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Re: New Hampshire Absentee Ballot Application Mail Solution

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At the request of the New Hampshire Department of Justice, the following process has been established as a pathway to correct any confusion that voters may have after receiving the Absentee Ballot application mail pieces that were sent by the New Hampshire Republican State Committee (NHGOP) in consultation with the Republican National Committee (RNC).

1. The NHGOP will utilize newspaper ads, phone calls, and emails to reach voters who received the absentee ballot application form. The communications will make these three points:
 - a. Clerks will accept a properly completed application as a request for an absentee ballot for the November general election.
 - b. Voters completing the application will likely not receive an absentee ballot for the September primary.
 - c. Voters who completed the application may vote in the primary by voting on election day or by request by downloading an absentee ballot at <https://sos.nh.gov/>. The form can be printed, completed, scanned, and emailed, faxed, or returned in person to the clerk's office.
2. The NHGOP in consultation with the RNC will place newspaper ads throughout New Hampshire with the information in #1 above.
 - a. The NHGOP will work with the New Hampshire Press Association to determine the most appropriate newspapers to place ads in.
3. The NHGOP in consultation with the RNC will identify any voter and/or household that has received, completed, and returned the Absentee Ballot application that was mailed to voters in New Hampshire by the NHGOP.
 - a. The NHGOP utilized a USPS barcode scanning system that enables us to identify which recipients of the Absentee Ballot application filled out and returned said form. The results of the bar code scanning system as of 8/31/2020 are outlined below.
 - b. This data can be pulled daily which will ensure that the NHGOP is able to contact any voters who have returned this form in real time.
 - c. Two separate mail pieces with the Absentee Ballot application have been sent to the exact same universe of New Hampshire voters. The total number of recipients of the two forms was 204,545 New Hampshire voters.
 - d. As of 8/31/2020 2,965 voters in New Hampshire have returned the Absentee Ballot application.
4. Upon identifying these voters, the NHGOP, with the assistance of the RNC, will call these voters individually and communicate the information in #1 above. The NHGOP will also have an option for voters to request to speak with a staff member who will be available to provide information on how to request an absentee ballot or vote in-person on election day.

5. The NHGOP will also email the information above in #1 to individuals for whom we have emails.