**Virginians for America First**

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**Preliminary Report on Absentee Ballot concerns in the 2021 Virginia State Elections**

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Virginians for America First is focused on 22 districts of the Virginia House of Delegates. We hope to see America First candidates elected, but for that to occur, we must have an open and transparent, free and fair election. Unfortunately, Virginia’s current government has made many unwarranted changes to the state’s election process, and individually and in concert these changes have decreased election transparency and made it easier to cheat. Worst among these malevolent perversions of the election code are the extension of election day to 45 days, the removal of the security provisions that previously applied to absentee voting, and the introduction of universal absentee mail-in voting.

We are not alone in our concern about mail-in voting. Many election experts and prominent politicians (including former President Jimmy [Carter](https://www.legislationline.org/download/id/1472/file/3b50795b2d0374cbef5c29766256.pdf)) have pointed out the risks associated with the practice, and the significant potential for election fraud it enables.

By law, the State of Virginia is required to provide daily updates (on request) to candidates, parties, and PACs, on the number of absentee ballots requested and returned. Virginia First Action PAC received the absentee ballot information from the State Board of Elections.  These digital downloads include the names and addresses of those who have requested ballots and/or voted absentee. Prior to September 17 (the day advance in-person voting began, and absentee ballots were mailed out to voters) through October 16. Upon review of the data for the requested absentee ballots in the 22 districts interest was piqued, so to help ensure that all candidates and all voters can be confident that their elections are legitimate, a decision was made to verify the absentee ballot process in these districts.

Virginia First Action PAC obtained the absentee ballot data from the Virginia Department of Elections for the 22 House of Delegate Districts that listed the name and address of all voters in our target districts who had requested, cast an early ballot by mail, or in person through October 16 in two reports.  This data consisted of a total 142,516 record of which 8,312(5.8%) could not be confirmed as living at the address listed after having been processed by a commercial data company.  The first of these two reports consisted of 86,571 records of which 5,541 records indicated as moved or no longer residing at that address.

This massive discrepancy raised serious concerns, but could be explained in numerous ways, so Virginians for America First, supported by Virginia First Action PAC, deployed multiple canvassers in pairs to check a sample of the initial 5,541 identified questionable addresses to gain a deeper understanding of what these findings meant. With limited resources we trained sent our volunteer teams to interview residents at 587 addresses in 10 of the 22 House districts (2, 21, 32, 66, 68, 72, 76, 83, 85, and 94). The results of their survey are detailed below.

**VFAF Findings:**

Of the 587 sample addresses 243 were live contacts, and 217 (89.3%) of those on the list did not live at the address identified.

If we apply the percentages from our sample to the total number of suspect addresses identified from the initial commercially processed data (5,541), we have:

Person confirmed at address (10.7% of 5541)        593

Person not living at address (89.3% of 5541)      4,948

                                                                         5,541

From this we can estimate that about 4,948 (5.7%) of the 86,571 in the first report downloaded from the Virginia State Board of Elections that these voters listed in the absentee ballot data do not live at the address listed on the records provided for the 22 Virginia House of Delegate Districts.

If this factor applies through all the 45 days of early voting across the Commonwealth what does this mean for the rest of Virginia’s 2021 election results with a total voting population of 5,979,696?

**Conclusions**

It seems clear that the voter rolls in Virginia are a mess and steps must be taken to clean them immediately.  It also raises questions about the possibility of potential fraud occurring across Virginia possibly perpetrated by, or with the assistance of, real estate and rental agents.  This certainly merits further investigation. It is also clear that the level of potential fraud is significant enough to affect the outcome of these elections. Virginia voting laws must be changed to ensure that Virginia voters will no longer be vulnerable to the malicious deeds of those who seek power to remove our freedoms and are willing to undermine the very foundations of our Republic.

More to come.