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Dear Commissioners,

In response to Mr. Morgan's letter dated July 27, 2022 to the Geauga County ADP Board, the Board of Elections is requesting to be the controlling authority for the key card system to its proposed office space in the new County Administration Building.

Per Secretary of State Directive 2022-7, all of the Board of Elections' equipment must be under a dual-control lock system such that access requires a bipartisan team. The identification of any visitor, vendor or maintenance person must be verified before access is given and any visitors should be monitored at all times. Having control of the key card system is not a preference but a legal requirement being imposed by the SOS.

The safety, security, and access to election facilities, equipment and supplies has become a major topic of discussion nationwide. Should the Board not control access to its office, rooms and the voting equipment contained within, it has the potential for candidates and outside groups to question the legitimacy of the elections, whether unfounded or not. Therefore, the Board of Elections must have control and the authority to issue and monitor all key cards.

Sincerely,

Michelle D. Lane Ohio REO

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Gauga County Board of Elections