

PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FOUNDATION

The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2012 that was previously known as the Act Right Legal Foundation. PILF is based in Plainfield, Indiana and also does litigation on behalf of the American Civil Rights Union. PILF's President is J. Christian Adams. The group's board of directors includes some of the nation's leading election deniers, Cleta Mitchell, John Eastman, Ken Blackwell, and Hans von Spakovsky. In 2017, Adams and von Spakovsky were both appointed to the Pence-Kobach Commission, later disbanded amid resistance from states and a barrage of lawsuits. The group [refers to itself](#) as a "public interest law firm dedicated to election integrity" and "to assist states and others to...fight against lawlessness in American elections." "If the 2020 election proved anything, it was that there are vulnerabilities in our electoral system that need to be addressed," Adams said in 2021. "Mass mail balloting...creates a shaky election system that we cannot trust."

Key findings include:

PILF has filed lawsuits against state officials in numerous states over voter rolls, including Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina. In 2017, PILF filed a lawsuit against Pennsylvania after alleging that the state repeatedly refused their requests for access to voter data. In their lawsuit, PILF cited claims that more than 100,000 noncitizens were registered to vote in Pennsylvania and accused the state of stonewalling its requests in an attempt to hide the problem. In 2017, PILF and J. Christian Adams represented the American Civil Rights Union in its lawsuit against Broward County, Florida alleging they failed to maintain accurate voter rolls. In 2017, PILF filed amicus brief on behalf of the American Civil Rights Union in *Husted v. A. Phillip Randolph*, supporting Ohio's policy for removing voters from the rolls. ACRU said the Court of Appeals was wrong to strike down Ohio's voter roll cleanup policy. PILF has also filed an amicus brief in support of Wisconsin's redistricting plan (*Gill v. Whitford*). In 2016, PILF filed lawsuits against the city of Manassas and Chesterfield County in Virginia, seeking records of the total number of noncitizens who were registered to vote. In a January 2017 press release, PILF indicated that they had dropped the two lawsuits. In 2015, PILF filed a lawsuit against the Virginia city of Alexandria's registrar of voters, alleging that she had failed to maintain voter rolls and refused to allow PILF to inspect voter records.

PILF's leadership is made up of some of the most infamous and pernicious election deniers in the country. The New York Times described PILF as one of a number of "conservative advocacy groups that have pursued often overlapping campaigns to purge voter rolls." In 2016, Demos' senior counsel alleged the group targeted low-income, Democratic-leaning counties that "don't have the resources to fight back." Investigative reporter Jane Mayer noted in 2021 that PILF "litigates all over the country, accusing people and election officials of voter fraud. And it is a really interesting group because if you take a close look at it, what you can see is there's just a short leap from accusing people of voter fraud to then arguing that an election should be nullified." The group's board of directors includes some of the most infamous election deniers in the country including Cleta Mitchell, Hans von Spakovsky, and John Eastman. Mayer wrote that the group "has amassed some of the most visible lawyers obsessed with election fraud..." Donald Trump has cited multiple reports from PILF claiming that 15 million mail ballots nationwide were unaccounted for in the 2020 election. In 2023, an article in the Courier-Times called PILF "a group of conservative legal activists that has frequently sued election officials for not purging voters from the rolls aggressively enough...The foundation has drawn criticism for using misleading data in some of its efforts to raise concerns about illegal voting."

PILF has released reports alleging that thousands of noncitizens voted in Virginia. Since 2016, PILF has partnered with the Virginia Voters Alliance to release two reports titled, “Alien Invasion in Virginia,” in which the groups allege that thousands of Virginia residents who are not U.S. citizens have unlawfully registered to vote and have cast thousands of ballots since 2008. In a January 2017 press release, PILF indicated that it was “preparing new measures for Virginia jurisdictions still refusing to provide records indicating noncitizen voting activity.” In 2017, Capital News Service replicated PILF’s 2016 study and concluded that they “did not find evidence that noncitizens voted in massive numbers or tipped an election, as some Republicans have alleged.” *Washington Post* Columnist Peter Galuszka called the study “dubious,” and according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, “Democratic lawmakers and some election officials cast doubt on the report’s accuracy, saying the group had misinterpreted the data and that many of the cases may involve citizens who erred on their paperwork.” The NAACP Legal Defense Fund pointed to the “virulently racist rhetoric” in PILF’s “Alien Invasion” Reports as evidence that the Pence Kobach Commission, where J. Christian Adams was a member, intended to discriminate against minority voters.

In 2019, PILF was sued for defamation and forced to apologize to citizens it wrongly described as noncitizens in a report. In July 2019, Public Interest Legal Foundation and its President J. Christian Adams settled a lawsuit filed against them in 2018 over the “Alien Invasion” reports. According to Talking Points Memo, “The reports — which included names, phone numbers, addresses and social security numbers of individuals removed from voter rolls allegedly because they were noncitizens — amounted to defamation and voter intimidation, the lawsuit alleged. Under the terms of the freshly announced agreement, PILF will have to remove from its website the report exhibits containing the individuals’ personal information, according to a press release Wednesday from the groups that brought the suit.” PILF’s J. Christian Adams was also required to “apologize to citizens he wrongly described as noncitizens” in the reports.

BACKGROUND

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PILF Is A 501(c)(3) Organization Founded In 2012 To “Assist States And Others To Aid The Cause Of Election Integrity And To Fight Against Lawlessness In American Elections.” “Founded in 2012, PILF is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated entirely to election integrity. The Foundation exists to assist states and others to aid the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections. Drawing on numerous experts in the field, the Foundation seeks to protect the right to vote and preserve the Constitutional framework of American elections.” [PILF website, accessed [6/16/17](#)]

- **PILF Was Formerly Called The Act Right Legal Foundation.** “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), (formerly Act Right Legal Foundation), is a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated to election integrity. PILF exists to assist states and others to aid the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections. Drawing on numerous experts in the field, PILF seeks to protect the right to vote and preserve the Constitutional framework of American elections.” [PILF, Press release, [8/27/15](#)]

Public Interest Legal Foundation Litigated On Behalf Of The Conservative American Civil Rights Union. “Conservative activist groups view inaccurate registration rolls as a problem for democracy. The

conservative American Civil Rights Union has sued eight counties to cleanse the rolls. A year ago the Public Interest Legal Foundation, which litigates on behalf of the ACRU, said it sent warning letters to 141 more. In January, the legal foundation said it threatened to sue 30 counties. ‘Across the country, hundreds of other counties have more registered voters than people alive. If they don’t clean up their rolls, they risk litigation,’ ACRU Chairwoman Susan Carleson wrote on the group’s web-site. ‘Every time an illegal voter casts a ballot, it steals someone else’s legal vote. The goal is to ensure the integrity of the voting process.’” [Philadelphia Inquirer, 8/23/16]

2014: PILF Gave Grants To The Susan B. Anthony List And To The National Organization Of Marriage Totaling \$736,598 For Litigation Purposes. In 2014, Public Interest Legal Foundation gave grants worth a total of \$736,598 and for the purpose of litigation. PILF gave \$709,470 to the Susan B. Anthony List and \$27,128 to the National Organization of Marriage.

New York Times: PILF “Is One Of Four Conservative Advocacy Groups That Have Pursued Often-Overlapping Campaigns To Purge Voter Rolls.” “The Public Interest Legal Foundation is one of four conservative advocacy groups that have pursued often-overlapping campaigns to purge voter rolls. Three of the groups -- the foundation, Judicial Watch and the American Civil Rights Union -- rely on former lawyers in the Justice Department's civil rights division during the George W. Bush administration. The fourth, True the Vote, is an offshoot of a Tea Party group based in Houston.” [New York Times, [11/25/17](#)]

Demos Senior Counsel: PILF Lawsuits Targeted Low-Income, Democratic-Leaning Counties That “Don’t Have The Resources To Fight Back.” ““This is an effort to make the voter rolls cleaner and to follow federal law before the elections in November,’ says J. Christian Adams, president of the Public Interest Legal Foundation. His group is behind the suits, along with the American Civil Rights Union. Adams is a former Justice Department official who has been at the forefront of efforts to restore what he calls ‘election integrity.’ [...] Stuart Naifeh, senior counsel for Demos, a public policy group fighting some of the suits, agrees that cleaning up voter rolls is important. But he worries these suits aim to go much further. He says many of the lawsuits are directed at low-income, Democratic-leaning counties. ‘They are targeting in many cases jurisdictions that don’t have the resources to fight back,’ says Naifeh. ‘The end goal seems to be getting these kinds of settlement agreements that require the state to do aggressive voter purging.’ He argues that can lead to thousands of eligible voters getting tossed off the rolls, something Adams denies.” [NPR, [9/21/16](#)]

Detroit Free Press Columnist: PILF “Diligently Working To Whip Up Controversy” Over Voter Rolls. “It’s sure to grab attention: 24 Michigan counties, 141 around the country, have more registered voters than residents eligible to vote. That seems to be the hope of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a right-wing group that’s diligently working to whip up controversy about the state of our nation’s voter rolls. And it’s the kind of thing that makes for fabulous partisan controversy. Mention bloated voting rolls, and Republicans howl voter fraud. Cross the aisle, and Democrats shout disenfranchisement. The Public Interest Legal Foundation announced last month that it had put ‘scores’ of counties ‘on legal notice’ to clean up their voting rolls, or else, in the apparent belief that voter fraud is actually a thing that has swayed national elections, an announcement that made the rounds on various right-wing blogs and social media outlets. [...] In the tiny northern Michigan County, 19,611 folks were registered to vote, as of this year; the county's population is 21,747, according to the 2013 U.S. Census estimate. But here's the number you should be looking at: in the last election, earlier this year, just 6,219 county residents cast ballots. In the last presidential election, the county voted overwhelmingly Republican, like most of the counties named by the legal foundation. This is not a smoking gun. At least, not if you're looking for proof that Democrats are out to rig elections.” [Nancy Kaffer Column, Detroit Free Press, 9/09/15]

2021: PILF Litigation Counsel: “A Significant Problem Facing America’s Electoral Process Is the Chronic Inaccuracy and Lack of Integrity in the Voter Rolls...” “I am Litigation Counsel for the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a non-partisan charity devoted to promoting election integrity and best practices for election officials. A significant problem facing America's electoral process is the chronic inaccuracy and lack of integrity in the voter rolls that list the individuals registered to vote in local, state, and federal elections. Federal law requires states to ‘conduct a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters by reason of--(A) the death of the registrant; or (B) a change in the residence of the registrant....’ 52 U.S.C. [Sec.] 20507(a)(4)(A). Simply, list maintenance is good public policy. For example, we discovered one Pennsylvania resident that had seven active registrations because a third-party voter drive registered him seven times in the weeks before the 2016 Election. The failure to maintain a continuous program of reasonable list maintenance causes many problems, including inaccurate voter rolls and misallocation of election resources and funds by both election officials and candidates. The Public Interest Legal Foundation has developed a robust data analysis program with particular emphasis on voter registration list maintenance audit functions. In essence, the Foundation can see how well of a job states are doing to identify and timely remove registrants who are deceased, relocated, exist in duplicate (or worse), and may be claiming improper addresses as residences. Our data findings are deployed in a variety of means, ranging from direct leads to voter registrars for potential follow-up maintenance, litigation, or amicus briefs.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 5/6/21]

Christian Adams: “Election Day Registration Leaves Election Officials with No Time to Verify the Accuracy of...Information...” “On Tuesday, the Senate Rules Committee is marking up S.1, the omnibus voting bill that would result in a federal takeover of our election system. This is a massive step in the wrong direction for election integrity and would standardize all the chaos that occurred in the 2020 election. One of the bill’s more alarming provisions is mandating same-day voter registration in all 50 states. Election Day registration leaves election officials with no time to verify the accuracy of registrants' information or check the eligibility of an individual to vote. Put simply, it leads to chaos and makes it significantly easier to cast a fraudulent ballot. Of further concern is the bill's requirement that states automatically register all individuals from state and federal databases such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. This does not account for the fact that not all individuals in these databases are eligible to vote. For example, a green card holder who has a driver's license is not eligible to vote, but under this requirement, he or she would have his or her name added to a state’s registration list. Additionally, this would lead to numerous duplicate registrations for individuals.” [The Examiner, 5/11/21]

2021: Adams: “If the 2020 Election Proved Anything, It Was that there Are Vulnerabilities in Our Electoral System that Need to Be Addressed.” “If the 2020 election proved anything, it was that there are vulnerabilities in our electoral system that need to be addressed. We should continue to fix those at the state level. The answer is not giving Beltway bureaucrats more power. The founders intended for states to run their own elections, not the federal government. We should leave power closest to the people.” [Washington Examiner, 7/28/21]

Jane Mayer: “There’s Just a Short Leap from Accusing People of Voter Fraud to then Arguing that an Election Should Be Nullified.” “JANE MAYER: So that group is based in Indiana, and it litigates. And it litigates all over the country, accusing people and election officials of voter fraud. And it is a really interesting group because if you take a close look at it, what you can see is there's just a short leap from accusing people of voter fraud to then arguing that an election should be nullified. And this is where it gets really radical. And so among the directors of the Public Interest Legal Foundation is, for instance, a lawyer named John Eastman, who was one of the speakers at Trump's rally on January 6.

And at that rally, he argued that people needed to challenge the election returns and stop the certification of the vote on January 6. As we all know, that just preceded by a couple hours, the crowd charging the Capitol, ransacking it and trying to stop the certification. So you can see the connections between a huge foundation on the right, the Bradley Foundation, which funds the Public Interest Legal Foundation, whose director spoke at the January 6 rally and tried to overturn that election - or at least stop it, halt it at that moment. And the money flows from one to the other, and the same characters are involved.” [NPR, 8/5/21]

Sheldon Whitehouse: “These Organizations Moved from Manufacturing Legal Theories...to Spread False Fraud Claims.” “A well-organized network of conservative dark money groups--whose covert operations my Senate colleagues and I have tracked and reported on in other contexts/6--lent financial and strategic support to President Trump's efforts to overturn the election. For years, the Bradley Foundation "has heavily funded groups promulgating the falsehood that election fraud is widespread in America," such as ALEC, Turning Point USA, and the Public Interest Legal Foundation. /7 These efforts accelerated during and after the 2020 election, as these organizations moved from manufacturing legal theories like the independent state legislature doctrine to funding troll farms to spread false fraud claims./8 Cleta Mitchell, a Bradley Foundation board member and former outside counsel to ALEC, participated in the phone call in which President Trump threatened Georgia election officials with a criminal offense unless they "found" enough votes to overturn the election results./9 A network of organizations coordinated by Federalist Society board co-chair Leonard Leo similarly propagated the false narrative that the election was stolen. Leo's so-called Honest Elections Project filed a brief with the Supreme Court challenging the election results in Pennsylvania./10 At the same time, the Leo-affiliated Judicial Crisis Network (JCN) funded Turning Point Action, a sister organization to Turning Point USA, and Nations in Action Globally Lifting Up, which propagated an election fraud conspiracy theory known as "Italygate.”” [Targeted News Service, 8/14/21]

2021: Trump Cited Multiple PILF Reports. “Trump also in the interview cited multiple recent reports from Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) president and general counsel J. Christian Adams, who, using Election Assistance Commission (EAC) government data, reports that 15 million mail ballots nationwide were unaccounted for in the 2020 election.” [The Geller Report, 9/2/21]

2021: Adams: “Mass Mail Balloting...Creates a Shaky Election System that We Cannot Trust.” “The Public Interest Legal Foundation’s 2020 analysis of voter rolls in 42 states found nearly 38,000 people registered twice and nearly 350,000 deceased voters who were still registered — thousands of whom were credited by states with voting after they were dead. All of these voter roll mistakes represent an opportunity for fraud. And if you think there isn’t fraud related to mail ballots, you should visit the Heritage Foundation’s Election Fraud database, where you can find many cases involving mail ballot fraud. Mass mail balloting with inaccurate voter rolls creates a shaky election system that we cannot trust. We shouldn’t encourage even more mail ballots when state voter registration lists are so full of errors. Only after effective list maintenance should we even consider increasing the role that mail ballots play in our elections. That might require changes to the federal Motor Voter Act passed in 1993. Mail balloting should also be accompanied with security measures such as voter ID requirements and laws that ban candidates, campaign staffers, political consultants, and others with a stake in the outcome from picking up, collecting, and handling ballots.” [Washington Examiner, [9/16/21](#)]

Adams: “The Long Play Here Is to Alter the Cultural Inhibitions on Registration.” “J. Christian Adams, who runs the Public Interest Legal Foundation, dedicated to voter integrity measures, said noncitizens may have inertia when it comes to voting, but experiments like New York’s are intended to break down those barriers and normalize rights for noncitizens. ‘The more they desensitize and

legitimize illegal aliens voting, eventually the fear goes away,' he said. 'The long play here is to alter the cultural inhibitions on registration.'" [Washington Times, 1/25/22]

2022: Adams: "Ranked-Choice Voting Manipulates the Political System." "Ranked-choice voting manipulates the political system. It denies voters the right to vote in the real true election — the choice between the two finalists. In a ranked-choice system, voters never cast a ballot in the real head-to-head final contest." [Reno Gazette-Journal, 8/29/22]

2023: Courier-Times: PILF "a Group of Conservative Legal Activists that Has Frequently Sued Election Officials for Not Purging Voters from the Rolls Aggressively Enough." "Another group cheering the Ohio bill is the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a group of conservative legal activists that has frequently sued election officials for not purging voters from the rolls aggressively enough. PILF's executive director and founder, J. Christian Adams, a veteran election lawyer, served on Trump's voter fraud commission alongside Blackwell. 'This is exactly the best practices that the Public Interest Legal Foundation encourages states to adopt that make post-election auditing easier,' Lauren Bis, a spokeswoman for the group, said via email, adding that the bill will allow Ohioans 'to hold their election officials accountable.' The foundation has drawn criticism for using misleading data in some of its efforts to raise concerns about illegal voting. In 2019, it was forced to issue an apology to a group of Virginia voters who sued for defamation after a PILF report, "Aliens Invasion," alleging large-scale illegal voting in the state, wrongly described them as non-citizens. The report included the voters' names, phone numbers, addresses, and, in some cases, Social Security numbers." [Courier-Times, 3/8/23]

2023: Adams: "The Left Wants to Normalize...Criminals, Foreigners to Help Them Win Elections." "'The Left wants to normalize voter classes that nobody took seriously a generation ago criminals, foreigners to help them win elections,' J. Christian Adams, president of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, an election integrity group, told The Daily Signal." [World Net Daily, 5/26/23]

North Dakota Democratic Party: PILF "a Right-Wing Group with Many Board Members Who Deny the 2020 Election." "Public Interest Legal Foundation is a right-wing group with many board members who deny the 2020 election results. Its board includes Cleta Mitchell advised former president Trump on the famed 2020 call where he pushed Georgia officials to "find" enough ballots to swing the presidential election in his favor. Mitchell was asked to resign from her law firm after that call. Mitchell is associated with other dark money groups, who've worked to spread false information about the 2020 election." [States News Service, 7/15/23]

Adams: "Most People in the Media Don't Want You to Believe that Election Crimes Are Committed." "Most people in the media don't want you to believe that election crimes are committed. They say it is easier to find Bigfoot. But election crimes are not a myth, and The Heritage Foundation has been systematically documenting them for years." [Daily Record, 7/18/23]

2024: PILF "One of Several Conservative Groups that Have Sued States to Release Voter Registration Lists." [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, 4/16/24]

KEY ACTIONS

2021: PILF's Logan Churchwell Predicted HR 1 Would Result in Noncitizens Being Registered to Vote. "The Democrats' election overhaul bill will result in registering noncitizens as new voters even though those U.S. residents are prohibited by federal law from doing so, conservative groups contend.

This is because H.R. 1 disempowers the 50 states' election management roles and orders them to automatically register new voters, not from voluntary applications but from millions of names held by various federal agencies. Given the number of federal spigots from which the names will flow, conservatives say, it is only logical to assume that some of the nation's 21.7 million noncitizens will be registered. Polling shows that tens of thousands are likely registered now, they say. 'We don't even have to make that assumption, given the bill's own safety nets,' Logan Churchwell, director of research for the Public Interest Legal Foundation, told The Washington Times. 'Noncitizens are already coming through on a voluntary system nationwide. 'Every foreign national with a visa and a need ranging from a driver's license to public college credits bears the risk of automatically becoming registered to vote without their permission,' Mr. Churchwell said. 'Universal automatic registration carries risks of system failure for citizens and immigrants alike.'" [The Washington Times, 3/15/21]

April 2020: PILF Emailed An Employee of Kentucky's Secretary of State's Office to Dissuade Them From Expanding Vote-by-Mail. "On April 23, during the same week that Kentucky's Republican secretary of state said he was contemplating a 'significant expansion' of vote by mail, the Public Interest Legal Foundation emailed one of his employees under the subject line '28 MILLION ballots lost.' 'Putting the election in the hands of the United States Postal Service would be a catastrophe,' wrote J. Christian Adams, president of PILF, a conservative organization that has long complained about voter fraud. His missive contended, with scant evidence, that 'twice as many' mailed ballots 'disappeared' in the 2016 presidential election than made up the margin of votes between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The state worker forwarded the message to his supervisor, who ignored it, according to emails obtained through a public records request. Only days later, Kentucky finalized its plan for the biggest increase in vote by mail in the state's history.'" [Salon, 5/17/20]

November 2020: PILF-Backed Attorneys Filed Lawsuit on Behalf of Arizona Voters Who Alleged Their Ballots Were Rejected After Being Filled Out With Sharpies. "PILF-backed attorneys prepare lawsuit over alleged problems with Sharpie markers Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF)-backed attorneys are headed to court after filing a suit representing an unknown number of Arizona voters whose ballots were rejected after being filled out with Sharpie markers that election officials told them to use. The suit was prompted by events like those described in a statement to the Superior Court of Arizona for Maricopa County that was obtained Nov. 5 by The Epoch Times. In the statement, poll worker Joshua Banko of Scottsdale said that 'starting at the very beginning of the day, voters began experiencing problems feeding their ballots into the tabulation machine. This caused significant delays in voting and lasted throughout the day.' Banko said the device was 'telling me that it was detecting errant or extraneous lines outside of the voting section of the ballot. However, in my presence, many voters showed their ballot to the elections marshal and the site inspector to demonstrate that there were no errant marks on their ballot.'" [Epoch Times, 11/06/20]

2020: Public Interest Legal Foundation, One of Three Groups at the Helm of Pushing Unfounded Claims of Voter Fraud in the 2020 Election, Was One of the Sponsors of CPAC. "Three groups at the helm of efforts pushing largely unfounded and disproven claims of voter fraud around the 2020 election, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, the Heritage Foundation and Judicial Watch, are all listed as sponsors of this year's CPAC convening. According to an investigation by the Guardian using OpenSecrets data, the three nonprofits share a small circle of wealthy conservative donors with a revolving door of staff and consultants. Heritage Action for America, the political arm of the Heritage Foundation, is also a sponsor of CPAC. A panel on 'protecting elections' titled 'They Told Ya So: The Signs Were Always' features J. Christian Adams of the Public Interest Legal Foundation and Hans Von Spakovsky of the Heritage Foundation, two of the most well-known voices in 'shaping restrictive voting laws and helping the myth of voter fraud proliferate.'" [OpenSecrets.org, [2/25/21](https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2021/02/25/)]

PILF’s J. Christian Adams: Third-Party Voter Registration Drives by Tax-Exempt Foundations “Are Cranking Error into the Voter Rolls.” “The Tides Foundation contributions are particularly significant because that group pioneered in the political realm the use of one tax-exempt foundation beginning in 1976 as a vehicle for anonymous liberal donors to support possibly unpopular causes. Donor Trust, a similar but conservative group, wasn’t established until 1999. Critics argue that the massive mailing of mail-in voting applications by liberal groups such as the Gardner/Lopach complex are an open invitation to increased voter fraud, especially when combined with lax policing of voter rolls by state and local authorities. ‘Third-party registration drives by these foundations are cranking error into the voter rolls,’ Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) founder and President J. Christian Adams told The Epoch Times on Oct. 21.” [Epoch Times, 10/22/20]

July 2020: Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) Released Report Claiming that Florida’s Voter Rolls Included “Widespread Deceased and Duplicate Registrants.” “As a presidential battleground state and a party focus for increasing voter turnout, Florida is ill-prepared for the number of mail-in votes it will receive during the November general election, according to a new report published by the nonprofit Public Interest Legal Foundation. Unveiled this week, the foundation’s analysis found that Florida’s voter rolls include widespread deceased and duplicate registrants, the potential for double voting and registrants with nonresidential addresses. [...] Key findings from ‘Is Florida Ready for the 2020 Elections’ report include: Deceased registrants — South Florida dominates in terms of deceased registrants remaining on the voter rolls, with Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade among the top counties.” [Patch, [7/30/20](#)]

- **New York Times: PILF “Is One Of Four Conservative Advocacy Groups That Have Pursued Often-Overlapping Campaigns To Purge Voter Rolls.”** [New York Times, [11/25/17](#)]
- **ProPublica: PILF is a “Right-Wing Think Tank That Has Long Pushed Exaggerated Claims of Voter Fraud”.** [ProPublica, [8/26/20](#)]
- **ProPublica: “PILF Regularly Sues State and Local Election Officials to Force Them to Purge Some Voters from Registration Rolls”.** [ProPublica, [5/02/20](#)]

December 2019: Public Interest Legal Foundation Filed a Lawsuit Against Detroit’s City Clerk and Elections Director Claiming They Failed to Properly Maintain Detroit’s Voter Rolls. “An advocacy group is suing Detroit election officials, claiming they violated the National Voter Registration Act by failing to properly maintain city voting rolls, including listing long-dead residents and keeping multiple registrations for the same people. The ‘failure’ to comply with federal voter registration laws ‘undermined the confidence of Detroit’s properly registered voters in the integrity of the voter registration rolls and, accordingly, has undermined the integrity of elections held both within the city of Detroit and across the state of Michigan,’ the complaint contends. The Public Interest Legal Foundation filed the suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court, targeting Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey and elections director George Azzouz. The nonpartisan, Indiana-based nonprofit filed the lawsuit after spending more than two years seeking to resolve Detroit’s voting record issues.” [The Detroit News, [12/11/19](#)]

- **Detroit Free Press: PILF’s Lawsuit Claimed “Thousands of Dead People” Were On Detroit’s Voter Lists Along With Even More Duplicate Names of Registered Voters.** “A public interest group has sued the city of Detroit in federal court, claiming it has thousands of dead people on its voter lists and even more duplicate names of registered voters — problems the

group fears could lead to voter fraud in the upcoming presidential election. The lawsuit, however, does not claim that someone living ever actually tried to vote as a deceased voter in Detroit. Nor does it allege that any voter fraud has actually occurred in Detroit, a majority-black Democratic stronghold that played pivotal roles in the last two elections, one way or another, and is expected to do so again in 2020.” [Detroit Free Press, [12/11/19](#)]

- **Detroit Free Press: PILF Listed a Number of Alleged Mistakes Found on Detroit’s Voter Rolls.** According to his group's lawsuit, here are some of the alleged mistakes found on Detroit's voter rolls, as flagged by the Public Interest Legal Foundation: Detroit has 2,503 dead people on its voter rolls. They are listed as 85-plus-year-olds. Detroit has 4,788 voters that were flagged for duplicate, triplicate concerns. Detroit has 511,786 registered voters, but only 479,267 adults designated as eligible to vote. That means it has more registered voters than citizens of voting age. 16,465 registered voters in Detroit were missing actual dates of registration. [Detroit Free Press, [12/11/19](#)]
- **The Detroit News: PILF “Has Faced Some Criticism Over a Flawed Analysis Several Years Ago”** “But the foundation has faced some criticism over a flawed analysis several years ago involving non-citizens listed on voting rolls in Virginia that landed them in litigation.” [The Detroit News, [12/11/19](#)]
- **June 30, 2020: PILF Dropped Lawsuit Against the City of Detroit After Elections Officials Updated Voter Rolls by Removing Deceased and Duplicate Registrations.** [The Detroit News, [7/01/20](#)]

February 24, 2020: Conservative Nonprofit Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) Filed Lawsuit Against Allegheny County, Alleging Failure to Maintain Voter Rolls. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, [2/25/20](#)]

2019: PILF’s President J. Christian Adams Testified Before Congress About Voting Discrimination. “Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams will testify before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee regarding evidence of current and ongoing voting discrimination this Tuesday, September 10. In advance of his prepared testimony, Adams stated the following: ‘It has never been easier to vote in the United States than now. In some cases, voter access has broadened to the point that it lacks sufficient safeguards to ensure immigrants and felons don’t register before they are eligible. There is still work to be done, however.’ In prepared remarks, Adams explains how Guam attempted to discriminate against U.S. citizens wishing to participate in a recent plebiscite election: [...] Adams adds that oft-described ‘civil rights’ groups like those invited to testify alongside him are conspicuously missing from modern challenges.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [9/09/19](#)]

2019: PILF Praised the U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision that Partisan Gerrymandering Challenges Were Beyond Federal Reach. “Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) praised the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision today regarding partisan gerrymandering claims (*Rucho v. Common Cause* 18-422). ‘The Supreme Court wisely chose to reject federal overreach into the states’ constitutional authority to conduct redistricting,’ PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. ‘Partisan foes of the federalist balance of power have yet again sunk millions of donor dollars. The 15th Amendment gives federal courts the power to stop racial discrimination. The Constitution doesn’t give federal courts the power to pick partisan outcomes.’ Read the Foundation’s prior case filings on the matter here. The

Foundation made several arguments as an amicus party in recent months. The original intent of the Fourteenth Amendment does not support political gerrymandering causes of action. [The authors] were elected from districts with far greater disparity between statewide political preferences and the partisan composition of legislative delegations than those districts challenged [in the North Carolina action].” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [6/27/19](#)]

2019: PILF’s Counsel Kaylan Phillips Testified Before Congress That There Was a Lack of Safeguards to Prevent Non-Citizens From Registering to Vote. “Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) litigation counsel Kaylan L. Phillips testifies today before the U.S. House Oversight Committee’s Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties regarding best practices in election administration. In prepared remarks, Phillips notes that: [T]he citizenship checks on the federal voter registration form are merely an honor system ... In my experience, these ‘safeguards’ are wholly inadequate. Phillips argues that the vulnerability has proven to fail immigrants and citizens alike. Noncitizens continue to be registered to vote, sometimes by their own error and sometimes by the errors of election officials. Our research has shown that individuals have been registered to vote even when they leave the citizenship checkbox blank or, worse, when they answer ‘no’ to the question ‘Are you a citizen of the United States of America?’ Phillips urges the Subcommittee to take substantive action.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [5/01/19](#)]

COLORADO

2021: Sued Colorado SOS for Refusing to Allow Inspection of Voter List Maintenance Records. “A good-government group is suing Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold in federal court for refusing to allow the inspection of voter list maintenance records as required by federal law. Griswold, a Democrat, is refusing to allow the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) access to voter list maintenance documents, including data that Colorado receives from the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Griswold says her agency's contract with ERIC prohibits the release of the data that ERIC provides to member states. ERIC, a nonprofit that describes its mission as ‘assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens,’ was created in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts, a left-wing philanthropy.” [Epoch Times, 12/20/21]

MARYLAND

December 2019: PILF Filed Lawsuit Against the Maryland State Board of Elections (MSBOE) for “Failing to Disclose Voter Registration Records.” “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) filed a lawsuit today against the Maryland State Board of Elections (MSBOE) for failing to disclose voter registration records under federal law (Public Interest Legal Foundation v. Linda Lamone). ‘Maryland is refusing to follow federal election law and is denying access to public election records ahead of the 7th Congressional District Special Election and the 2020 contests,’ PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. ‘Maryland should choose transparency over concealing list maintenance records.’ The initial complaint filed today, December 16, explains the Foundation initially requested copies of Maryland’s statewide voter file and select voting histories on November 13, pursuant to the application procedure set forth by the MSBOE. The State notified PILF two days later that its application was denied because the organization was not local.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [12/16/19](#)]

MICHIGAN

December 2019: PILF Filed a Lawsuit Against the City of Detroit for “Failing To Reasonably Maintain Voter Registration Records”. “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) filed a lawsuit today against the City of Detroit for failing to reasonably maintain voter registration records under federal and Michigan law (Public Interest Legal Foundation v. Detroit). ‘The City of Detroit is failing to perform some of the most basic functions owed to its citizenry,’ PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. ‘The city government’s nonchalant attitude toward addressing evidence of dead and duplicate registrations exposes yet another vulnerability in our voting systems as our nation works to improve election security before November 2020. Making a federal case out of this was necessary, and I hope we can achieve a resolution before the polls open.’ [...] The initial complaint filed on December 10 explains the Foundation has studied the City’s voter list maintenance efforts since 2017 by a variety of means. Earlier this year, PILF acquired the statewide qualified voter file from the Michigan Secretary of State for the purpose of comparing registration lists against federal death records.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [12/11/19](#)]

- **PILF’s Lawsuit Targeted Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey and Elections Director George Azzouz After They Spent Over Two Years Seeking to “Cure Problems” With the Rolls.** “The Public Interest Legal Foundation filed the suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court, targeting Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey and elections director George Azzouz. The nonpartisan, Indiana-based nonprofit filed the lawsuit after spending more than two years seeking to resolve Detroit’s voting record issues. The foundation said it attempted ‘to cure problems’ with the voter roll maintenance practices when it first requested records on Oct. 3, 2017. Ultimately, it purchased the state’s entire voter roll on April 1 and analyzed Detroit’s voter registration list. Multiple efforts have since been made to have Detroit’s discrepancies corrected, but the alleged errors were ‘brushed aside,’ said Logan Churchwell, communications and research director for the group. ‘Someone dropped the ball, and they keep dropping it,’ Churchwell said. ‘All you need is a little bit of chaos to spread distrust.’” [The Detroit News, [12/11/19](#)]
- **PILF Director Logan Churchwell Said PILF Identified Similar Voting Roll Errors to Clerk Offices in Flint and Grand Rapids.** “Churchwell told The News on Wednesday that the group identified and reported similar voting roll errors to clerk’s offices in Flint and Grand Rapids. Flint City Clerk Inez Brown said the group requested information this year, but her office hasn’t had the resources to complete it, nor the time, due to its focus on elections. The city just completed an election in November and has another that’s upcoming Jan. 7 as well as the March presidential primary. The foundation, she said, is seeking a vast amount of information and for large urban cities, such as Flint and Detroit, ‘it’s not as easy as people may think.’ ‘We all do the best we can do to ensure everything is kept properly, in an orderly way and in accordance with state law,’ she said.” [The Detroit News, [12/11/19](#)]
- **The Detroit News: PILF “Has Faced Some Criticism Over a Flawed Analysis Several Years Ago”.** “The suit is asking Detroit to implement effective registration list maintenance programs and ensure that ineligible voters are not on the city rolls. But the foundation has faced some criticism over a flawed analysis several years ago involving non-citizens listed on voting rolls in Virginia that landed them in litigation. Churchwell said public records provided by the state elections office in Virginia for the analysis was ‘mislabeled’ and ‘communicated wrong.’ A lawsuit filed by certain individuals purported to be non-citizens was settled, and the foundation apologized, he said.” [The Detroit News, [12/11/19](#)]

- **PILF's Logan Churchwell: Detroit's Poor Voter Roll Maintenance Practices Hurt All Americans.** In an op-ed, Logan Churchwell who is the communications and research director for the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), wrote, "Detroit is now engaged in a federal lawsuit over its apparent failures to keep voter rolls in clean shape. The early facts of the case paint a disturbing picture for a state that could determine the outcome of the 2020 presidential election by a hairline margin yet again. Motown also serves as a warning signal for other states about the pitfalls of failing to properly handle voter rolls. U.S. and Michigan laws set standards for how local election officials must keep voter registration records current and updated on a timely basis. The rules are not complicated: remove the dearly departed; cancel grandma's file after she moves to Florida; keep tabs on who's an ineligible felon; don't let children vote; and, if all else fails — keep a list of registrants whose addresses have gone bad and are ghosting you on all fronts." [The Detroit News, Logan Churchwell, [1/15/20](#)]

September 2019: PILF Conducted Investigation Into Allegations That the Southfield, MI City Clerk Sherikia Hawkins Engaged in Election Fraud. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) initiated a private investigative effort into and around allegations of official election fraud reportedly perpetrated by Southfield City Clerk Sherikia L. Hawkins during the Michigan's November 2018 General Election. 'It is unacceptable in this political environment for an election official to allegedly attempt to alter or invalidate absentee ballots for any reason,' PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. 'It is equally troubling to see Michigan officials downplay the matter. Michiganders and the larger American electorate deserve another set of eyes to help explain—in plain language—the course of events, motivations, and trends as to why these particular 193 absentee voters were allegedly targeted by Hawkins for disenfranchisement. The inner workings of our elections are typically a mystery to the public even in the best of times. This demands complete transparency.' Upon reviewing the Michigan felony complaint records regarding Southfield Clerk Sherikia L. Hawkins, the Foundation opted to utilize several federal and state open records laws tailored to election administration and absentee balloting files." [Public Interest Legal Foundation, [9/30/19](#)]

Michigan Defeated Challenge to Dead Voter Deletion Process. "Filed Friday, U.S. District Judge Jane M. Beckering's opinion and order reject the Public Interest Legal Foundation's claims that the state violated the National Voter Registration Act by failing to address or improve state methods for removing deceased registered voters from its rolls, allegedly resulting in over 27,000 deceased voters remaining registered. Despite PILF's claims that several aspects of the removal process - such as an alleged failure to compare Social Security Administration death information with the qualified voter file, or QVF - fall short of NVRA standards, Judge Beckering ruled that the law only requires the state to put in a reasonable effort, not a perfect one, to remove deceased voters." [Law360, 3/4/24]

PENNSYLVANIA

PILF Sued the State of Pennsylvania For Access To Data and Cited Claim That More Than 100,000 Noncitizens Were Registered to Vote in Pennsylvania. "More than 100,000 noncitizens are registered to vote in Pennsylvania alone, according to testimony submitted Monday in a lawsuit demanding the state come clean about the extent of its problems. The Public Interest Legal Foundation, which has identified similar noncitizen voting problems in studies of Virginia and New Jersey, said Pennsylvania officials have admitted noncitizens have been registering and voting in the state 'for decades.' But state officials have stonewalled PILF requests for access to the data that could expose the problem, the group says in a lawsuit filed in federal court in Harrisburg. 'For months, Pennsylvania bureaucrats have concealed facts about noncitizens registering and voting — that ends today,' PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. [...] Pennsylvania officials repeatedly refused

requests under the law, according to the lawsuit. The state would only let the PILF look at records related to voters stripped from the rolls because of death or change of residence. The PILF says that's a misreading of the law." [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

- **The 100,000 Figure Cited in PILF's Lawsuit Came From Testimony Given by Philadelphia Commissioner Al Schmidt.** "The 100,000 number cited in the lawsuit comes from testimony given by Philadelphia Commissioner Al Schmidt, who revealed the glitch in the state motor vehicle bureau's systems that prompted noncitizens to register to vote. Mr. Schmidt didn't respond to an email seeking comment." [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]
- **Adams Said The State Had Admitted to a "Glitch" Dating Back to the 1990s That Allowed Noncitizens Applying To Renew Their Driver's Licenses The Change to Register to Vote.** "He said Pennsylvania had already admitted to a 'glitch' dating back to the 1990s that had allowed noncitizens applying to renew driver's licenses to be offered the chance to register to vote. Mr. Adams said he now wants to find out how bad the problem is overall. Pennsylvania officials wouldn't respond to the lawsuit, nor to the 100,000 noncitizen number." [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]
- **Washington Times: Pennsylvania Refused PILF's Record Request But the Group Obtained Data From Some Counties.** "While Pennsylvania refused PILF record requests, the group did manage to obtain data from some counties, and found several curious cases." [Washington Times, [2/26/18](#)]

PILF Press Release: "PILF Sues Pennsylvania to Release Data on '100K' Noncitizen Voter Registrants" [PILF, Press release, [2/26/18](#)]

2016: PILF Testified At A Pennsylvania House Hearing And Presented Evidence That Foreign Nationals Had Registered to Vote in Philadelphia and Illegally Voted in Previous Elections. "The House State Government Committee held a hearing on improving the integrity of elections in October 2016. A testifier from the Public Interest Legal Foundation presented evidence obtained through public records requests to the Committee that a number of foreign nationals have been registered to vote in Philadelphia and have illegally voted in prior elections." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Republican Caucus Letter, [7/12/17](#)]

Prior to 2020 Election, PILF provided Pennsylvania with at least 21,000 Deceased Registrants Who Remained on Voter Rolls. "Prior to the 2020 election, the Public Interest Legal Foundation provided the commonwealth with at least 21,000 deceased registrants by name who remained on the voter rolls less than a month before the general election. Of these 21,000, 9,212 had been dead for at least five years, 1,990 had been dead for at least 10 years and, astonishingly, 197 had been dead for at least 20 years. To protect the integrity of Pennsylvania's elections, PILF sued the secretary of state to have the dead registrants removed from the voter rolls. This month, the case settled in a big win for election integrity. The commonwealth agreed to remove all the dead voters. Even better, we won a settlement that requires state election officials to compare the entire voter rolls to the Cumulative Social Security Death Index in order to identify dead voters. The state will direct counties to remove the names of dead voters. This is a huge win for election integrity. Pennsylvanians deserve a free and fair election process. When one fraudulent vote is cast, it dilutes everyone's vote." [Tribune-Review, [4/21/21](#)]

2021: PILF Claimed More than 440,000 Mail Ballots Went Missing Or Undeliverable in Pennsylvania in 2020. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) released another stunning research

brief on the 2020 election Thursday, this time reporting that more than 440,000 mail ballots in Pennsylvania 'went missing or undeliverable' in a state Joe Biden won by a certified margin of just 80,555 votes..." [Geller Report, 9/10/21]

FLORIDA

2019: PILF Released Report Claiming Palm Beach County's Voter Registration System Contained Flaws Including Double Voting, Non-Citizens, and Duplicate Voter Registrations. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today released *Calm Before the Storm: Are Palm Beach County's Elections Protected Against Emerging Threats?*, a new report detailing a variety of vulnerabilities and data findings within the overall Palm Beach County voter registration system. Prior to the public release of its latest report, PILF shared its detailed findings with current Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Wendy S. Link (PBSOE). Supervisor Link's office committed to reviewing findings and taking necessary corrective actions going forward, while also sharing other matters beyond her immediate control with the Florida Secretary of State. Essentially all findings worthy of official action were created during now-removed Supervisor Susan Bucher's term of office, or a predecessor. [...] PILF discovered a variety of apparent flaws and procedural errors ranging from snowbird double voting, duplicate voter registration, non-citizen voter participation, illegal addresses, and even deceased voting." [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [11/04/19](#)]

2017: PILF and J. Christian Adams Represented the American Civil Rights Union in Its Lawsuit Against Broward County, Florida For Failing to Maintain Accurate Voter Rolls. "Broward County could have thousands of ineligible voters on its rolls, increasing the risk of voter fraud, because its election officials don't do enough to keep the lists accurate, according to a national group that has challenged voter rolls across the country. [...] The ACRU is being represented by attorney Christian Adams, who was appointed this month to President Trump's Commission on Election Integrity, which Trump created after claiming that he lost the popular vote because millions of people voted illegally. Adams is also president of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a conservative nonprofit group that says it exists 'to aid the cause of election integrity and fight against lawlessness in American elections.' In a lawsuit, the American Civil Rights Union, a conservative group started by a former official in President Ronald Reagan's administration, contends that in recent years Broward's voting lists have included more names than the number of voting-age people living in the county." [Sun Sentinel, [7/25/17](#)]

PILF Applauded Decisions Moving Their Case Against Broward County Forward. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today released a statement applauding several decisions related to a legal challenge over Broward County, Florida's bloated voter registration records (*ACRU v. Snipes*). The United States District Court in the Southern District of Florida weighed a number of matters related to proper voter list maintenance procedures; the validity of voter roll research methodologies; acceptable expert witness testimony; and others when largely denying Broward County and the SEIU United Healthcare Workers Local 1199's joint requests for summary judgment. 'The Court offered a number of common-sense rulings in the face of Broward County's claims that voter rolls are regularly scrubbed of outdated and ineligible records,' PILF Communications Director Logan Churchwell said. 'The Court recognized that despite the County's assurances to the contrary, one cannot dismiss the fact that Broward has more registered voters than resident citizens.'" [PILF, Press release, [7/12/17](#)]

INDIANA

2017: PILF Filed Motion To Intervene In Defense of Indiana's Participation in the Interstate voter Registration Crosscheck Program. Indiana Was Being Sued By Common Cause. "The Public

Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) filed a motion to intervene in defense of Indiana's participation in the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck program designed to remove outdated and relocated voter records. The PILF seeks to intervene in the ongoing case against Indiana's participation in the Crosscheck program. PILF argues the plaintiff's misleading claims are wrong that the State hastily removes voters after individuals with matching names and birthdates are found registered in other states. The PILF also shared its concerns that the plaintiff is incorrectly seeking to handcuff voter registrars from maintaining records. The Motion to Intervene, filed today, notes: The plaintiff's lawsuit profoundly threatens state control over structuring its own election system based on a patently flawed application of the National Voter Registration Act ('NVRA'). [It] seeks to impose restrictions on Indiana's ability to conduct fair and robust elections by limiting the State's programs for ensuring that its list of eligible voters is kept accurate and current. Plaintiff seeks to impose limits clearly beyond what was contemplated by Congress." [PILF, press release, [11/09/17](#); [Complaint](#)]

OHIO

2017: PILF Filed Amicus Brief on Behalf of the American Civil Rights Union In Support Of Ohio's Policy For Removing Voters from the Rolls (Husted v. A. Phillip Randolph). "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today released a statement announcing the filing of an amicus brief on behalf of the American Civil Rights Union in support of Ohio's policy for removing ineligible voters (Husted v. A. Phillip Randolph Institute 16-980). 'The State of Ohio is taking full advantage of its powers outlined in federal and state law to proactively manage voter rolls,' PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. 'Federal law doesn't prohibit common sense. After a registrant has failed to respond to notices and not vote in multiple elections, they may be cleaned from the rolls. The interest groups arguing otherwise are keeping voter rolls filled with dead and ineligible voters. 'A decision for Secretary of State Jon Husted keeps more tools and best practices on the table for Ohio and the more than a dozen states standing with them working to maintain voter records for an increasingly mobile electorate,' Adams added." [PILF, Press release, [8/09/17](#)]

PILF Issued Statement Praising Ohio Secretary Of State Jon Husted For Identifying Non-Citizens On Voter Rolls. "Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted said Monday his office found 82 noncitizens who registered and voted in at least 2016. They are among 385 noncitizens who improperly registered to vote last year, Husted said. Coupling the new numbers with those from similar studies after the 2012 and 2014 elections, Husted said that a total of 821 noncitizens have been identified as being registered improperly, and 126 of them voted in at least one statewide election. [...] Husted's office used information from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to find people who registered illegally. He said the number of noncitizens who are registered is likely to be larger. The Public Interest Legal Foundation, a nonprofit public-interest law firm, issued a statement supporting Husted. 'This is a good first step to detect and clean aliens from the rolls. ... This latest finding continues to build the case for legislative reform that requires proof of citizenship as a component to voter registration.'" [Columbus Dispatch, 2/28/17]

ACRU: The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals was Wrong to Strike Down Ohio's Voter Roll Cleanup Policy. "The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals was wrong to strike down Ohio's voter roll cleanup policy, a brief filed at the U.S. Supreme Court today by the American Civil Rights Union argues. Since 2013, the ACRU has submitted amicus briefs and sued counties in an effort to keep official voter registration rolls accurate and up to date. The ACRU is the only private organization to sue successfully to secure consent agreements for counties to clean up their rolls. [...] In the brief submitted in Husted v. J. Philip Randolph Institute, et al., the ACRU reminds the court that, 'the Constitution's Qualification's Clause gives the power to set voter qualifications to the States, exclusively. The power to set voter

qualifications includes the power to enforce them.’ Filed on ACRU’s behalf by J. Christian Adams and Kaylan L. Philips of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, the brief also notes that the Help America Vote Act, enacted in 2002, ‘clarified these list maintenance procedures: [...]’ [American Civil Rights Union, Press release, [8/07/17](#)]

WISCONSIN

PILF Filed Amicus Brief with the American Civil Rights Union in Support of Wisconsin’s Redistricting Maps (Gill v. Whitford). “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today released a statement announcing the filing of an amicus brief with the American Civil Rights Union in support of Wisconsin’s redistricting maps currently challenged along partisan lines (Gill v. Whitford 16-1161). ‘Allowing redistricting maps to be blocked for purely partisan reasons is a dangerous precedent that irrevocably invites federal authorities to intrude on states’ constitutional powers,’ PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. ‘Partisan gerrymandering claims are yet another toehold for those seeking to weaken state powers.’ The brief challenges the federal district court’s finding that the 2011 redistricting map was unconstitutional. ‘The lower court invited unlimited federal intrusion into a core Constitutional power granted to the States without Congress expressly permitting the intrusion,’ the brief argues. Below is a summary of observations made in opposition to the partisan gerrymandering claims made against Wisconsin.” [PILF, press release, [8/09/17](#)]

ACRU: Striking Down Wisconsin’s Redistricting Plan “Upset the Existing Balance Between the Federal Government and the States.” “A federal court in Wisconsin, in striking down a state redistricting plan, upset the existing balance between the federal government and the states, the American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) argued in a brief submitted on Friday (Aug. 4) to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, citing the First and Fourteenth Amendments, had found that the Republican-authored districting had the effect of disadvantaging Democrats despite meeting all other state redistricting criteria. Unlike the exceptional circumstances in the battle against racial discrimination under the Voting Rights Act, the ACRU brief argues that allowing a federal cause of action under the First and Fourteenth Amendments for partisan gerrymandering attacks the constitutional balance. The ruling dramatically overstepped the Article I, Section 4 constitutional assignment of responsibilities between the states and Congress for holding elections. [...] The brief, which was filed on behalf of the ACRU by J. Christian Adams and Kaylan L. Phillips of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, cited Chapman v. Meier (1975), in which the Court stated: ‘We say once again what has been said on many occasions: reapportionment is primarily the duty and responsibility of the State through its legislature or other body, rather than of a federal court.’” [American Civil Rights Union, Press release, [8/07/17](#)]

2021: PILF Claimed over 80,000 Mail Ballots Sent to Wisconsin Voters “Went Missing Or Undeliverable.” “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) said on Friday that 82,766 mail ballots sent to voters in Wisconsin’s November 2020 presidential election ‘went missing or undeliverable,’ a number more than four times greater than Joe Biden’s 20,682 vote certified margin of victory in the state. More than 1.6 million votes were cast in the November 2020 presidential election in Wisconsin, and Biden’s certified margin of victory was just 1.2 percent of all votes cast. ‘83K mail ballots went missing or undeliverable amid 20k vote margin of victory in WI 2020 Presidential,’ the headline read in a statement that accompanied the release of a report by PILF on Friday morning.” [The Geller Report, 8/30/21]

2024: Sued Wisconsin’s Top Election Official for Access to State’s Voter Registration List. “A conservative group chaired by a longtime GOP attorney who aided former President Donald Trump in

his effort to try to overturn his loss in the 2020 election has sued Wisconsin's top election official for access to the state's voter registration list. The Public Interest Legal Foundation filed the lawsuit Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Madison alleging Meagan Wolfe, in her capacity as the Wisconsin Elections Commission's nonpartisan administrator, violated federal disclosure requirements by not providing the organization with voters' dates of birth and by requiring a fee to access the records.” [Chippewa Herald, 5/2/24]

VIRGINIA

“Alien Invasion in Virginia” Report

2016: PILF Released Report Titled “Alien Invasion In Virginia” That Claimed Voting By Non-Citizens Was A “Massive Problem” In The State. “Last fall, a pair of groups supported by conservatives released a report with the sensational title ‘Alien Invasion in Virginia: The discovery and coverup of noncitizen registration and voting.’ It said illegal voting is a ‘massive problem.’ ‘In our small sample of just eight Virginia counties who responded to our public inspection requests, we found 1,046 aliens who illegally registered to vote,’ the study said. ‘The problem is most certainly exponentially worse because we have no data regarding aliens on the registration rolls for the other 125 Virginia localities. Even in this small sample, when the voting history of this small sample of alien registrants is examined, nearly 200 verified ballots were cast before they were re-moved from the rolls. Each one of them is likely a felony.’ [...] The ‘Alien Invasion’ study was produced by the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a nonprofit law firm based in Indiana, and the Virginia Voter Alliance, which describes itself as a nonpartisan group ‘dedicated to free and fair elections.’” [Daily Press, 5/28/17]

- **2019: PILF and Its President J. Christian Adams Were Sued for Defamation and Forced to Apologize to Citizens “Wrongly Described as Noncitizens in the Reports”.** “A former Trump voter fraud commissioner will apologize to citizens he wrongly described as noncitizens in reports claiming mass voter fraud in Virginia, according to a tentative settlement agreement reached this week in a lawsuit brought against the commissioner. J. Christian Adams and his group the Public Interest Legal Foundation were sued last year over the ‘Aliens Invasion’ reports they released in 2016 and 2017. The reports — which included names, phone numbers, addresses and social security numbers of individuals removed from voter rolls allegedly because they were noncitizens — amounted to defamation and voter intimidation, the lawsuit alleged. Under the terms of the freshly announced agreement, PILF will have to remove from its website the report exhibits containing the individuals’ personal information, according to a press release Wednesday from the groups that brought the suit.” [TPM, [7/17/2019](#)]

Report Focused On Assertion That Non-Citizens Had Registered To Vote And Actually Voted In Virginia. Report Claimed, “In Some Virginia Jurisdictions, The Number Of People Registered To Vote Exceeds The Number Of Citizens Eligible To Vote.” “Most of the ‘Alien Invasion’ report focused on assertions that noncitizens have registered to vote and actually voted. But it included another alarming statement: ‘In some Virginia jurisdictions, the number of people registered to vote exceeds the number of citizens eligible to vote.’ State Sen. Mark Obenshain, R-Rockingham, highlighted that claim in February in a news release to pro-mote legislation requiring Virginians to show additional identification in order to vote. It’s the purported statistics that are wrong, according to a researcher at the Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia, the state’s official source of population and demographic data. Kathryn Piper Crespín, a research and policy analyst for the Weldon Cooper Center, compared the population data for the U.S. Census Bureau with voter registration data from the Virginia

Department of Elections. ‘I could find no instance where voter registration in a locality exceeded that locality’s adult population,’ Crespin said.” [Daily Press, 5/28/17]

PILF Released Second “Alien Invasion” Report Alleging More Than 5,500 Non-Citizens Were Registered To Vote In Virginia Since 2011, And 1,852 Of Them Cast More Than 7,000 Ballots.

“The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today released Alien Invasion II, a sequel to the original Alien Invasion alien voting report originally circulated in 2016. After three lawsuits, scores of record requests, and reviews voter history files across 133 Virginia jurisdictions, the Public Interest Legal Foundation has uncovered the following: Virginia election officials quietly removed 5,556 voters for non-citizenship between 2011 and May 2017; 1,852 of those removed as noncitizens cast ballots; A total of 7,474 illegal ballots were cast from the pool of removed noncitizens; Some records of illegal voting date back to the 1980s before their respective removals; Virginia election officials routinely fail to alert law enforcement about these illegal votes or registrations.” [PILF, press release, [5/30/17](#)]

- **PILF Report Claimed Fairfax County Had The Largest Number Of Non-Citizens Kicked Off Voter Rolls, With Prince William County And Virginia Beach City Just Behind.** “The most ineligible voters counted in any year in Virginia by the PILF were 1,065 votes cast during the 2008 presidential election year. No academic analysis has documented that large a problem -- though voting integrity advocates say that’s partly because nobody is looking very hard. The new PILF report is meant to put some numbers behind the scope of fraud. Fairfax County, Virginia’s largest jurisdiction, also notched the most reports of noncitizens who had to be kicked off the rolls, with more than 1,000. Prince William County was second with 523, and Virginia Beach City was third with 517.” [Washington Times, 5/31/17]
- **PILF: “At The Instruction Of Governor McAuliffe’s Political Appointees, Local Election Officials Spent Countless Resources To Prevent This Information From Spilling Into The Open.”** “Just as troubling, the PILF said, was Virginia’s efforts to try to hide the information from the public -- a problem foundation President J. Christian Adams said began at the very top, with Gov. Terry McAuliffe. ‘At the instruction of Governor McAuliffe’s political appointees, local election officials spent countless resources to prevent this information from spilling into the open,’ Mr. Adams said in a statement releasing the report. ‘From NoVa to Norfolk and all urban and rural points in between, alien voters are casting ballots with practically no legal consequences in response.’” [Washington Times, 5/31/17]
- **J. Christian Adams: “McAuliffe Has Never Been Big On Transparency. We Went To Federal Court Three Times Because He Hides Evidence Of Election Crimes.”** “The Public Interest Legal Foundation, which has been pursuing records of voter fraud in Virginia and released a report last month on noncitizens on the state’s books, said they had to fight for disclosure. ‘McAuliffe has never been big on transparency. We went to federal court three times because he hides evidence of election crimes,’ said J. Christian Adams, president of the foundation.” [The Washington Times, [7/02/17](#)]
- **Virginia Elections Commissioner Believed PILF’s Report Actually Showed That Virginia Officials Were “Promptly” Removing Non-Citizens From Statewide Voter Roll** “Edgardo Cortes, Virginia’s elections commissioner, said the new report actually represents a victory, showing how well Virginia does at weeding out voters who admit they are ineligible. ‘As the PILF report shows, Virginia election officials have been and are continuing to promptly remove individuals who self-identify as non-citizens from the statewide voter registration list in accordance with federal and state law,’ Mr. Cortes said in a statement. He also said Virginia

publishes its efforts to maintain voter lists, including removal of voters who died, were deemed ineligible or moved. ‘As part of the McAuliffe administration’s commitment to transparency, this information, and other information cited by PILF, is readily available on our website,’ he said. ‘It is hard to ‘uncover’ something that is readily made available to the public on an ongoing basis.’” [Washington Times, 5/31/17]

- **Washington Times: Virginia Resident and U.S. Citizen Maureen Erickson Was Wrongly Listed In PILF’s Report as a Noncitizen Unlawfully Registered.** “Maureen Erickson's husband was stunned to see his wife’s name appear as key evidence in a report last month about people who had been kicked off Virginia’s voting rolls for being noncitizens. In fact, Todd Erickson said, his wife is an American citizen and while she does work as a missionary in Guatemala, her cancellation from Prince William County’s voter rolls in 2012 was a mistake resulting from the confusing voter registration system. Her case is a timely warning as the U.S. Supreme Court prepares to hear arguments next term on how far states are allowed to go in purging their voter rolls. Ms. Erickson’s name popped up when the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a voter integrity group, was pushing for information from Virginia to gauge how messy the state’s voter rolls are. The Public Interest Legal Foundation obtained records of everyone who had been registered at one point but got kicked off voter rolls later after having been declared noncitizens.” [The Washington Times, [6/18/17](#)]

Daily Press: Virginia Is One Of The Top Five States In The Country For Keeping Complete Voter Registration Rolls. “It is somewhat ironic that Virginia should find itself in the crosshairs over alleged voter fraud. The common-wealth has been called a model in terms of elections. According to the Election Performance Index developed by the Pew Charitable Trusts, Virginia is one of the top five states in the country for keeping complete voter registration rolls. ‘We have a really comprehensive system in place in Virginia to help identify people who have moved or have died, people who are no longer eligible,’ said Edgardo Cortés, commissioner of the state Department of Elections. Despite such record-keeping, Republican politicians and groups such as the Virginia Voter Alliance say the system is rife with fraud. While it seems clear some noncitizens have illegally cast votes, there’s no evidence yet of widespread fraud. But in the meantime, Republicans will continue to push for voter ID laws and other requirements they believe would prevent noncitizens from voting.” [Daily Press, 5/28/17]

Criticisms

The Guardian: “Alien Invasion is One of the More Startling Examples of a Growing Rightwing Push to Pressurize Election Officials Across the Country to Purge Large Numbers of People from the Registered Voter Rolls.” “Alien Invasion is one of the more startling examples of a growing rightwing push to pressurize election officials across the country to purge large numbers of people from the registered voter rolls. With the midterm elections rapidly approaching, and with so much riding at both national and state level on voter turnout, the stakes could not be higher. Voting rights experts warn that hundreds of thousands of eligible voters could face hurdles as they try to get to polling stations in November. African American, Hispanic or other minority communities, as well as young voters, are especially vulnerable to purges as they more frequently experience the kind of bureaucratic hiccups that can lead them to them being mistakenly ruled ineligible.” [The Guardian, 9/23/18]

Washington Post Columnist Peter Galuszka: PILF’s Study “Dubious”. “For months, conservative politicians have talked up the need for photo identification and restrictions on the timing of registration before elections. When Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) used an executive order to restore voting rights to convicted felons who had served their terms, the same group beat him back. As election day approached,

one group calling itself the Public Interest Legal Foundation that is based in Indiana and another one based in Virginia came up with a dubious ‘investigation’ that ‘found’ 1,046 people who were not eligible to be registered to vote in several Virginia counties and cities, notably in the Washington suburbs. The groups had used similar ruses in other states. When I wrote a blog piece about the reports in The Post, I was quickly pounced upon by such echo-chamber standouts as the Bull Elephant, PJ Media and the American Civil Rights Union. Even Bacon’s Rebellion, where I blogged for years, couldn’t resist a jab or two.” [Peter Galuszka column, Washington Post, [11/23/16](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch: “Democratic Lawmakers And Some Elected Officials Cast Doubt On The Reports Accuracy, Saying The Group Had Misinterpreted The Data And That Many Of The Cases May Involve Citizens Who Erred On Their Paperwork.” “Federal courts have ruled that states cannot add proof of citizenship on federal voter registration forms. Cole said courts have not ruled on whether states can enact those requirements solely to register for state and local elections. A conservative legal group, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, claimed in a report last year that it had found more than 1,000 cases of non-citizens on Virginia’s voter rolls and would likely find more with better access to election records. Democratic lawmakers and some election officials cast doubt on the report’s accuracy, saying the group had misinterpreted the data and that many of the cases may involve citizens who erred on their paperwork.” [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 2/02/17]

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund Pointed to the “Virulently Racist Rhetoric” in PILF’s “Alien Invasion” Report as Evidence of the Trump Voting Commission’s Intent to Discriminate Against Minority Voters. “The NAACP Legal Defense Fund on Tuesday filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging that President Donald Trump’s voting commission ‘was formed with the intent to discriminate against voters of color in violation of the Constitution.’ ‘Statements by President Trump, his spokespersons and surrogates ... as well as the work of the Commission as described by its co-chairs, are grounded on the false premise that Black and Latino voters are more likely to perpetrate voter fraud,’ the suit alleges. [...] The complaint also points to the ‘virulently racist rhetoric’ of the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a group associated with two of the commission’s members, Hans von Spakovsky and J. Christian Adams. In May that group, headed by Adams, released a dubiously sourced report caricaturing noncitizens as invading space aliens, complete with cartoonish illustrations of UFOs.” [The Denver Post, [7/18/17](#)]

- **PILF President J. Christian Adams Was a Member of Trump’s Voting Commission.** “Wednesday marks the debut of the bipartisan Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence and tasked with assessing vulnerabilities in the federal voting system, fraudulent voting, laws and policies that undermine public confidence in the process -- and other pertinent matters. The first meeting of the 12-member commission includes four secretaries of state, one probate judge, one county clerk, plus multiple scholars -- including Ken Blackwell, former Ohio secretary of state, Hans von Spakovsky, a Heritage Foundation legal fellow, and J. Christian Adams, president and general counsel of Public Interest Legal Foundation.” [The Washington Times, 7/19/17]

Capital News Service Replicated PILF Study And “Did Not Find Evidence That Noncitizens Voted In Massive Numbers Or Tipped An Election” “Last fall, a pair of groups supported by conservatives released a report with the sensational title ‘Alien Invasion in Virginia: The discovery and coverup of noncitizen registration and voting.’ It said illegal voting is a ‘massive problem.’ [...] Capital News Service attempted to replicate the study’s methods and found that some noncitizens have in-deed voted in Virginia, though not on a massive scale. Using the Freedom of Information Act, voter registration records and voter history data, CNS found that: *about 240 people who weren’t citizens had

been registered to vote in 10 localities, mostly in Northern Virginia and the Richmond area. *28 of these noncitizens actually voted in an election before they were removed from the voter registration rolls. *they cast a total of more than 100 ballots. CNS did not find evidence that noncitizens voted in massive numbers or tipped an election, as some Re-publicans have alleged. Indeed, half of the noncitizens who voted in a party primary voted in a Republican primary. However, the records seem to contradict Democrats' assertion that voter fraud is nonexistent.” [Daily Press, 5/28/17]

Roanoke Times: PILF’s Numbers are “Startling...They’re Also In Dispute.” “Earlier this year two right-wing groups called the Public Interest Legal Foundation and the Virginia Voters Alliance issued a report that claimed more than 5,500 people have been removed from the state’s voter rolls because they weren’t actually citizens. ‘Of these illegal registrants, 1,852 cast nearly 7,500 ballots in elections dating back to 1988,’ the report claims. These numbers are startling; they’re also in dispute. Roanoke Registrar Andrew Cochran says ‘99.9 percent’ of these people are, in fact, citizens - they just forgot to check the right box on their voter form at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Registrars follow up on each of those. If those voters later got removed from the voter rolls, it was probably because they didn’t respond, Cochran says.” [Roanoke Times, Editorial, [7/08/17](#)]

Free Lance-Star Editorial: In 10 Of the Localities PILF Studied, 28 Noncitizens Voted. “That’s 28 Out Of 2.68 Million. Who Wants To Bet That Stricter Voter ID Laws Won’t Deprive Multiple Times That Many Of Their Constitutional Right To Vote?” “Capital News Service in Richmond did a study recently, trying to replicate one done earlier by the Public Interest Legal Foundation and the Virginia Voter Alliance. That initial study, forebodingly entitled ‘Alien Invasion,’ claimed 1,046 ‘aliens’ registered to vote illegally in just 10 of the 133 Virginia localities: Stafford, Prince William, Hanover, Loudoun, Bedford, Fairfax and Chesterfield counties and the cities of Alexandria, Roanoke and Manassas. CNS, part of Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Mass Communications, also studied those 10 localities. Using the state Freedom of Information Act, voter registration records and voter history data, it found that 240 people who weren’t citizens were registered for Virginia’s last election, and that 28 of those noncitizens voted. It also found that half the noncitizens who voted in party primaries voted in a Republican primary. [...] Virginia is only one state, and the study that was replicated includes only 10 localities, but consider this: There are about 2.68 million people in the localities studied. In the last election, 28 noncitizens in those localities voted. Half of those voted in the Republican primary. That’s 28 out of 2.68 million. Who wants to bet that stricter voter ID laws won’t deprive multiple times that many of their constitutional right to vote?” [The Free Lance-Star, Editorial Board [5/31/17](#)]

2016: PILF Sued The City Of Manassas And Chesterfield County In Virginia. “The Public Interest Legal Foundation has sued jurisdictions around the country, including the city of Manassas and Chesterfield County in Virginia, seeking disclosure of the total number of noncitizens registered to vote. In Philadelphia, the group is suing to ascertain in federal court, in part, the number of incarcerated felons who remain on voting rolls illegally, a total that the group said ‘likely numbers in the thousands.’ The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law School has criticized ‘sensationalist claims’ of voter fraud, pointing to its study in 2007 that found instances of illegal voting are rare. The report said it was more likely that an American will ‘be struck by lightning than that he will impersonate another voter at the polls.’” [Washington Times, 2/06/17; Complaint [10/31/16](#)]

2016: PILF Filed Lawsuit Against The City Of Alexandria’s General Registrar Alleging That She Failed To Maintain Voter Rolls And Refused To Allow Them To Inspect Records. “Anna Leider, the general registrar of voters in the City of Alexandria, is now faced with a lawsuit that alleges she failed to maintain proper voter rolls and refused to permit the plaintiffs to inspect list maintenance

records as required by federal laws. The lawsuit, filed by the Public Interest Legal Foundation on behalf of the Virginia Voters Alliance Inc., claims that the number of registrants who can vote in Alexandria exceeded the number of citizens of voting age residing in the city. However, as of April 8, Leider says the city has 82,997 active registered voters, with a 2014 census putting Alexandria's total over-18 population at 123,824. Leider said the number of registered voters fell by 5,865 on Nov. 23 as a result of the state's annual address confirmation process, but steadily climbed back up to its current number as a result of voters registering for the March primary." [The Alexandria Gazette Packet, 4/14/16]

NORTH CAROLINA

2019: PILF Sued the North Carolina State Board of Elections for “Failing To Disclose Noncitizen Registered Voter Records”. “The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) filed a lawsuit Monday against the North Carolina State Board of Elections (NCSBE) for failing to disclose noncitizen registered voter records as required under federal law (Public Interest Legal Foundation v. N.C. State Bd. of Elections). ‘The NCSBE is hiding records detailing their reported efforts to identify and remove noncitizens registered to vote,’ PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. ‘The disclosure of these records will better improve policymakers’ understanding of how to prevent future ineligible registrations—as opposed to constantly playing defense.’ The NCSBE denied access to several forms of documentation outlining how state and/or local officers identify and eventually remove registrants for citizenship-eligibility defects using immigration or driver licensing data. These refusals constitute a violation of the public inspection rights under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, as outlined in the complaint. In 2018, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District indicted 19 foreign nationals for allegedly participating in the 2016 Election and others.” [Public Interest Legal Foundation, Press release, [6/18/19](#)]

2016: PILF Filed Lawsuit On Behalf Of North Carolina Group, Voter Integrity Project, Against The Wake County Board Of Elections For Allegedly Failing To Maintain Voter Rolls. “A Raleigh-based group devoted to reducing the potential for voter fraud has filed suit against the Wake County Board of Elections claiming that it has failed to maintain updated and accurate voter rolls as well as make public information requested by the group. The suit, filed by the Voter Integrity Project, said that according to census data, Wake County has had more voters on the rolls than actual eligible voters. It says roughly 670,000 people were registered to vote in the 2014 election, according to numbers reported by Wake County, while census data shows that the average number of people eligible to vote between 2010 and 2014 was roughly 640,000. ‘Any time you have people on the voter rolls who are ineligible to vote, you run a very high risk of mischief,’ said Jay DeLancy, executive director of the Voter Integrity Project. [...] Gary Sims, director of the Board of Elections, says the lawsuit cites outdated information. He said more recent census data from 2015 shows that in fact there were more eligible voters than people registered to vote. ‘What I saw based off of our census information was that we need to register more people,’ Sims said. Kaylan Phillips, litigation counsel for the Public Interest Legal Foundation, which filed the suit on behalf of DeLancy’s group, said she had not seen the data Sims cited.” [News & Observer, 7/19/16]

- **Voter Integrity Project And Its Executive Director Jay DeLancy Broke Away From True The Vote “After It Raised Concerns About His Anti-Immigrant Leanings.”** “A retired Air Force officer, DeLancy attended a 2011 summit held in Houston by True the Vote, a group with close ties to the Tea Party movement that promotes poll watching efforts to root out what it alleges is widespread fraud. True the Vote has been criticized by voting rights advocates for intimidating voters. It has also come under criticism for describing itself as nonpartisan while making in-kind contributions to Republicans and contributing thousands of dollars to the

Republican State Leadership Committee, which works to get party members elected to state office. (Pope's business also funds the RSLC.) DeLancy launched a North Carolina chapter of True the Vote, but he broke from the national group after it raised concerns about his anti-immigrant leanings. He then founded VIP-NC, which DeLancy says "springs from [his] outrage at the news of how election after election is stolen in some amazingly brazen way." [Institute for Southern Studies, [8/28/13](#)]

2017: Voter Integrity Project and the Wake County Board of Election Reached a Settlement Agreement. "After nearly a year of litigation, the Wake County Board of Elections (WCBOE) voted on June 5 to adopt a settlement agreement with PILF client the Voter Integrity Project NC that PILF believes will serve to improve the county's voter rolls in the years ahead. In sum, the parties agreed to the following: The WCBOE will confer with the North Carolina State Board of Elections about the feasibility of comparing voter data against the National Change of Address system on a quarterly basis, instead of the current semi-annual schedule. By the end of this year, the WCBOE will review each 'inactive' voter 'to ensure timely removal as provided by law' and make completed maintenance efforts subject to public inspection. The WCBOE will continue to conduct such a review on a biennial basis until April 15, 2023. The WCBOE agrees to respond to Voter Integrity Project's future requests for public inspection of records regarding the accuracy and currency of the voter roll." [PILF press release, [6/27/17](#)]

Christian Adams: "Foreigners Are Registering and Voting in North Carolina." "Voter fraud deniers do not want to talk about the fact that foreigners are registering and voting in American elections. It undermines their and the mainstream media's narrative that voter fraud does not exist. But foreigners are registering and voting in North Carolina. The state has admitted it. The Public Interest Legal Foundation requested to see the records showing how bad the problems is, and most of all, how state election officials are handling it. Federal law allows the public to inspect election officials' records concerning the maintenance of their voter registration lists. The only exceptions are records relating to an individual's decision not to register to vote and records that identify the government agency where an individual registered. Yet, North Carolina denied the Foundation public access to key list maintenance documents." [Fayetteville Observer, 5/26/21]

2022: State Board of Election Settled Suit over Foreign Voter Records. "In the last day of January, a settlement was reached involving the disclosure of records pertaining to foreigners registering and voting in the state of North Carolina. The lawsuit was filed in June 2019 by the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) against the North Carolina State Board of Elections (NCSBE) and its director, Karen Brinson Bell, for failure to produce noncitizen audit records which were first asked for in September and October of 2018. 'This is a huge win for transparency in North Carolina's elections,' PILF President J. Christian Adams said in a press release. 'The public has a right to know about election vulnerabilities. These records conclusively show that foreigners have been registering to vote and voting in North Carolina elections.'" [North State Journal, 2/28/22]

KANSAS

2015: PILF Filed Friend Of The Court Brief To Support Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach In Lawsuit Over Improperly Canceled Voter Registrations. "A court challenge by two Douglas County residents against Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach could become a class-action suit that represents many of the 36,000 people slated to have their incomplete voter registrations canceled. [...] Kobach implemented an administrative rule in October to cancel incomplete voter registrations after 90 days. Most such registrations were missing proof-of-citizenship documents, such as a birth certificate or

passport. The law that requires proof of citizenship for voter registration took effect in 2013. [...] Kobach has said that discarding the incomplete voter registrations doesn't remove anyone from the voter rolls, since those applicants aren't yet registered to vote. Filling out a new registration form is a simple matter, he said. The Public Interest Legal Foundation, formerly known as ActRight Legal Foundation, announced Wednesday that it has asked the court to accept a friend-of-the-court brief in defense of Kobach's rule. The group said the suit was an assault on Kobach's effort to ensure the integrity of state elections. 'Aliens are registering to vote and voting, and Kansas is leading the effort to stop it,' said J. Christian Adams, foundation president, in a statement." [Kansas City Star, 11/19/15]

OTHER TARGETED STATES

Nevada Recall Effort

2017: PILF Filed a Motion to Intervene In Defense of Nevada's Recall Procedures, Which Were Being Challenged by Democratic Lawyer Marc Elias. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) filed a motion to intervene in defense of Nevada's recall procedures against a lawsuit from Hillary Clinton campaign attorney Marc Elias. The PILF seeks to intervene in the ongoing case against Nevada's recall procedures due to the misuse of evidence and Nevada's history in the law suit, as well as the larger constitutional concerns about the tenuous application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a landmark civil rights law. The Motion to Intervene, filed today, notes: The lawsuit threatens state control over structuring their own election system using a flawed application of the Voting Rights Act. Plaintiffs seek to impose unconstitutional restrictions on the democratic voice of Nevada citizens by extinguishing a means to hold government accountable. This would be the ultimate denial and infringement on the right and freedom of citizens to participate in the electoral process." [Public Interest Legal Foundation, [10/30/17](#)]

J. Christian Adams: "Nevada Has The Power Under Our Constitution To Decide To Have Recall Elections." "On Monday, the Public Interest Legal Foundation out of Indiana filed a motion to intervene in the case saying that the plaintiffs are 'misusing civil rights laws as partisan political weapons.' 'Nevada has the power under our Constitution to decide to have recall elections,' the group's president, J. Christian Adams, said. 'The Voting Rights Act is not a law designed to help Democratic Party interests. It's intended to protect civil rights not preserve partisan power.'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/30/17](#)]

PILF Spokesman Logan Churchwell: Democrats Are Trying to Limit Voting. "Lawyers for the recall effort did not return multiple calls for comment Tuesday. They work in the law firm run by Republican Nevada Lt. Gov. Mark Hutchison, whose office said it would not comment on the campaign. Logan Churchwell of the conservative Public Interest Legal Foundation, which intervened on behalf of the recall, stressed that Nevada law allows recalls and that Democrats are trying to limit voting. 'Nevada places few barriers on the electorate to trigger a recount,' Churchwell said. 'It's curious that the Democrat Party's attorneys would label such a system and its uses as frivolous when their actions are un-democratic by definition.'" [Associated Press, [2/07/18](#)]

New Jersey

PILF President J. Christian Adams Said The Group Found 616 Instances in New Jersey In Which a Noncitizen Had Been Allowed to Register to Vote. "J. Christian Adams, the Public Interest Legal Foundation general counsel who will appear Tuesday, said the organization found 616 instances in New

Jersey in which an undocumented immigrant -- most of whom had been up-front about their citizenship status -- had been allowed to register to vote. 'A limited inquiry found that hundreds of noncitizens are documented throughout voter records, typically because a bureaucrat offered them an application. Some were even asked after presenting a green card. That broken system is propped up by an honor code proven repeatedly to fail,' Adams said in a statement." [CNN, [9/12/17](#)]

J. Christian Adams: Hundreds of Noncitizens Registered After Bureaucrats Offered Them an Application, "Some Were Even Asked After Presenting a Green Card." "'New Jersey offers eye-opening lessons,' PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. 'A limited inquiry found that hundreds of noncitizens are documented throughout voter records, typically because a bureaucrat offered them an application. Some were even asked after presenting a Green Card. That broken system is propped up by an honor code proven repeatedly to fail. Many illegally voted. Some claimed they didn't know they were registered until an immigration agent called. All will likely face an inquiry if they decide to become Americans.' 'It's time to have a serious discussion about modernizing our Motor Voter law and determine how we can verify citizenship in the process,' Adams added. 'Anyone who disagrees exposes Americans to vote dilution and helps write one-way tickets for deportees.'" [PILF, press release, [9/11/17](#)]

New Hampshire

PILF Spokesman Logan Churchwell: "We've Known For Months That More Voters Cast Ballots Without Any Proof Of Actually Living In New Hampshire Than The Differentials For Either Federal Contest There In 2016" "More than 6,500 people registered to vote in New Hampshire on Nov. 8 using out-of-state driver's licenses, and since then the vast majority have neither obtained an in-state license nor registered a motor vehicle. Conservatives say the state's same-day registration is an invitation for fraud because of loose proof-of-residence rules. New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper, a Republican, issued the numbers Thursday based on inquiries he made to the Department of State, which oversees elections, and the Department of Safety. [...] Logan Churchwell, spokesman for Public Interest Legal Foundation, which investigates voter fraud, said Mr. Jasper's numbers bolster his group's findings that many people vote in New Hampshire without proof of residence. 'We've known for months that more voters cast ballots without any proof of actually living in New Hampshire than the differentials for either federal contest there in 2016,' he said. 'Now it looks like they were back in Boston in time to watch the election returns that evening. The left-wing groups suing to block new proof-of-residence laws for same-day voter registration are really proving what drives them to the courthouse.'" [The Washington Times, [9/07/17](#)]

2017 VOTER ROLL WARNING LETTER

PILF Sent Letters to 248 Counties Across 24 States Threatening Lawsuit Over "Bloated" Voter Rolls. "The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) today announced that it placed 248 counties on notice for holding more registered voters than adult residents in their respective jurisdictions. Officials in 24 states now risk lawsuits if they do not disclose satisfactory data demonstrating effective voter roll maintenance efforts before and after the 2016 Election. 'During the 2016 Election, 24 states had bloated voter rolls,' PILF President and General Counsel J. Christian Adams said. 'Voter fraud begins with corrupted voter rolls. Our nation's voter rolls have records that cannot be distinguished between living or dead; citizen or alien; resident or relocated. We hear about possible cyber-attacks, but we aren't doing enough to fix voter rolls that are certainly corrupt. The voter rolls are so bad in some states that election

officials would have a hard time telling the difference between sabotage and negligence.’ Letters mailed to the counties and locales in question note that it appears they are violating the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) because they are not properly maintaining the voter rolls.” [PILF, Press release, [9/25/17](#)]

Counties in 24 Received PILF’s Letter, Including Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, Georgia, New York, North Carolina, California, Florida, Arizona and Virginia. “States with counties that received a notice letter are (# of counties): Kentucky (41), Michigan (32), Iowa (31), Illinois (22), Mississippi (19), Colorado (17), Texas (12), Alabama (12), South Dakota (12), Nebraska (9), Georgia (6), New York (6), West Virginia (6), New Mexico (5), North Carolina (5), California (2), Louisiana (2), Montana (2), Virginia (2), Arizona (1), Florida (1), Missouri (1), Oklahoma (1), and Washington State (1). [...] If a local official fails to respond to PILF’s letter or declines to allow inspection of election records, they risk a federal lawsuit.” [PILF, Press release, [9/25/17](#)]

PILF’s Letter Warned That Based on Its Review, “It Appears That Your Jurisdiction Is Failing to Comply” With Federal Law Requirements. “Federal law requires election officials to conduct a reasonable effort to maintain voter registration lists free of dead voters, ineligible voters, and voters who have moved away,’ the notice letters state. ‘Based on our comparison of publicly available information published by the U.S. Census Bureau and the federal Election Assistance Commission, it appears that your jurisdiction is failing to comply with these federal law requirements.’ The notices seek a variety of documents to clearly discern which jurisdictions are failing to perform basic voter list maintenance duties. Some records sought concern: noncitizen voters; numbers of dead, duplicate, relocated, and felon removals; evidence of use for databases which better identify relocated or alien registrants; and third-party communications about voter rolls, among others.” [PILF, Press release, [9/25/17](#)]

PILF: “Holding More Registrants Than Living Adults Indicates That Election Officials Have Failed To Properly Maintain Voter Rolls.” “The NVRA (also known as Motor Voter) requires state and local election officials to properly maintain voter rolls and ensure that only eligible voters are registered. Holding more registrants than living adults indicates that election officials have failed to properly maintain voter rolls.” [PILF, Press release, [9/25/17](#)]

Advocacy Groups Demos, Lawyers’ Committee and Brennan Center Offered Legal Help to Any of the 248 Counties Who Tried to Oppose PILF’s Notice. “On Wednesday, Demos and two other advocacy groups, the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University Law School, offered legal help to any of the 248 county election officials who tried to oppose the notice. The author of the notice to county officials, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, responded quickly. ‘It seems like we’ve arrived to the point where asking election officials to do what the law requires makes P.I.L.F. subversive,’ the group’s president, J. Christian Adams, said in a statement.” [New York Times, [11/25/17](#)]

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale Raised Doubts About PILF’s Claim that Nine Counties Had Bloated Voter Rolls. Gale: PILF Sent Similar Letter in 2015 and “There Were Inconsistencies In the Voter Data ...It Is Likely That Is The Case Again.” “Secretary of State John Gale said Wednesday he will examine data prepared by an Indiana organization that suggested nine Nebraska counties have more registered voters than adults currently living within their boundaries. But Gale raised doubts about the accuracy of that information. ‘About two years ago, in 2015, PILF (the Public Interest Legal Foundation) sent a similar letter to seven counties in Nebraska,’ Gale recalled. ‘At that time, we noted that there were inconsistencies in the voter data obtained by PILF compared to

census data. ‘It is likely that is the case again,’ the secretary of state said.” [Lincoln Journal Star, [9/27/17](#)]

- **Election Official in Kimball County, One of Seven Nebraska Counties To Receive the Notice, Expressed Confidence That No Voter Fraud Had Occurred.** “The election commissioner in Kimball County, Nebraska, expressed confidence this week that no voters have cast ballots from beyond the grave, unlike in Chicago, where the dead have a reputation for rising on Election Day. ‘Certainly we comply with state and federal regulations,’ Kimball County Clerk Cathy Sibal said. ‘We do not have voter fraud in Kimball County.’ Yet for a second time since 2015, the farm-and-ranch county in Nebraska’s southern Panhandle has appeared on the shame list of a group that sues government officials over potential voter fraud. The county is one of seven in Nebraska — and 248 nationally — that purportedly has more registered voters than eligible adults living within them. ‘Voter fraud begins with corrupted voter rolls,’ said J. Christian Adams, president of the Public Interest Legal Foundation in Indianapolis.” [Omaha World-Herald, [9/28/17](#)]

Iowa Secretary of State’s Office Disputed PILF’s Claim That 31 Iowa Counties Had More Registered Voters Than Voting-Age Adults. “The Iowa Secretary of State ‘s Office is disputing the findings of an organization that claims 31 Iowa counties have more registered voters than voting-age adults. The Public Interest Legal Foundation in Indianapolis, Indiana, announced earlier this week that 248 counties in 24 states had ‘bloated voter rolls.’ The foundation sent letters to each county, threatening a lawsuit if ‘they do not disclose satisfactory data demonstrating effective voter roll maintenance efforts before and after the 2016 election,’ according to a release from the foundation. Dawn Williams, director of elections for the Iowa Secretary of State’s Office, responded with a letter that declares: ‘Your information is incorrect.’” [The Daily Nonpareil, 9/30/17]

2015 VOTER ROLL WARNING NOTICE

PILF Sent Letters To 141 Counties Across 21 States Alleging Voter Rolls Had Not Been Maintained In Violation Of Federal Law. “The Public Interest Legal Foundation, based in Plainfield, Indiana, and True the Vote, based in Houston, both sent letters alerting county officials to the alleged violations. Both organizations are dedicated to voter rights, election integrity and litigation related thereof, according to their websites. Along with Fremont County, the Public Interest organization sent one to Lyon County in northwest Iowa, along with Loup, Wheeler, Kimball, Thurston, Hooker, Keya Paha and Thomas counties in Nebraska. All of the counties are rural, with declining populations. The organization sent letters to 141 counties in 21 states nationwide. The letter states the counties are in violation of a portion of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, with significantly more voters on the registration rolls than eligible living voters. The counties are ‘not reasonably maintaining the rolls,’ according to the groups.” [The Daily Nonpareil, 9/23/15]

- **PILF Sent Notice Letters To Counties In Colorado, Michigan, Texas, Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina, And Arizona, Among Others.** “States with counties which received a notice letter are (# of counties): Michigan (24), Kentucky (18), Illinois (17), Indiana (11), Alabama (10), Colorado (10), Texas (9), Nebraska (7), New Mexico (5), South Dakota (5), Kansas (4), Mississippi (4), Louisiana (3), West Virginia (3), Georgia (2), Iowa (2), Montana (2), North Carolina (2), Arizona, Missouri, New York (1 each). Federally produced data show the letter recipients have more registrants than living eligible citizens alive.” [PILF, Press release, [8/27/15](#)]

Virginia

2015: PILF Sent Written Requests To Registrars In 22 Virginia Counties To Inspect Voter Rolls For Non-Citizens. “Last August, the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) submitted written requests to registrars in 22 Virginia counties, to inspect documents identifying registered voters who had been removed from the voter rolls due to non-citizenship status. When word of these written requests reached the Department of Elections, its commissioner quickly instructed local registrars NOT to comply with the requests. In so doing, Commissioner Edgardo Cortés thwarted federal election law, specifically Section 20507(i) of the National Voting Rights Act. I recently accompanied a PILF representative on visits to six registrar offices in Northern Virginia. The purpose of our visits was to inspect and/or obtain the non-citizenship documents requested in writing back in August. Every registrar (except for one) offered excuses for not giving us the information - excuses such as it was a busy day, and it would take several hours to produce the information. Eventually, they swerved into the excuse that the State Board of Elections had instructed them not to turn over the non-citizenship information.” [C. W. Trauernicht LTE, Fairfax Sun Gazette, 10/05/16]

Texas

PILF And True The Vote, Sent Letters To Eight Texas Jurisdictions Claiming They Had More Registered Voters Than Voting-Age Adults In The Population. “Fox News this week published information about letters to election officials around the nation sent by a watchdog group concerned about counties they claim have more registered voters than voting-age adults, giving them what appears to be voter registration in excess of 100 percent. Eight such jurisdictions in Texas were on that list, including Irion County, just west of San Angelo, where two, nearly identical, letters were received last week from separate entities. The letters were sent by True the Vote and the Public Interest Legal Foundation, both citizen watchdog groups, demanding that any discrepancies be rectified before legal action is initiated.” [San Angelo Standard-Times, 11/04/15]

Kentucky

PILF Threatened To Sue Anderson County, Kentucky, Alleging There Were More People On Voter Rolls Than Eligible Voters. “Data show Anderson County has more than 1,300 people registered to vote than are eligible live voters, prompting the threat of a lawsuit if the problem isn’t resolved. The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) released data that show Anderson is one of 18 counties in Kentucky and 141 nationally with more registered than eligible voters. ‘Corrupted voter rolls provide the perfect environment for voter fraud,’ said J. Christian Adams, president and general counsel of PILF. ‘Close elections tainted by voter fraud turned control of the United States Senate in 2009. Too much is at stake in 2016 to allow that to happen again.’ Data released by PILF claim Anderson County is at 102 percent based on federal census data. However, a closer look at more recent data show that Anderson is actually near 108 percent. Data obtained from the Anderson County Clerk’s office show that as of Aug. 12 there were 17,230 registered voters here. The most recent data available on the federal census bureau’s website from 2013 show there are an estimated 15,906 people here over the age of 18, with a margin of error at 0.6 percent.” [Anderson News, 9/09/15]

- **County Clerk Jason Denny Said He “Disputes The Accuracy” Of PILF’s Data.** “County Clerk Jason Denny said if the voter rolls here are indeed inflated, that’s something his office does not control. ‘[State statutes] state that the state Board of Elections is the only agency that can remove a voter’s name for death, incompetence, felony conviction or when a voter moves to another state,’ said Denny, adding that he ‘disputes the accuracy’ of [PILF’s] data.” [Anderson News, 9/09/15]

Nebraska

PILF Threatened Seven Counties In Nebraska With Lawsuits Over “Corrupted” Voter Rolls.

“Seven counties in Nebraska and one in Iowa are being threatened with lawsuits over having more registered voters than voting-age residents. Two national groups say the numbers are evidence that county officials are not cleaning up voter registration rolls, as federal law requires. The Public Interest Legal Foundation, based in Plainfield, Indiana, and True the Vote, based in Houston, have both sent letters alerting county officials to the alleged violations. The letters said that poorly maintained voter rolls threaten the integrity of elections. ‘Corrupted voter rolls provide the perfect environment for voter fraud,’ said J. Christian Adams, the legal foundation’s president and general counsel.” [Kearney Hub, 9/21/15]

- **State And County Officials Said Data Quirks, Not Mismanagement, Caused Discrepancy In Voter Rolls; Loup County Clerk: “Before You Send Letters Accusing Hard-working, Dedicated And Often Unpaid Public Officials Of Not Doing Their Jobs, Perhaps You Should Be Aware Of All The Facts.”** “But state and county officials said data quirks and requirements of federal election laws, not mismanagement or incompetence, account for the apparent discrepancies. They also say that they are complying with requirements concerning removing voters who have moved or died. Loup County Clerk Debbie Postany, one of the officials who received letters, emphatically denied any laxity in maintaining voter lists. ‘Before you send letters accusing hard-working, dedicated and often underpaid public officials of not doing their jobs, perhaps you should be aware of ALL the facts,’ she wrote in a reply letter. Along with Loup County, letters from one or both groups went to Wheeler, Kimball, Thurston, Hooker, Keya Paha and Thomas Counties in Nebraska.” [Kearney Hub, 9/21/15]

Iowa

PILF and True The Vote Sent Letters To Officials In Two Iowa County Accusing Them Of Failing To Clean Up Voter Rolls; Iowa Secretary Of State Called The Assertion “False.”

“Fremont County is among two counties in Iowa accused of not cleaning up voter registration rolls by national organizations that say the entities have more registered voters than voting-age residents. The Iowa Secretary of State’s Office has responded, calling the assertion ‘false.’ The Public Interest Legal Foundation, based in Plainfield, Indiana, and True the Vote, based in Houston, both sent letters alerting county officials to the alleged violations. Both organizations are dedicated to voter rights, election integrity and litigation related thereof, according to their websites. Along with Fremont County, the Public Interest organization sent one to Lyon County in northwest Iowa, along with Loup, Wheeler, Kimball, Thurston, Hooker, Keya Paha and Thomas counties in Nebraska. [...] Each group based its conclusions on voter registration numbers reported to the federal Election Assistance Commission, along with U.S. Census Bureau data. The Public Interest Legal Foundation lists Fremont County as having 4 percent more registered voters than residents, with Lyon County at 1 percent. The Iowa Secretary of State’s Office responded with a letter of its own, noting that the organization’s numbers don’t add up when looking at the counties.” [The Daily Nonpareil, 9/23/15]

- **Iowa Secretary Of State Examined Data And Said PILF’s Claim Was Incorrect; Called On PILF To Withdraw Claim That The Counties Were In Violation Of Federal Law.** “The Office of the Iowa Secretary of State is firing back at the Public Interest Legal Foundation over claims the Fremont County Auditor’s Office has more registered voters than voting-age residents. The Public Interest Legal Foundation and True Vote, sent letters to Fremont and Lyon

Countie[s] in Iowa, as well as seven counties in Nebraska over, 'corrupted voter rolls.' However, officials with the Secretary of State's Office said they carefully examined the voter registration and census data for Fremont County and that their information is incorrect. 'The claim that either of these counties has 'significantly more voters on the registration rolls than it has eligible live voters' is false,' reads a statement by Carol Olson, Elections Deputy7, Iowa Secretary of State. It continued to state that the voting age population in Fremont County according to the 2010 Census was 7,441. The total registered voters, according to February 2015 EAC survey was 5,678. The total registered voters, according to September 2015 registration list is 5,359. 'As you can see, in both instances, your data does not match your claims based on both federal Election Assistance Commission's data and current registration numbers,' commented Olson. 'We ask that your organization correct the record immediately and publicly withdraw your claims that Lyon County and Fremont County are not in compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.'" [Valley News Today, 9/23/15]

FEC COMPLAINT

2016: PILF Filed FEC Complaint Against Hillary Clinton's Campaign After Leaked Footage Showed Campaign Consultant Floating Idea Of Hiring Female Agitators For Trump Events. "The White House moved Wednesday to distance itself from a Democratic dirty-tricks scandal amid Republican calls for an investigation and newly released footage revealing that a Hillary Clinton campaign consult-ant schemed to have women bullied at a Donald Trump rally. The latest hidden-camera video posted by Project Veritas shows Aaron Black, an associate at the Democratic consulting firm Democracy Partners, brainstorming about how to make sure pro-Trump men bully hired female agitators. 'So we get people behind Trump when he's at a rally, but we make sure it's women and they are positioned next to men,' said Mr. Black. 'We want images of the men bullying the women who are trying to hold their signs up. That's what I'm going to do. That is what we're going to do. That is the hit.' Sen. Ted Cruz, Texas Republican, called for the FBI to conduct a 'serious criminal investigation,' while the Public Interest Legal Foundation filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission against the Clinton campaign, the Democratic National Committee and two political consulting firms." [Washington Times, 10/20/16]