



VIA REGULAR MAIL AND FACSIMILE: 614.644.0649

December 5, 2006

The Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell
Ohio Secretary of State
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Public Records Request – Provisional Ballots/Purging Practices

Dear Secretary Blackwell:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 149.43, I am requesting copies of the following public information:

- 1) Total number of voters in the state of Ohio who cast provisional ballots in the November 7, 2006 elections (“provisional voters”);
- 2) All procedures, guidance, and internal memos created by or received by your office related to determining whether a provisional voter is a registered voter.

Additionally, I am requesting the following information in regards to Ohio voter purging practices:

- 3) All correspondence, procedures, and/or guidelines related to purging voters from the HAVA mandated statewide database; the records of all voters who were purged and documents related to the purging of those records;
- 4) Copy of Ohio’s November 7, 2006 statewide database; copy of Ohio’s most up-to-date statewide database;
- 5) All procedures used to remove voters from voter registration rolls as a result of the newly mandated HAVA statewide voter registration database;
- 6) Name and address of each and every voter removed from the voter registration rolls since 2004 and the basis for removing voters from the rolls; copies of all correspondence sent to notify such voters of their pending removal from voter rolls.

With respect to existing documents, we request that you respond to this public records request by *December 15, 2006*. If you are unable or unwilling to provide documentation within this time frame, please contact me by *December 13, 2006* to advise me of the

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reason for your noncompliance and the time frames within which you are able to comply.

I am further requesting that all documents be provided electronically, if possible. Furthermore, prior to incurring any costs in excess of \$100.00 relating to production of these documents, please contact me at (973) 760-4076 or by email at: djudge@advancementproject.org or Attorney Sylvia Tolliver Brown at (614) 314-5369.

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt response to my request.

Sincerely,

Donita Judge
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cc: Attorney Sylvia Tolliver Brown

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