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To: Jeff Helgeson [redacted] Steven -Doc- Troxel [redacted]
Cc: Chris Marston [redacted] Betty Gibbs [redacted] Jeff Helgeson [redacted] dan pense [redacted] Andrea Yesalis [redacted] Jeff Ryer [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 05:21:21 PM EDT
Subject: Re: Canvass AB Procedure - Letter from Attorney

Good Afternoon Chris & Ryan,
Based on the council you provided, I would like to affirm that we made the following changes to our absentee ballot request form/page. Screenshots have been attached for your documentation and report back to the complainant.

1. **We have updated the form to be more dynamic in what is being requested by the absentee ballot requester**
    a. If the requestor list their "Request Reason" as either a member of a uniformed service on active duty, temporarily residing outside of the United States, or a Student attending a school or institution of higher education. We ask for documentation as such
        i. We updated the documentation request with an additional example of acceptable documentation, which now reads:

        To verify eligibility for absentee participation in this Firehouse Primary, please upload simple documentation showing that you reasonably qualify under one of the protected classes defined by Virginia Code § 24.2-509. Acceptable documentation is intended to be low-effort, and a clear photo or screenshot is sufficient. Examples include, but are not limited to: an employee ID or badge for healthcare workers or others with workplace-related eligibility (for example, a nurse may upload a hospital ID); a student ID, class schedule, or enrollment verification; a lease, utility bill, travel document, visa, or piece of mail showing a temporary or foreign address; or a military ID or active duty

orders. Any reasonable document that aligns with your selected qualification will be accepted.

Documentation does not need to be formal, notarized, or difficult to obtain. Submitted information is used only to confirm that you reasonably qualify for the protected class you selected, and it will not be used to investigate, challenge, or otherwise evaluate your personal circumstances beyond that purpose.

b. If the requester lists their "reason" as a person with a disability, a person with a communicable disease, or a person in contact with someone with a communicable disease the documentation request hides itself, and instead asks the user to affirm the following with a signature field.
    i. *I hereby certify that I am:*
    (1) a person with a disability (as defined in Va. Code § 51.5-40.1),
    (2) have a communicable disease of public health threat as defined in VA Code § 32.1-48.06
    (3) or reasonably believe that I have been in contact with an individual with such disease
    and am unable to attend the Party Canvass in person.

    I understand that making a false statement on this form may constitute a violation of party rules and/or state law.

2. As I mentioned in a previous email, we do need to at least document (ask for) the reason the individual is requesting the absentee ballot, and because of this the language presented on the postcard is valid language.
3. As mentioned in a previous email, due to the department of election's delay in getting us a final mailing list we extended the deadline for accepting absentee ballot requests to May 15th. This has been communicated to all candidates in the Election Procedures guide that was delivered to the candidates monday.

I believe that these three changes/updates/responses should satisfy the complainant's concerns. Demonstrating that we are acting in good faith, and providing a absentee balloting process that is compliant with the law and as "practacable" as we can possible make this.

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From: Jeff Helgeson [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 4:33 PM
To: Steven -Doc- Troxel [redacted]
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The process seems fair and not onerous. There is not a requirement to list the medical diagnosis or treatment plan, but simple verification. To me this appears to be presented by someone with a conflict of interest, and trying to find a method to exploit the Republican firehouse primary. I imagine this individual will be at the primary all day.

Chris, I trust we are following the law and appreciate the comments already provided.

Jeff Helgeson, MBA, CLU, ChFC, MSFS
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On Fri, Apr 24, 2026, 3:14 PM Steven -Doc- Troxel [redacted] wrote:

> I am not a lawyer, so I have to leave the legalities to you. However, if the doctor's note indicated that "the prospective voter is eligible to receive an absentee ballot under §24.2-509.A.v" without indicating the specific medical diagnosis, I think that might be sufficient.
> Removing validation altogether interferes with our ability to verify adherence to -509. We want our Firehouse Primaries to represent Republican voters, not all voters. Absentee ballots without validation is an easy way to circumvent that effort.
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> **Steve "Doc" Troxel, Ph.D.**
> [redacted]
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> On Fri, Apr 24, 2026 at 3:05 PM Andrew Glover [redacted] wrote:
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> > As a follow-up to the postcard concerns,
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> > I do believe the postcards to be in order, as we would still have to request which protected voter class they are applying under - which is an eligibility question. So that concern I don't see as reason to reissue postcards.
> >
> > Also at a meeting today we extended the deadline to receive absentee ballot requests to mid-may because the department of elections just barely this week sent to us additional names to send notices to. So that has already been addressed.

Andrew Glover

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From: Andrew Glover [redacted]
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Hi Chris,
I wanted to chime in here, as I've been leading the absentee process.

The verification question on the web form was added in response to the concern: "How do we confirm that an individual qualifies under one of the protected voter groups?" The intent, as noted in the form field, was simply for users to provide a quick form of documentation using their phone camera.

For example, a nurse could take a quick photo of an employee ID, a service member could upload a military ID, or someone with a disability could submit a photo of a handicap placard or tag. This was intended to provide reasonable verification based on the selected qualification, not to interrogate or disqualify applicants. No one would be challenged or questioned beyond providing that basic level of confirmation.

The screenshots you shared appear to be from a mobile device, and my assumption was that taking a quick photo would not present an undue burden for most users.
That said, I understand the concern and see a few potential paths forward. I'm happy to defer to your judgment on the best approach:

1. Remove the verification question entirely. This would be quick to implement, though it would eliminate any form of validation and could open the process to potential misuse.
2. Add clearer examples and disclaimers to the form outlining acceptable types of documentation, to reduce confusion and improve user experience.
3. Introduce an attestation option for users who prefer not to submit documentation, allowing them to affirm that their selected voter classification is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

My concern here is that this may be more burdensome if it requires printing and signing a document.

4. I'm open to any alternative solutions you would recommend.

To be clear, this question was not added with any intent to create barriers. It was simply a practical response to the question of how to reasonably verify eligibility.

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Doc, Betty, Jeff,

I received the attached from an attorney representing "a client with a vested interest in the ... canvass" regarding the absentee application and balloting procedure.

I did briefly discuss his concerns with him last night as he references in his call.

I think he has a point, at least with respect to information requested from voters who request to vote absentee for disability/health reasons.

Please give the letter a read and let me know what you think.

Thanks,
Chris

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request-documentation-requested.png 56.68 KB

request-no-reasons-selected.png 47.01 KB