



# Frank LaRose

*Ohio Secretary of State*

October 17, 2022

The Honorable James R. Flaiz  
Courthouse Annex  
231 Main Street, S-3A  
Chardon, OH 44024

Re: Referral for Possible Election Law Violations

Prosecutor Flaiz,

As Ohio's chief elections officer, I have a duty to ensure the accuracy, accessibility and security of our elections. That's why I've made it a point to partner with other states to maintain more accurate voter lists.

This partnership has allowed us to review voter history data and investigate potential cases of fraud where a voter appears to have cast a ballot in two states in the same election. The review utilized the collected data to conduct a cross-match of voter history among the partner states. Each potential violation was then investigated individually in coordination with the Secretary of State's office in that state.

As a result of this review at this time, my office identified one individual who appears to have voted in Geauga County, after casting a ballot in a different state in the same election. I included documentation with this letter that my office reviewed regarding this individual, and, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.05(N)(1), I'm referring this information to your office for additional action. I have also referred this matter to the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

Thanks to these and other safeguards, fraud and suppression are exceedingly rare; however, neither is acceptable, even in rare or isolated instances. The only way to continue this high standard of election integrity is by committing to enforce the law whenever evidence suggests it might've been broken. The legitimacy of our elections depends on the consistent enforcement of the laws governing them. For that reason, I'm confident you'll give this matter the attention it deserves by acting quickly to complete your investigations and pursuing prosecution as warranted.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions, please feel free to contact my office at (614) 466-2585.

Yours in service,



Frank LaRose  
Ohio Secretary of State