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Dear Ms. Faulkner and Ms. Bhatia,

I write today with concerns regarding joint voter registration efforts undertaken by your respective organizations. Specifically, as evidence non-citizens have illegally registered to vote in federal elections mounts throughout the country,¹ I write to inquire about the steps your organizations are taking to ensure non-citizens do not register to vote under your joint effort.

According to an archived Vot-ER press release from earlier this year, “Epic, the Electronic Health Record system that serves over 305 million patients across the country, now includes voter registration options for all customers!”² Further, according to a copy of an Epic Systems document titled “Equitable Care Strategy Handbook” obtained by my office, health care providers that use Epic Systems’ electronic health records services can implement tools developed by Vot-ER that involve “using a link that directs patients to a nonpartisan tool where they can register to vote.”³ These tools effectively turn hospitals and other providers into voter registration centers, and enable providers to track “the number of voter registrations and the number of people who request a ballot or receive voting and election info.”

Vot-ER also recommends providers inundate patients – many of whom are highly vulnerable during their provider visits – with voter registration information wholly unrelated to their health, saying, “... partners are most effective when patients see and/or hear about voter registration five times throughout their visit.”⁴

Despite the mass influx of illegal aliens into the United States since January 2021, the Epic Systems handbook referenced above makes no mention of steps health care providers should take to ensure non-citizens do not illegally register to vote in federal elections. This is of particular concern considering the border crisis has strained many hospital systems throughout the United States due to increased numbers of illegal aliens seeking care – particularly in emergency rooms.^{5,6}

¹ <https://x.com/JasonMiyaresVA/status/1821244387436732587>

² <https://web.archive.org/web/20240527000951/https://vot-er.org/epic-news-epic-launches-mychart-integration-for-for-voter-registration/>

³ “Equitable Care Strategy Handbook,” Epic Systems, January 2, 2024

⁴ <https://link.vot-er.org/Epic-Links>

⁵ <https://homeland.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Phase4Report.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/denver-hospitals-want-federal-bailout-as-illegal-immigrants-flood-system>

Worse still, Vot-ER has actively worked against efforts to ensure non-citizens do not illegally register to vote in federal elections. On July 9, 2024, Vot-ER, a supposed “non-partisan” organization, signed a letter opposing the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act (H.R. 8281), which passed the House of Representatives on a bipartisan basis and would require states to obtain proof of citizenship before registering an individual to vote.⁷

The influx of illegal aliens and other non-citizens into our health care system, which broadly uses Epic Systems’ electronic health records technology, combined with Vot-ER’s public opposition to efforts to ensure non-citizens do not illegally register to vote, raise serious concerns regarding Epic Systems and Vot-ER’s joint voter registration efforts. As such, I request each of your organizations respond to the following prompts and questions by September 3, 2024:

1. Please provide the number of individuals who have registered to vote in federal elections or requested a ballot since the Epic Systems and Vot-ER voter registration partnership began.
 - a. Have any non-citizens attempted to register to vote under your joint voter registration efforts?
2. What efforts are Epic Systems and Vot-ER taking to ensure that non-citizens do not illegally register to vote in federal elections?
3. Does Epic Systems or Vot-ER provide guidance to health care providers to ensure non-citizen patients – who may not be of sound mind during their provider visit, may not speak English, etc. – are not pressured, or misled, to illegally register to vote?
4. Does Epic Systems agree with Vot-ER’s decision to publicly oppose legislation that bolsters current law by requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections?
5. Does Vot-ER believe that non-citizens should be allowed to vote in U.S. federal elections?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter related to the integrity of our elections.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy
Member of Congress

⁷ <https://civilrightsdocs.info/pdf/policy/letters/2023/SAVEActLetter-July92024.pdf>