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September 10, 2024

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Executive Investigations/Election Crime Unit
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308
ECUComplaints@flde.state.fl.us

Re: Palm Beach County Paid Petition Circulators / Initiative Petition 23-07, the Abortion Amendment (supplement to July 11, 2024 letter)

Dear Andrew Watts, Special Agent Supervisor:

This letter is a supplement to the referral letter (attached hereto as Exhibit "1") submitted to you on July 11, 2024. As indicated in the July 11, 2024, letter, we have received some alarming information from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office over the past several months regarding fraudulent constitutional initiative petitions received from Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc. (the sponsoring political committee for Initiative Petition 23-07, the Abortion Amendment). Pursuant to section 97.012(15), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.025, Florida Administrative Code, the Office of Election Crime & Security ("OECS") has conducted preliminary investigations into the following allegations to determine if the alleged violation(s) warrant a criminal investigation referral to your office, as established by Rule 1S-2.025, Florida Administrative Code.

OECS has received credible information that the following petition circulators for Initiative Petition 23-07, have submitted suspected illegal petition form(s), in violation of section 100.371(5), section 104.011, and chapter 817, Florida Statutes:





As detailed in the attachments to this letter, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office received petitions from Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc. (the sponsoring political committee) who were identified as not actually having signed the initiative petitions. The Palm Beach County Supervisor then secured signed complaint forms from the individual voters attesting to the fact that they did not sign the petition forms submitted in their names. Some of the above-named circulators also signed petitions on behalf of individuals who were deceased at the time the petition was allegedly signed. The circulators appear to have forged the voters' signatures and inserted the voters' personal identifiable information into the petitions without consent. The petition forms indicate that the above-listed individuals are the paid circulators who collected the petitions. Our office will supplement this letter with all registration documents related to each of the individual circulators. All of the above-listed individuals are paid circulators for the Initiative Petition, 23-07.

The allegations contained in this letter concern only Palm Beach County. Given the volume of allegations in Palm Beach, as well as other Florida counties OECS has previously referred to your office, OECS respectfully asks you to prioritize the resolution of this investigation.

¹ OECS has previously opened over seventy-five (75) investigations (and referred nearly all to FDLE) into individual paid petition circulators involved in the collection of petitions on behalf of Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.

Of the twenty-seven (27) individuals listed above, they account for 36,889 submitted petitions around the state, of which 26,089 were verified as valid. OECS is concerned that a substantial number of voter signature forgeries were submitted by Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc. and verified as valid by the Supervisors of Elections.

Nothing in this referral letter should be interpreted to limit the scope of your investigation or the nature of any and all criminal charges your office uncovers.

Sincerely,

Brad McVay
Deputy Secretary of State
for Legal Affairs & Election Integrity
Office of the Secretary
Florida Department of State

Enclosures

cc: Andrew Darlington, Director, Office of Election Crimes & Security

PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

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