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RE: Request for Records Related to Executive Order 14248 (10 2025-01)

2 messages

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Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 12:11 PM

Good Afternoon

Please see the attached cost estimate for your Public Records Request 10 2025-01.

Regards

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To Whom it May Concern,

Pursuant to applicable state public records laws, including any freedom of information or open records statutes in your jurisdiction, True the Vote respectfully submits this request for access to and copies of records as described below.

This request seeks all records, communications, directives, or guidance created or received by your office since March 25, 2025, related to Executive Order 14248, titled *'Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections'*, including but not limited to:

- 1. Actions taken or planned to comply with, respond to, or evaluate the order;
- 2. Communications with federal agencies (including the Election Assistance Commission or Department of Justice) concerning implementation or challenges to the order;

3. Any internal analyses, meeting notes, or correspondence with state officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders related to voter roll verification, mail-ballot receipt deadlines, or documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements.

Additionally, please include any records, guidance, or communications your office has received from state or federal agencies in connection with Executive Order 14248.

True the Vote recognizes that portions of Executive Order 14248 are currently subject to judicial review and preliminary injunctions. This request is not intended to seek privileged legal materials but to understand what steps, if any, your office is taking to assess compliance, improve election integrity procedures, or prepare for potential implementation.

We request that you provide all responsive records in electronic format, preferably as searchable PDF files transmitted by email to research@truethevote.org. We also respectfully request acknowledgment of this request within five (5) business days and full production of responsive records within the statutory period provided by your state's public records law.

If you determine that portions of this request are exempt, please provide any segregable portions of responsive records and identify the specific legal basis for any withholdings.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Meg Denning True the Vote Research Team

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Subject: Notice re Invalid Petitions /Pre-HB 1205

Attachment(s): "SSF Cease & Desist Ltr.pdf", "Voters Returned Bad Forms SSF_0000929-SSF_0005287.pdf"

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RON DESANTIS
Governor

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Secretary of State

March 26, 2025

Smart & Safe Florida c/o David Bellamy, Chairperson 1400 Village Square Boulevard, Suite 3-321 Tallahassee, FL 32312

Re: Violations of Initiative Petition Law/Notice to Cease and Desist/Demand for Immediate Accounting

Dear Chairperson Bellamy:

The Office of Election Crimes & Security ("OECS") has received information from numerous Florida voters, as well as from Supervisor of Elections' offices, indicating that Smart & Safe Florida violated Florida election law in its work as the sponsoring committee for initiative petition number 25-01 (Adult Personal Use of Marijuana). At this stage, OECS has determined that it appears Smart & Safe Florida committed multiple election law violations, including:

- Between January and March 2025, Smart & Safe Florida failed to provide or display the constitutional amendment text to voters before obtaining signatures on petitions;
- Between January and March 2025, Smart & Safe Florida delivered to Supervisor of Elections numerous forged or fraudulent petitions, including a petition purportedly signed by a Florida voter in February 2025, when, in fact, that voter has been deceased since November of 2024;
- Between January and March 2025, Smart & Safe Florida has circulated, by mail, non-approved petition forms in a manner that has created the opportunity for fraud and has led to dozens of Florida voters completing and submitting multiple 25-01 petitions, in violation of § 104.185(1), Fla. Stat. Over one hundred such voters have been identified as doing this in Palm Beach County alone; and
- Smart & Safe Florida has collected petitions from voters and submitted those petitions to the Supervisor of Elections more than 30 days after the voter signed, in violation of § 100.371(7)(a), Fla. Stat.

The 2025 OECS complaints stem from packages mailed to Florida voters from Smart & Safe Florida. In each instance, the package, of which OECS has several copies, contained two constitutional initiative petition forms for the voter to sign and return, a paid postage return envelope, and a cardboard flyer containing campaign-style literature advocating for marijuana legalization. Although it included two petition forms and campaign-style literature, the package did not include the full text of the proposed constitutional amendment, as is required by Florida law. *See* Rule 1S-2.009, Fla. Admin. Code. In addition, contrary to Florida law, the version of the DS-DE 155A constitutional initiative petition form contained in the package was not the version that the Florida Secretary of State approved. *See* Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)(3), Fla. Admin. Code.

I. Relevant Statutes and Rules

The Florida Statutes provide that "[t]he sponsor of an initiative amendment shall, prior to obtaining any signatures," "... submit the text of the proposed amendment to the Secretary of State, with the form on which the signatures will be affixed, and shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of State of such form." § 100.371(2), Fla. Stat. "The Secretary of State shall adopt rules" "... prescribing the style and requirements of such a form." *Id*.

The Secretary has adopted rules prescribing the style and requirements of such a form, as well as rules concerning the collection of signatures. *See* Rules 1S-2.009 and 1S-2.0091, Fla. Admin. Code. The rules clearly provide that "[w]herever the DS-DE 155A," "... forms are circulated for signature, a copy of full text of the associated proposed amendment" "... shall also be provided or displayed to show the voter before signing the petition." Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)2.b., Fla. Admin. Code. Form DS-DE 156 exists for precisely this purpose.

To be sure, "[a]ny change to a previously approved petition form shall be submitted to the Secretary of State for review." Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)3, Fla. Admin. Code. Among other things, "a change in" "layout" constitutes a "material change" to the form that requires the Secretary of State to issue "a different serial number." *Id*.

It is critical to provide voters the full text of the proposed initiative before obtaining the voter signature. You are asking Florida voters to sign petition forms to advance a change to the Florida Constitution, but nowhere in your package do you show voters the proposed amendment text so that the voter can be fully informed and understand what it is he or she is supporting before signing the petition. This omission violates Florida law.

It is also critically important to use the right petition forms before obtaining voter signatures. Although it is the Florida Supervisors of Elections who are responsible for verification of the signatures, a "supervisor may verify that the signature on a form is valid only if"... [t]he signature was obtained legally." § 100.371(11)(a)5, Fla. Stat. Legally obtained signatures are those that among other things, are on the approved form. Indeed, "[i]n any situation in which [the election code] requires the form of the petition to be prescribed by the division, no signature shall be counted toward the number of signatures required unless it is on a petition form prescribed by the division." § 99.097(3)(b), Fla. Stat.; see also Rule 1S-2.0091(3)(b), Fla.

Admin. Code ("Supervisor shall not verify as valid a signature on an initiative petition form unless the petition is on the proper form.")

II. Smart & Safe Florida's Package

The complaints submitted to OECS state that the Smart & Safe package failed to provide a copy of the full text of the proposed amendment or display the proposed amendment to the voter. Instead, the package contained campaign-style literature to influence voters to sign the form, while completely omitting the actual language of the proposed amendment. Campaign-style literature is not a substitute for the full text of the proposed amendment.

A printed hyperlink to the text is not a substitute either. The requirement is for "the full text of the associated proposed amendment" to "be provided or displayed" "... before" an elector "sign[s] the petition." See Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)2.b., Fla. Admin. Code. Mailing the full text to voters with the package would comply with the rule. A sheet or posterboard displaying the full text would also comply with the rule when gathering signatures in the community. By contrast, your method of including a hyperlink on the petition form does not comply. This approach seems designed to have a voter look at the full text, if at all, only after reviewing the campaign-style literature and signing the petition. Voters would have to take an additional step of typing, not clicking, the hyperlink because this package was issued through mail. Simply put, the law requires more.

Moreover, the Secretary has no record of approving the version of the DS-DE 155A form your committee included in the package—the one with the text, graphic, and hyperlink. Smart & Safe Florida received approval of a form DS-DE 155A from the Secretary on or about January 14, 2025; however, that approved form did not include a hyperlink. The changes you made change the form's layout and are thus material changes, and must be approved by the Secretary before you can use that version of the form. See Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)(3), Fla. Admin. Code ("Any change to a previously approved petition form shall be submitted to the Secretary of State for review."). Your failure to obtain approval for this new version of the form calls into question the validity of signatures collected using the unapproved form. See § 99.097(3)(b), § 100.371(11)(a)5, Fla. Stat.; Rule 1S-2.0091(3)(b), Fla. Admin. Code.

III. Voter Confusion/Opportunity for Fraud

Two Supervisors of Elections have also referred to OECS dozens of voters who, after receiving your package, completed and submitted the same petition more than once; that is a possible first-degree misdemeanor under § 104.185(1), Fla. Stat. The Supervisor of Elections in Palm Beach County alone has referred more than one hundred such voters to OECS. Palm Beach's referrals prompted OECS to forward this information to FDLE for further investigation into the multiple submissions.

We have reason to believe this scenario is playing out in other counties as well.

Based on the complaints received and reviewed by OECS, it appears that your package is partly to blame for this uptick in multiple submissions. As noted above, your package includes

two petitions for the Adult Personal Use of Marijuana initiative (25-01). On one petition you pre-filled a voter's name, address, city, zip, county, and voter registration number, leaving only the date of birth and signature field empty. The second petition form in the package did not include pre-filled information. Voters appear to be signing and submitting the form with the pre-filled information and then also signing and submitting the form without the pre-filled information. The voters are doing this despite the following language at the bottom of each form: "[i]t is a first degree misdemeanor to knowingly sign the same petition more than once." § 104.185, Fla. Stat. These more than one hundred voters are either not reading that warning, ignoring it, or being led to believe both forms need to be submitted.

To make matters worse, Smart & Safe appears to be blaming the voters for the double submissions. According to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections' office, a representative of Smart & Safe Florida delivered a letter to the Supervisor's office addressing the issue. That letter includes a vague reference to problems with "the mailing process," *See* Exhibit "A," but the undated and unsigned letter does not include the committee's letterhead. The letter goes on to state in relevant part:

When mailing out petitions, we included both a pre-filled version and a blank one, as we were specifically targeting multi-voter households and intended for the blank form to be completed by someone different than the person identified on the prefilled form. However, it seems some people may have filled out and returned both in their name, leading to duplicates. We do not believe [voters filling out and returning both petitions in their name] was done with any malice or purposeful intent – just a case of confusion with the mailing process.

In the letter, Smart & Safe Florida acknowledges the voter confusion, yet you place blame on the voter's inability to properly follow the mailing process. Based on our preliminary review, it appears the confusion is attributable to your decision to send two forms. Given the high number of Florida voters responding to your package who now find themselves under potential criminal investigation by FDLE, OECS has asked as part of that review that FDLE also review whether your organization violated § 104.091(1), Fla. Stat., by aiding or abetting violations of § 104.185(1), Fla. Stat.

Your confusing package is also creating an opportunity for others to commit petition fraud. Several recent OECS referrals to FDLE highlight the concern. In each referral, the voter alleges that a Smart & Safe Florida volunteer petition form was submitted in the voter's name and containing the voter's personal information. The allegation in each referral is that someone forged the voter's signature and submitted it to the Supervisor of Elections. One such allegation from Hillsborough County, alleges an individual who has been deceased since November 2024, purportedly signed a Smart & Safe Florida petition on February 15, 2025. The petition in question was delivered by Smart & Safe Florida to the Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections in March of 2025. In each case, the petition form used for the fraud appears to be on the form contained in the previously mentioned package your organization mailed out.

IV. Demand for an Accounting

The Secretary is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the petition gathering process. See § 100.371(9), Fla. Stat. The law is clear that you, as the petition sponsor, shall account for all petition forms turned in by you or your agents and that the Secretary has authority to conduct audits. See, e.g., § 100.371(9), Fla. Stat.; Rule 1S-2.009(8), F.A.C. Based on what is outlined in the paragraphs above, I am demanding on behalf of the Division of Elections an immediate accounting of any and all petition forms that were obtained in response to one of your mailed packages and that you or your agents have turned in to any Supervisors of Elections' office. Please also provide any and all correspondence from you and your agents to any Supervisor of Elections related to any package delivered to a Florida voter from your organization. This production shall be made within 25 days of receipt of this letter. In addition, as part of the accounting, you shall, within 25 days of receipt of this letter, provide the following information to the Division of Elections:

- The number of packages sent to Florida voters with a pre-filled petition and a link to the text of the proposed amendment;
- The names and addresses of each voter to whom the packages were sent; and
- Any and all documents, correspondence, or notes detailing complaints sent by voters concerning the packages sent to them.

If you fail to provide an accounting as required herein, the Department may refer the matter to the Attorney General for enforcement. See § 100.371(8), Fla. Stat. The required production and information should be provided to:

Florida Department of State c/o Brad McVay, Deputy Secretary of State for Legal Affairs & Election Integrity 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

V. Cease & Desist

Based upon the issues outlined in the previous sections of this letter, OECS further demands that you immediately come into compliance with Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code, and that your organization immediately cease the mailing, use, or circulation of non-approved petition forms. OECS demands that you and your agents also comply with Rule 1S-2.009(2)(c)2.b., Fla. Admin. Code, by providing or displaying the full text of the proposed amendment to voters before a voter signs one of your petition forms.

* * *

Initiative petition efforts must be undertaken in compliance with the law. The issues raised in this letter are serious and could serve to undermine public confidence in the initiative petition process. We ask for your immediate compliance.

You also have administrative rights outlined on next page of this letter.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at (850) 245-5611.

Sincerely,

Brad McVay

Florida Deputy Secretary of State for Legal Affairs & Election Integrity

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

Pursuant to § 120.569, Fla. Stat., you may have the right to petition for a formal or informal administrative proceeding under §§ 120.57(1) or (2), Fla. Stat., by filing a request for an administrative hearing in compliance with Rules 28-106.201 or 28-106.2015, F.A.C., within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the receipt of this notice. You have the right to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative at any hearing that occurs. Any petition for an administrative hearing may be emailed to the Agency Clerk at: dos.generalcounsel@dos.myflorida.com or filed with the Agency Clerk at:

Office of the General Counsel Florida Department of State 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL | 32399

Please refer to Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, which operates as the Department of State's rules of administrative procedure. Failure to adequately file or email with the Agency Clerk requesting an administrative hearing within the twenty-one (21) day period after receipt of this notice shall constitute waiver of any right to request a hearing on any matter set forth herein. Pursuant to § 120.573, Fla. Stat., please be advised that mediation is not available.

- Exh. "A" -

Supervisor of Elections Office,

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It is our understanding that the initial petition will be counted and that only the second petition will be invalidated. Please advise if this understanding is incorrect or if you have any questions.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: Petitions Verified on or after 7/1/25 (LEV)

Attachment(s): "IMG_0732.jpg"

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Since your guestion is a technical one, I am asking Janet and her team to look into the matter and whether it is something at our end.

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From: Tammy Jones <tammy@votelevy.gov> Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 12:18 PM

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EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

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Our office reviewed the Division of Elections Initiative Petition portal to confirm that the petitions we verified on July 1st were removed. However, based on the previous totals, it appears the petition count has not changed, and we're unable to verify whether the deletions were processed.

Before we proceed with reprocessing those petitions, we want to ensure they were successfully removed so our numbers remain accurate. Could you please advise if we should be checking a different location for verification?

For your reference, I've attached a screenshot of the section where we reviewed the numbers.

Thank you, Tammy

Tammy Jones
Supervisor of Elections

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