



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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Ms. Marsha Shearer
3108 Carrollton Ct.
The Villages, Florida 32162

Re: Elections Fraud Complaint 20-65 – Marsha Shearer v. multiple

Dear Ms. Shearer:

Thank you for taking the time to file the above-referenced elections fraud complaint. Pursuant to section 97.012(15), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.025, Florida Administrative Code, the Department of State has reviewed your complaint for legal sufficiency. A complaint will be referred if the complaint is "facially sufficient" and "there is reason to believe elections fraud has occurred." Rule 1S-2.025, F.A.C. To be "facially sufficient," a complaint must do two things. First, the complaint must allege "elections fraud," which means any irregularities or fraud that may constitute a crime under Florida law, arising out of or in connection with: (1) voter registration; (2) voting; (3) candidate petition activities; or (4) initiative petition activities. § 97.012(15), Fla. Stat.; Rule 1S-2.025(4), Fla. Admin. Code. Second, those allegations must be stated with particularity and be based on personal knowledge. Rule 1S-2.025(4)(b), Fla. Admin. Code.

We have reviewed your elections fraud complaint and found it to be facially sufficient. Additionally, there is reason to believe elections fraud in connection with voting may have occurred. As such, we have referred the matter to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal investigation and prosecution, if warranted. We have included the complaint in our records and will communicate with law enforcement should they have any inquiries in the course of investigation into the matter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Colleen E. O'Brien".

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