to dig and wade for truth.
* Online documents **AGAINST ERIC** are a mix of right-leaning political commentary with a significant amount of traceable history and facts. This helps to make their argument that ERIC is causing degradation, not improvement, to Voter Registration roll accuracy and election integrity in America.
  + - Gateway Pundit – while the rhetoric may be off-putting, many facts (including sourced documents) are shared in this series providing history and current activity. [ERIC Part 1](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/cleaning-voter-rolls-soros-founded-funded-eric-now-used-31-states/), [ERIC Part 2](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/eric-investigation-part-2-largest-u-s-counties-removed-zero-two-ineligible-voters-voter-rolls-4-years/), [ERIC Part 3](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/01/eric-investigation-part-3-soros-open-society-founding-nations-largest-voter-roll-clean-operation/), [ERIC Part 4](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2022/02/eric-part-4-response-panicked-media-attacks/)
    - Verity Vote – produced a 2022 research white paper titled *Threats to Election Integrity.* It is a 19-page document with FOIA data, providing evidence of the left-funding of ERIC from its creation to present. It also provides evidence of the continued sharing of data with other left-leaning organizations. [/verityvote.us/eric-sharing-data](https://verityvote.us/eric-sharing-data-with-zuckerburg-funded-ngo/)
    - Omega4America – a website with many data findings and articles regarding, among other topics, why ERIC should be replaced. [Omega4America and ERIC](https://www.omega4america.com/category/replace-eric/)
* Online documents **FOR ERIC** are left-leaning political commentary, but do not provide data to prove the voiced concerns with ERIC are invalid.
  + - ERIC – the organization’s website recently posted an Open Letter from ERIC’s Executive Director to counter some of the recent accusations against ERIC. [Open Letter from Executive Director Hamlin on ERIC Website](https://ericstates.org/an-open-letter-2023-03/)
    - Orlando Sentinel – [article](https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/editorials/os-op-edit-florida-eric-voter-fraud-20230316-aicr47yrungqrkr7c4uz3zfzfu-story.html) that also includes remarks from GA SOS Raffensperger.
    - Chicago Sun\*Times – [article](https://chicago.suntimes.com/2022/2/14/22929675/voting-rolls-eric-electronic-registration-information-system-illinois-crosscheck) indicating an estimated one in eight registration records is not accurate, without ERIC.
    - Politico – [article](https://www.politico.com/news/2023/03/17/eric-states-departure-gop-00087495) commenting that because states are leaving ERIC, there is a risk of an upending of the backbone of the nation’s electoral system.
* Seven states in the past 15 months have severed, or are working to sever, their contract with ERIC. They do not believe it is fulfilling its mission to improve voter registration accuracy, which is fundamental to election integrity. [https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2023-03-17/states-debate-making-changes](https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2023-03-17/states-debate-making-changes-to-embattled-voter-roll-system)

**Conclusions/Requests:**

* More and more documents are being uncovered following hundreds of hours of research into archived data/information, leaked documents previously hidden, and recently via FOIAs. These documents reveal undisclosed relationships involving the sharing of the data of the people of the United States with multiple organizations, most of which are left-leaning
* Over the past 10+ years, Voter Registration has been billed as a very complicated matter which needs a single, controlling entity to manage it. However, the information illustrates that states either have managed, or do manage, this data better on their own. So it doesn’t make sense to contract with ERIC. With your help we can influence our legislators to examine this and allow us to find a better solution.
* To answer the question posed in the Subject of this memorandum, the information about ERIC that actually includes data indicates that ERIC was created by the Left, is governed by the Left, is managed by the Left, and is funded by the Left.