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00:00:02 Chairman Steve Miller

All right, at this time, we're on to awards and presentation.

00:00:06 Chairman Steve Miller

Presentation of Election Integrity by Miss Iva Hendon.

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Miss Hendon.

00:00:14 Iva Hendon

Good morning, Chairman Miller and Commissioners.

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Can everybody hear me?

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Thank you so much. Thank you so much for allowing me to make this presentation.

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My name is Iva Hendon. I'm a Walker County voter, and I'm here representing a grassroots group of Alabama citizens concerned about election integrity.

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We are one of several counties across the state investigating our voting system, with special attention to our voter rolls.

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Our county teams have worked to identify the problems in our voting system and also to investigate how that centralized system restricts the ability of our local officials from carrying out their oath of office.

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More importantly, we want to work together with you to find solutions.

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Our findings support the truth that our voting system is broken for many reasons, the main one being that local control of our elections has been replaced with an out-of-state, subcontracted, centralized system.

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The responsibility is still publicly delegated to our local registrars and probate office. The ability to organize, oversee, and audit our local election process has been slowly stripped from them in the name of progress and in the quest to streamline the system through electronics.

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According to the Code of Alabama, Section 17-3-6, "Registrars are judicial officers and shall act judicially in all matters pertaining to the registration of applicants."

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These officials are designated by the Alabama Code to be judicial officers. They have the legal authority to make judgments as to whether voters are valid to be entered in or removed from our voter rolls.

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Our Alabama voter lists are centrally controlled by the State of Alabama through a contracted vendor, Election Systems & Software, ES&S.; It is located in Omaha, Nebraska, and that is where our voter rolls are stored, maintained, and controlled.

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Yet our centralized system forces registrars into noncompliance to state and federal laws by usurping their judicial authority. The ability to accomplish their oath of office is blocked by restricting their access to voter rolls.

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Before registrars can do any maintenance or perform any duties on the voter rolls, they must log into the ES&S; software maintenance system. This is the registrar's only access to the voter list.

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There have been reports that registrars in some counties who removed non-qualified voters subsequently had those updates reversed by the system.

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County registrars also lack access to cross-state criminal databases and use of their authority to require primary evidence of citizenship, such as birth certificates or naturalization certificates, resulting in criminals and non-citizens being added to the voter rolls inadvertently.

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As judicial officers, registrars should have access to that information and be encouraged to use their authority to demand proof of citizenship.

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But our registrars have become basic data entry workers, and it is not their fault. They are, in most cases, hardworking, conscientious patriots who are just no longer in control of their responsibilities. ES&S; has control of the state voting records and our county voter rolls.

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The National Voter Registration Act, NVRA, delegates these duties to the state. The purpose for NVRA is to protect the integrity of the electoral process and to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

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Harmeet Dhillon of the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ recently said, "It is a crime to knowingly allow non-citizens to vote in federal elections. We have notified all 50 states of these federal election laws, and we will enforce them." End quote.

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As our teams investigated our current voter rolls, for Walker County we found many infractions and organized them into several categories.

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Number one, non-voters due to death or other reasons who remain on the rolls for many years, even decades. Many are consistently labeled active. Two, people who are convicted as sexual offenders. Three, folks who have been declared mentally incompetent. And four, those who have moved out of their precinct, county, or state.

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Our team found many deceased still on our voter rolls, and I will read into the record just two examples found on the Walker County rolls. I'll use partial voter ID numbers to protect their identities.

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So voter ID number 3006, death in 2009, was found still on the rolls in 2022, 13 years later, labeled as active. Instead of this deceased voter being removed, she was just relabeled to inactive and remained on the rolls in 2025, 16 years after her death.

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Voter ID number 6098, death 2010, still found on the rolls 12 years later labeled active, and 15 years later she was still on the 2025 voter rolls, just relabeled as inactive. I have many more of the same, but don't have time for them today.

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We found cases of sexual offender felons who remained on the rolls, many who have voted since their convictions. Here are just two of many examples.

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Samuel H. Culpepper, convicted in 1996, first-degree sexual abuse. Victims were a 10-year-old male and an 11-year-old female, children. This sexual offender registered to vote in 2014 after his conviction date, voted 10 more times, and stayed in active status on the rolls until 2025 when he died. And at that point he was removed.

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The second sexual offender, Joel Allen Hooper, convicted in 1990, first-degree sexual abuse. The victim was a nine-year-old. Recently he was arrested again and charged with two counts of violating the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act. This felon registered to vote in 2020 after his conviction, remaining active on the rolls through 2025 and voting four more times.

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Also, we found those who should have been removed from the rolls after being declared legally mentally incompetent. These citizens remained on the rolls after the court decisions, with some showing a record of voting after that date.

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Two of the many examples are voter ID number 6114. A petition for guardianship was granted in June of 2021. The record states, "He is confused, with poor judgment and insight, unable to perform the brief interview for mental status due to poor cognitive state."

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This legally disqualified citizen voted the following year in the primary election of May 2022 and again in the runoff election in June 2022. He also voted in the general election in November of 2022.

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Voter ID number 4834. A petition for guardianship was granted in May of 2022. A home health nurse reported on record, "It is my medical opinion that she cannot medically care for herself independently and does not have the insight

or ability to make decisions for herself."

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This legally disqualified person voted two years later in the November 2024 general election.

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Another fraudulent category involves people who voted out of district. We have the names and ID numbers for all of these voters, but I won't reveal these four publicly because they could have committed fraud ignorantly and not with intent.

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And my goal is to shed light on the failing system, not to embarrass voters, but they all voted from their work office address, not their primary residence. It is illegal to put an address on your voter registration that is not your primary residence, and it is fraudulent if you vote from that bogus address.

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This means people are fraudulently voting in small races where a single vote can change the outcome. This should outrage every law-abiding, voting citizen. Just recently, you may remember in Conecuh County, their sheriff race was an example of losing by just one vote.

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Other significant issues of concern are non-citizens illegally registered to vote and non-citizens fraudulently voting. And we know this is prevalent across the nation, but what about in Alabama and, more importantly, in Walker County?

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An Alabama Secretary of State press release in August of 2024 reported finding 3,251 non-citizens on the Alabama voter rolls.

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In January of 2026, it was reported by the Secretary of State's office that 186 non-citizens were illegally registered and on the voter rolls in 36 Alabama counties. A press release also stated the Secretary of State's office has confirmed that all 186 removals have been completed.

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Incidentally, two of those were illegally registered in Walker County. Secretary of State Wes Allen also released that 25 of those 186 did vote in Alabama. Many are asking, "Why has only one of these 25 fraudulent voters been indicted?"

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However, only six months later, in July of 2026, a Department of Homeland Security report stated, "DHS has enabled Alabama to identify 465 non-citizens who illegally registered to vote."

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Unfortunately, these numbers are not verifiable by citizens or registrars. We have to blindly trust. But this inconsistency in numbers being reported alone is evidence of a broken system.

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However, if the 186 were in fact removed, the new list of 465 from DHS is new registrants added since January and implies a significant loophole that still allows non-citizens to register to vote.

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Our system is not working.

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In January of 2026, it was reported that the District Attorney right next door in Blount County indicted a non-citizen who voted nine times in 2017 through 2024.

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In these cases of non-citizens voting, the grand jury recommended that the Alabama Code be amended to specifically exclude foreign national driver's licenses as a valid form of voter ID at the polls. They also recommended a law requiring photo ID in order to register to vote.

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However, Alabama Code Section 31-13-28(c) lists conflicting requirements for the applicant to prove U.S. citizenship. Even though it is stated that evidence of U.S. citizenship shall be demonstrated by one of a list of designated documents, the very first document listed is a driver's license, which only requires proof of lawful presence in the United States in order to get it.

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This lawful presence is not sufficient to show citizenship. A guest worker with a visa or green card can get a driver's license legally, but is not a citizen.

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Also, currently established processes at federal and state level, such as obtaining Medicaid or obtaining a driver's license or other federal or state benefits, have been commingled with voter registration. If someone is registering for one of these benefits, they are automatically offered voter registration.

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This process results in excess voter registration applications, which is a burdensome responsibility for registrars. These bloated rolls are then vulnerable to being used and manipulated by nefarious domestic and foreign actors by using hijacked voter names to cast votes.

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If you look at this graph that's up for you, it's done by Dr. Douglas Frank, a mathematician, scientist, and expert on graphing and modeling. And this is what he found in Walker County.

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The dark blue line is voting-age adults up at the top, 18 and older in Walker County. It decreases slightly, you can see, over 20 years. The black line is registered voters, and you'll notice it climbs significantly.

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The dashed blue line is the same adult population trend, just moved down under the registration line so you can see the extra registered voters. But registration grew a lot faster than the number of adults.

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The discrepancy is the bloat. About 9,500 more names are on the roll than the population trend can explain. That's about 28% extra.

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The current system is incurring related bloated costs due to required newspaper printing. And this is just one printing for one election in one area.

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Number two, ballot printing. Do we print 10,000 or more for each election cycle? I think so. And three, notification cards mailed every four years, and more.

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Is this sensible stewardship of taxpayer dollars? Are we okay with paying for a centralized voting system that has proven to be vulnerable, hackable, connected to the internet, forensically unauditible, and costly?

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Are we in Walker County okay with being noncompliant to state and federal laws and putting ourselves at risk of being prosecuted by the DOJ and Harmeet Dhillon?

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President Trump, in his July 16, 2026 address to the nation, announced the declassification of documents providing evidence that our system is not secure or sustainable.

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The dogged contention that electronic voter systems are not internet accessible or vulnerable to cyberattacks was laid to rest. Declassified documents show that over 220 million voter names, ages, phone numbers, addresses, et cetera, have been stolen and subjected to manipulation, many by foreign countries including People's Republic of China, Russia, Venezuela, South Korea, and others.

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Vulnerabilities of electronic check-in or e-poll books on Election Day and provisional ballot inconsistencies, as well as absentee ballot process violations, are additional serious areas of concern with our system, but I'll have to discuss those at another public meeting.

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Finally, the lack of trust in this broken system that has disenfranchised voters has undoubtedly contributed to apathy at the polls as citizens refuse to participate in an unreliable process.

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We respectfully bring these findings to you and to the public since it is the county commissioners' legal obligation that carries the weight of budgets and the responsibility of allocating monies in the best interest of the taxpayer.

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Based on our findings, we urge you to consider necessary changes and to bring independent election integrity experts to a work session with our commissioners to discuss ways to reform our voting system and how that could save our county thousands of taxpayer dollars.

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The bottom line is that we must take back control of our voter rolls from the centralized system, ES&S; in Nebraska, and return it to Walker County as it used to be.

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Thank you to everyone who is here today. Thank you so much for coming, for your time and attention to the information our team presented. And God bless you!

00:18:30 Chairman Steve Miller

Thank you so much.