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Kumar and Akhil,

I am writing on behalf of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the National Housing Law Project, Demos and ACLU to deliver the attached letter to Secretary Vilsack, outlining additional steps USDA can take to implement President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting (Exec. Order No. 14019).

In particular, our organizations urge USDA to:

- Incorporate voter registration requirements into competitive housing resources enacted through the Build Back Better Act, including the investments in Multifamily Housing Developments.
- Include in its FY 2023 budget request funding to support additional staff and other necessary resources to help your agency develop and execute a plan to promote voter registration and participation, and to support USDA grantees and other stakeholders committed to voter registration and participation in these efforts.

It was great to connect with you both recently. We also spoke with Jamal Habibi in Rural Development, after Katherine's connection, and I have shared this letter with him and with Farah Ahmad, as well. We are hopeful about all the opportunities for USDA to advance voter registration and civic participation, and we look forward to staying in conversation about how our organizations can support your efforts.

In the meantime, hope you both have a restful, restorative end of year.

Thank you,  
 Laura

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Hi team USDA,

Hope you're doing well these wild days. I'm a colleague of Adam Lioz's, who has recently transitioned from Demos, so I'm following up to introduce myself and Allegra Chapman from our team.

We're writing to share the best practices document I believe you all talked about when you met, as well as a slide deck on the how & why of voter registration at federal agencies. We'd love to reconnect in the lead up to the Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline to talk through these materials and the additional programs we think could be great candidates for voter registration, to hear any updates you all can share, and to see how else we can be helpful as you firm up your plans.

Do you have time in the next week or so to reconnect?

Attachment #2 can be found here: [https://www.demos.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/Voter%20Registration%20at%20Federal%20Agencies\\_The%20Why%20and%20How\\_2023%20updates.pdf](https://www.demos.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/Voter%20Registration%20at%20Federal%20Agencies_The%20Why%20and%20How_2023%20updates.pdf)

Thanks,  
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**Subject:** Re: Demos Meeting on Voting Rights EO

Team USDA,

With apologies for the delay, I wanted to follow up to thank you all for your time and a productive conversation. As we noted, we'll have our "best practices" slides ready in the next 1-2 weeks, and in the meantime y'all had asked for some data on voter registration through the NVRA at the state level, which I've pasted below.

We're eager to schedule a follow up conversation to dig into specific programs and help with integration in any way we can—just let us know when you're available for that.

Adam

### **State Voter Registration Data**

- [Toward a More Representative Electorate](#)
  - Demos 2018 report on NVRA implementation in the states
  - Shows trends, numbers in key states, and examples of success
- [Election Assistance Commission 2018 EAVS Report](#)
  - Data submitted from chief elections officials to the EAC
  - Shows voter registration applications generated from motor vehicle and public assistance offices
  - See NVRA Appendix A, starting on page 55 for data
  - See Table 2a starting on page 64 for the most useful data
  - The 2019-2020 report is typically out by now but delayed by the pandemic – but should be released this month
  - You can find prior reports [here](#).

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**When:** 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM August 3, 2021

**Subject:** Demos Meeting on Voting Rights EO

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**PURPOSE:** To discuss the [Executive Order to Promote Voting Access](#) implementation and ways USDA can continue to play a role in the implementation.

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