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## **SOS Toulouse Oliver Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in Ohio Voter Purge Case**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver issued the following statement today regarding the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in [\*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute\*](#), which upheld Ohio’s controversial voter removal law:

“Removing voters for missing an election is a discriminatory political strategy to silence the voices of certain voters. Instead of making it harder to vote, we should be adopting inclusive policies like same-day voter registration. As long as I’m the Secretary of State, I’ll keep fighting to protect the rights of every registered New Mexico voter.”

Under the Ohio law that was upheld today, if a voter does not vote in a two-year span they are sent a notice in the mail asking if they wish to remain an active voter. If the voter does not respond to the notice they are placed in inactive status. Then, if the voter does not vote for another two years or update their voter registration during that time, they are removed from the voter rolls.

New Mexico law does not require the Secretary of State to send a notice to voters who have not voted for two years. Instead, the Secretary of State must mail a notice to any voter who appears to have moved and not updated their voter registration form based on information provided by the United States Postal Service. Those voters must either respond to the notice or vote in any election from the time the notice is sent to the second General Election Day following the date of the notice.

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