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Idaho Secretary of State Encourages Voters to Identify Trusted Sources of Information Ahead of Elections

(Boise, Idaho) – Ahead of the 2024 elections, Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane reminds Idahoans to look to the Idaho Secretary of State, County Clerks, and local election officials as the trusted sources of election information. Idaho voters should be looking for indications that information comes from an official source and can be relied on to supply accurate and up-to-date information, such as a .gov website.

“As elections get closer, we all receive numerous mailings, texts, and automated calls. Unfortunately, a portion of these can be misleading. For important details, like election times, polling place locations, registration information and other official election information, I encourage all Idaho voters to turn to your local election officials.” Said Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State. “Our newly launched VoteIdaho.gov website is a great resource to verify all of your voting information and to see who your local officials are as we head into the 2024 elections.”

In Idaho, mailers, websites, and other materials that look similar in name or appearance to official government sources, but are actually sponsored by private causes and organizations, are already circulating as we head into the May 21st Idaho Primary Election. This has caused concern and confusion among some voters.

Example of a non-government mailer encouraging voters to change party affiliation

**AFFILIATE TO VOTE AS A REPUBLICAN BY MARCH 15.
RE-AFFILIATING TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY IS SIMPLE.
YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOLS,
OUR COMMUNITIES, AND ALL OF IDAHO.**

Affiliating as a Republican gets your voice heard!
School funding, access to essential community resources, and more are at stake in the May election. That's why voters in our community are affiliating as Republicans — it makes a difference!


Affiliating as a Republican is easy with this form. You simply:

- ✓ Verify that the information on the attached form is correct. Fill in your date of birth. Then sign and date the application and return it in the postage-paid envelope.
- ✓ Your privacy is protected. If you use the attached envelope, your form will be delivered directly to your county elections office.

For more information, visit yourvoteidaho.com.

RETURN IMMEDIATELY

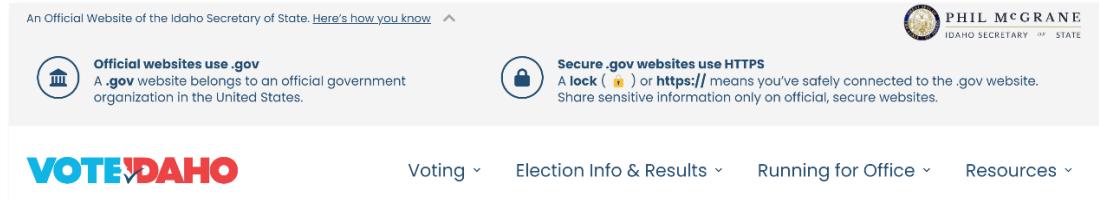
To ensure that your affiliation form is processed in time, please return the attached application within the next two weeks. You can check your status at voteidaho.gov.

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How to Identify Trusted Sources of Information

To help voters identify whether the information comes from an official and trusted source, there are several indicators to look for:

- **Official.gov website:** A .gov website belongs to an official government organization.



- **Official logos:** Information from the Idaho Secretary of State will feature the Idaho seal and the Vote Idaho logo. For local county offices, look for the county logo or seal.



- **Official Election Mail Graphic:** Mail from official sources often features the "Official Election Mail, Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service" graphic.



- **Official Channels:** Information shared from official sources, such as the Idaho Secretary of State VoteIdaho.gov website, social media accounts, or local county or election offices.
- **Unbiased, Non-Partisan Information:** Information from trusted government sources will never promote or disparage a party, candidate, or ballot measure.

The Idaho Secretary of State's Office is participating in the #TrustedInfo2024 initiative, along with other states and the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), to educate voters about trusted information. The Idaho Secretary of State's Office has

valuable information, resources, and accessible tools for anyone interested in learning more about elections [at voteidaho.gov](https://voteidaho.gov), on [X](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). If you have questions or see incorrect election information, please get in touch with your local county elections office or the Idaho Secretary of State at elections@sos.idaho.gov.

ABOUT PHIL McGRANE

Phil McGrane was elected Idaho's twenty-eighth Secretary of State and took office on January 2, 2023. McGrane served as elected Clerk of Ada County from 2019-2022. McGrane holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy, a juris doctorate, and a Master of Public Administration. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, Phil has dedicated his career to making elections in the state of Idaho accessible, secure and transparent.