



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

MAY 10 2012

The Honorable Scott Gessler
Secretary of State
State of Colorado
Denver, CO 80290

Dear Secretary Gessler:

Thank you for your March 8, 2012 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) seeking DHS's assistance in verifying the citizenship of certain registered Colorado voters. Your letter has been referred to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for response.

Through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, USCIS provides authorized federal, state, or local agencies with a means to verify the current immigration status of individuals. During previous discussions with USCIS, you offered only the name and date of birth of the registrants. This information alone is not sufficient to ensure accurate information as to immigration status.

However, your letter indicates that your office has now determined that it may have alien registration numbers for the registered voters whose citizenship your office seeks to verify. While this additional information may facilitate the use of SAVE for this verification purpose, we must further assess serious legal and operational issues that remain before we can make a determination on your request. Accordingly, we are unable to enter into a SAVE Memorandum of Agreement at this time.

Thank you again for your letter. Once we complete our assessment, we will provide an updated response to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alejandro N. Mayorkas".

Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Director