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Via Email (HopkinsE@lackawannacounty.org) and Regular Mail

Elizabeth Hopkins
Director of Elections
Lackawanna County
123 Wyoming Ave., 2nd Floor
Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18503

Re: 2025 Primary Ballot Errors

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

I represent the Center for Election Confidence, a non-profit organization that works towards increasing confidence in election results and election systems. By way of introduction, for over twenty years, I have been representing voters, candidates, political parties, and interest groups in Pennsylvania election and voting matters.

We understand that at least 545 voters in Lackawanna County received incorrect mail-in ballots for the upcoming May 20, 2025 primary election. According to the county website, once you realized the error, you arranged for replacement ballots and made a statement that the voters should discard the ballots and envelopes. The plan was to send out replacement ballots with an explanatory letter.

Voters in Lackawanna County have contacted us, expressing concern about this situation as well as what remedies are employed so that it does not recur. We would like to schedule a meeting to discuss this matter and the steps the county is taking to protect the rights of voters now and in the future. I have attached/enclosed a list of documents we would like to review as a part of that discussion.

I am available on the following dates and times: Monday, May 12, 2025 or Tuesday, May 13, 2025. I look forward to your reply so that we can work together on this matter.

Very truly yours,


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