

May 18, 2007

Juliet Hodgkins, Esq.
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United States Election Assistance Commission
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Dear Ms. Hodgkins:

On April 16, 2007, I wrote to Donetta Davidson regarding Tova Andrea Wang's efforts to discuss publicly the research on voter fraud and voter intimidation that she conducted for the United States Election Assistance Commission ("EAC"). I must admit that I am nothing less than shocked that — over one month later — we have had no answer from the EAC. To date, you also failed to take us up on our offer to meet with you to discuss your concerns.

Ms. Wang continues to receive inquiries from Members of Congress and others, and Ms. Wang must tell them that the EAC continues to enforce a gag order that prevents her from discussing her research publicly. I fail to understand how refusing to let Ms. Wang and her colleague, Job Serebrov, discuss their research furthers the mission of the EAC. Given the role of the EAC in promoting full and fair elections, the fact that Ms. Wang may have information that is contrary to the information which has been made public by the EAC is not a sufficient reason to keep this information from Members of Congress and the general public.

The EAC's effort to "pocket veto" our request is both unfortunate and inappropriate. Ms. Wang and I continue to be available to meet with you and others at the EAC to discuss, and hopefully resolve, this issue.

Sincerely,


James P. Joseph

cc: Tova Andrea Wang