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The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Napolitano:

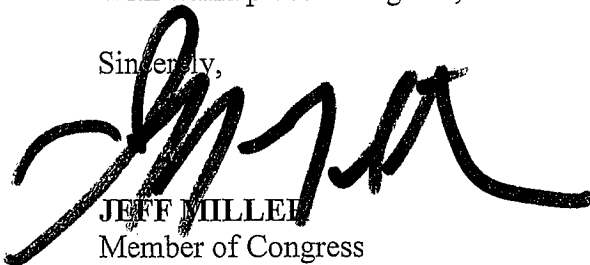
I respectfully request that the Department of Homeland Security provide the Florida Department of State with immediate access to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) database.

As you know, the SAVE program is designed to aid federal, state, and local benefit-granting agencies in determining an applicant's immigration status. Federal law requires that USCIS respond to inquiries from state and local agencies seeking to verify immigration status for any purposes authorized by law. Since at least September of 2011, the Florida Department of State has been requesting access to the SAVE program to verify the immigration status of their registered voters. USCIS guidance as recent as August of 2011 states that voter registration is a valid use for the SAVE program. However, to date, neither DHS nor USCIS has provided this access, despite repeated requests from the State of Florida.

Both the law and Department policy clearly require USCIS to provide access to the SAVE program within a reasonable time frame for the Florida Department of State to verify the immigration status of registered voters. Therefore, I request that the State of Florida receive access to the SAVE program database as soon as possible. Please advise me on the status of the Department's decision on the State's request immediately. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Casey Street in my office at (202) 225-4136.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



JEFF MILLER
Member of Congress

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