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VIA Email

The Honorable Chairman Bryan Steil
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Steil,

Thank you for your letter acknowledging the importance of post-election ballot audits and the positive efforts of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (CCBOE) to ensure accurate certified election results for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

The CCBOE's operational procedures pertaining to ballot tabulation and official certification of results facilitated the identification of an anomaly in compiling and reporting unofficial election results. Specifically, the CCBOE conducts a comprehensive post-election ballot audit that reconciles the paper ballots cast at the polls on election day against the voters who signed the pollbooks. This is one of multiple steps taken by the CCBOE to ensure all ballots are accounted for and tabulated from the reporting of unofficial election results to certification of the official results.

Following the certification of the November 7, 2023 General Election results, the CCBOE conducted a risk-limiting audit of three (3) election contests that returned an exact match of the hand-counted results against the machine tabulated results. The CCBOE has been the subject matter expert on conducting risk-limiting audits in Ohio elections for over a decade. Staff have participated on post-election audit panels, trained Ohio election officials on conducting post-election audits, and published a website with a grant from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission on executing ballot scanner logic and accuracy testing, and post-election audits.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections appreciates your sentiments on the importance of post-election audits and encourages your continued support of federal funding for election administration.

Respectfully,



Anthony W. Perlatti
Director
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections