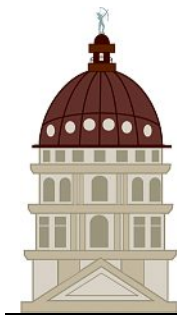


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Marshall: ‘America Last Kansas Democrats’

Republican senator rebukes those calling for ICE oversight

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U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kansas, responded to a letter from Kansas House and Senate Democrats calling for oversight of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement by calling them “America Last Kansas Democrats” on Aug. 25.

A group of state lawmakers, using the letterhead of Kansas House Minority Leader Brandon Woodard, D-Lenexa, sent a letter to Marshall and Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, urging them to “conduct congressional oversight” on the Department of Homeland Security. The letter was signed by 17 of the 37 Kansas House Democrats and five of the nine Senate Democrats.

“We write to you today, extraordi-

narily concerned with the unprofessional behavior and the disregard for fundamental rights displayed by the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) internal division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in both Johnson and Wyandotte County, Kansas, on July 30, 2025,” the letter states.

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Officials turns over public voter data

State hasn’t yet given
requested ID numbers

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Kansas election officials have given public data on nearly 2 million registered voters to the federal government, but so far have not turned over their identification numbers.

The U.S. Department of Justice under President Donald Trump earlier this month requested the Kansas statewide voter registration list — including driver’s license numbers and the last four digits of Social Security numbers — as well as other information.

Republican Secretary of State Scott Schwab provided voter roll data, which is already public record in Kansas, but not the ID numbers. Schwab is one of the GOP candidates running for governor in 2026.

Details on the federal government’s request and the state’s response are in letters provided by the Secretary of State’s Office to The Capital-Journal in response to a Kansas Open Records Act request.

The move comes amid another ongoing data dispute where the Kansas Department for Children and Families under Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly is refusing a demand for data on food stamp applicants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That decision, which has resulted in a threat to federal funding, has been criticized by some Republicans and conservative social media accounts.

In the case of voter data, a March executive order suggests federal funding could be threatened for states that don’t comply with sharing information.

What information did Trump administration demand?

The Trump administration’s information requests are outlined in two letters sent by the DOJ Civil Rights Division to Schwab and Kansas election director Bryan Caskey.

One letter was sent Aug. 6 by deputy assistant attorney general Michael Gates and acting chief Maureen Riordan. The other was sent Aug. 14 by assistant attorney general Harmeet Dhillon.

“We write to you as the chief election official for the State of Kansas to request Kansas’ statewide voter registration list and information regarding Kansas’ procedures for complying with the statewide voter registration list maintenance provisions of the National Voter Registration Act,” the first DOJ letter said.

“We want to clarify that the Justice Department’s request to provide an electronic copy of the statewide VRL

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The Konza Prairie is among the Kansas Sampler Foundation’s “8 Wonders of Kansas Geography.”

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STUNNING NATURAL LANDMARKS TOP LIST

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Kansas Geography’

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“Stunning” was the term Mike Hayden used to describe the places chosen in 2010 as winners of the Kansas Sampler Foundation’s “8 Wonders of Kansas Geography” contest.

“Kansas is a beautiful and geographically-diverse state, but many of the state’s natural wonders remain unknown even to people who’ve lived here all their lives,” said Hayden, a former governor who was then secretary of wildlife and parks.

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Pillsbury Crossing Wildlife Area in Riley County is among the Kansas Sampler Foundation’s “8 Wonders of Kansas Geography.”

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