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## Secretary of State Joins Request to Enhance Federal System for Detecting Noncitizen Voters

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen joined 20 other secretaries of state to formally request that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, under the leadership of Secretary Kristi Noem, prioritize making improvements to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program. The SAVE program allows secretaries of state to assure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote.

In the letter sent Feb. 27, the secretaries outlined five proposed improvements to enhance accuracy and efficiency of the verification process. Suggested improvements included allowing batch verification of citizenship, eliminating state cost for utilizing the program, clarifying guidance on authorized use and increasing the available information stored within the SAVE system.

"The goal is to ensure that only ballots cast by those who are authorized to vote in our elections are counted," said Secretary Evnen. "With these improvements, the SAVE program would be a critical tool used to confirm the citizenship status of those who are registered to vote in Nebraska."

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