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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)*

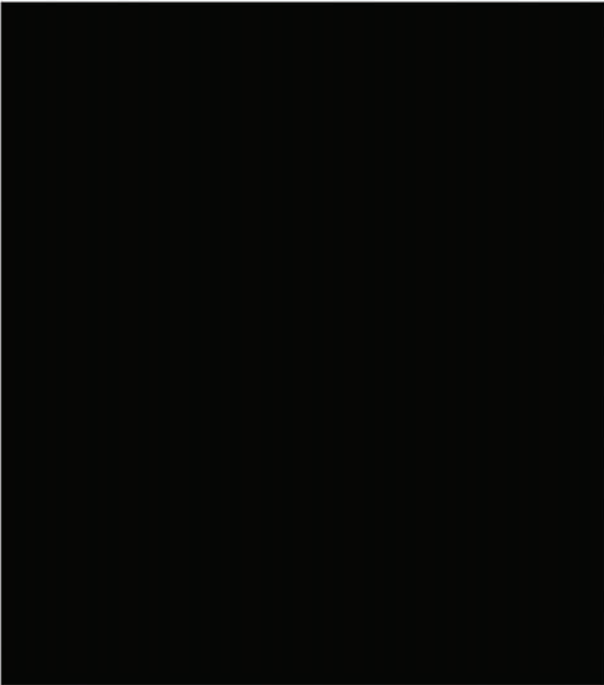
Dear Andrew Watts, Special Agent Supervisor:

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:

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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 counties¹ 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brad McVay', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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

B: 724 PBCSOE 08/2023



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
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PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID [Redacted]

Name [Redacted] (Middle or Initial) [Redacted] (Last)

Address [Redacted] Loxahatchee

County Palm Beach State FL Zip Code 33470

Email Address [Redacted]

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint Someone signed my name on a petition asking the government to stay out of abortion control. I am pro life. I would never sign that.

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name [Redacted]

Signature [Redacted]

Date Signed 8/8/2023

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22309, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Telephone: 561.656.6200 | Fax Number: 561.656.6287 | www.vote palm beach gov



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

Amendment Information

Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Ballot Summary: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 05/08/2023

Serial Number 2307



Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below)

Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.

Address: Post Office Box 4068 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Name - Last

Address

City

LEWA

Zip

33349

County

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Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No.

or Date of Birth

Signature

Date Signed

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Petition Circulator's Information

This petition form is only to be circulated and collected by a paid petition circulator. After the voter signs the form, the circulator must complete the affidavit below.

Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name

Circulator's Number

Address

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the forgoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature

Date Signed

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Attention

- This form becomes a public record once filed with the Supervisor of Elections.
It is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once. [§104.185, F.S.]
An improperly completed form will not be validated.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

Amendment Information DECEASED 10/1/23
Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion [REDACTED] sig off
Ballot Summary: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

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Date Approved 05/08/2023 Serial Number 2307 

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Address: Post Office Box 4068 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

Name - Last [REDACTED] First [REDACTED] Middle [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

City Bonifant Zip 33498 County Palm Beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No.

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 or Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Signature [REDACTED] Date Signed

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Petition Circulator's Information 

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Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name [REDACTED] Circulator's Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the forgoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature [REDACTED] Date Signed

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DS-DE 155B (10-2021)

R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code

B: 465 PBCSOE 12/2023



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

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PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID [Redacted]

Name [Redacted]

(First) (Middle or Initial) (Last)

Address [Redacted] City Loxahatchee

County Palm Beach State FL Zip Code 33470

Email Address [Redacted]

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint My name was
forged on a petition "limiting government
interference w/ abortion". Luckily the
supervisor of elections caught it and sent
me a letter. The responsible party should
be prosecuted.

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name [Redacted]

Signature [Redacted]

Date Signed 12/13/23

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22309, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
 Telephone: 561.656.6200 | Fax Number: 561.556.6207 | www.votepalmbeach.gov



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B: 532 PBCSOE 12/2023



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

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PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID [Redacted]

Name [Redacted]
(First) (Middle or Initial) (Last)

Address [Redacted] City North Palm Beach

County palm beach State FL Zip Code 33408

Email Address [Redacted] Phone Number [Redacted]

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint

I have not sign a petition and my signature has been forged-

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name [Redacted]

Signature [Redacted]

Date Signed 12/19/23

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22309, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Telephone: 561.656.6200 | Fax Number: 561.656.6297 | www.votepalmbeach.gov



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR


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Amendment Information

Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

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See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 05/08/2023 Serial Number 2307 

Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below)

Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
Address: Post Office Box 4008 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

Name - Last [REDACTED] First [REDACTED] Middle [REDACTED]


Address [REDACTED]

City N. Palm Beach Zip 33408 County Palm Beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No. or Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Signature [REDACTED] Date Signed 11 0 / 2 7 / 2 0 2 3

Petition Circulator's Information 

This petition form is only to be circulated and collected by a paid petition circulator. After the voter signs the form, the circulator must complete the affidavit below.

Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name [REDACTED] Circulator's Number [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature [REDACTED] Date Signed 11 0 / 2 7 / 2 0 2 3

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DS-DE 155B (10-2021) R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code

PETITION BATCH: 26 REC: 11/20/2023

B: 132 PBCSOE 01/2024



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

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PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID

Name

(First) (Middle or Initial) (Last)

Address

City

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County

Palm Beach

State

FL

Zip Code

33462

Email Address

Phone Number

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint

I have not submitted anything on file -
Can I have a copy? This is fraud.

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name

Signature

Date Signed

1/16/2024

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22709, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Telephone: 561.856.8208 | Fax Number: 561.856.6787 | www.votepalmbeach.gov

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

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Signature

See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 05/08/2023 Serial Number 2307

Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)

Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
Address: Post Office Box 4068 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the general election.

Name - Last First Middle

Address

City Hypocuzo Zip 33462 County Palm beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)

Registration No. or Date of Birth

Signature Date Signed 05/08/2023

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Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name Circulator's Number

Address

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature Date Signed 05/08/2023

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B: 159 PBCSOE 09/2023



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

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Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID [REDACTED]

Name [REDACTED]

(First) (Middle or Initial) (Last)

Address [REDACTED] City Boca Raton

County Palm Beach State FL Zip Code 33498

Email Address [REDACTED] Number [REDACTED]

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint: *I did not send in any petition. I have resided in my home for almost 20 years; vote from the same location; same name, same signature.*

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name [REDACTED]

Signature [REDACTED]

Date Signed 8/30/23

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22309, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Telephone: 561.656.6287 | Fax Number: 561.656.6287 | www.votePALMBEACH.gov

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION FORM - PAID PETITION CIRCULATOR

Amendment Information
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See separate document for the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Date Approved 05/06/2023 Serial Number 2307

Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below.)

Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
Address: Post Office Box 4068 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter in the Florida County of [redacted] and I have proposed amendment to

Name - Last [redacted]
Address [redacted]
City Macleaton Zip 37498 County Franklin County

Date of Birth [redacted]

Date Signed 05/02/2023

Paid Petition Circulator's Information

After the voter signs the form, the circulator must complete the affidavit below.

Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name [redacted] Circulator's Number [redacted]
Address [redacted]

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature [redacted] Date Signed 07/07/2023

Attention

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R1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code

PETITION BATCH: 12 REC: 07/26/2023

B: 632 PBCSOE 11/2023



Wendy Sartory Link
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

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PETITION COMPLAINT FORM

Use this form if you believe your signature has been misrepresented or forged on a petition.

Voter ID

Name

Address 1355 SW 12 Street City Boca Raton

County Palm Beach State FL Zip Code 33486

Email Address Phone Number

Additional information you'd like to provide with the complaint I did not file
a petition This is fraud perpetrated in
my name.

By signing below, I attest that I did not sign or submit a petition.

Print Name
Signature

Date Signed 10/18/23

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 | Post Office Box 22209, West Palm Beach, FL 33416
Telephone: 561.656.6200 | Fax Number: 561.656.6287 | www.voteinpalmbeach.gov



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Date Approved 05/08/2023 Serial Number 2307

Sponsor's Information (Return all completed petition forms to the address below)

Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
Address: Post Office Box 4066 Sarasota, FL 34230

Voter's Information

I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the above proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Name - Last, Middle, Address, City Boca Raton FL Zip 33486 County Palm Beach

Update my voter registration record to this address. (check box)
Registered or Date of Birth
Signature Date Signed 09/25/2023

Petition Circulator's Information

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Paid Petition Circulator's Affidavit

Name, Circulator's Number, Address

By my signature below, as petition circulator, I verify that the petition was signed in my presence. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Petition Circulator's Affidavit and the facts stated in it are true.

Signature Date Signed 09/25/2023

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