

**Written Testimony of
Mike Carroll, Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
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Chair Coleman, Chair Tartaglione, and distinguished members of the Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to participate in today's hearing.

Specific to the two questions that Chair Coleman has asked me to answer and testify to today, as I said in the letter sent to Chair Coleman last week, the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of Transportation and State pre-dates my time with the Department. While I am not a lawyer, the MOU itself states that the transfers of information that occur under that memorandum shall be consistent with the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act. Indeed, there are legally permissible, and in some cases required, instances when PennDOT shares data with eligible parties. PennDOT's restricted data sharing with the Department of State, for example, is vital to the voter registration process that is required under the law. I unequivocally trust my team—they are eminently qualified, and I have no reason to question the veracity of these answers.

As for any sharing of information between the Department of State and the Center for Election Innovation and Research, that also occurred before my time with PennDOT and I am unable to speak to those specific circumstances.

Finally, I want to assure the Committee that PennDOT takes data privacy very seriously. We have comprehensive agreements that address IT security in full compliance with the law. As Pennsylvania's Secretary for Transportation, I remain committed to the continual protection of information assembled by the Department.

Thank you again for this opportunity to join you today. I welcome any questions you may have related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Department of Transportation