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Dear Clerk Borling,

We are following up on previous correspondence with your office regarding our concerns with the City of Kalamazoo not being in compliance with Michigan law. Specifically, it is our understanding that the City of Kalamazoo is currently not in compliance with MCL 168.674, which requires the City of Kalamazoo to hire an equal number of Republican and Democrat election inspectors. While there may have been a shortage of Republican election inspectors in previous election cycles, we have provided the City with a significant number of Republican applicants that were interested in working in the City of Kalamazoo as an election inspector. However, it appears that the City of Kalamazoo still has a significant discrepancy in Republican election inspectors. We write this letter as an attempt to resolve these discrepancies.

In the 2020 election, the City of Kalamazoo hired 238 Democrat election inspectors and only 41 Republican election inspectors. This disparity occurred, despite Kalamazoo's legal requirement to have the same number, or as close to the same number as possible, of Democrat and Republican election inspectors. Due to this significant disparity, we began an effort to recruit Republicans in, and around, Kalamazoo County that would be willing to work as Election Inspectors in the primary and general elections in 2022.

On May 12, 2022, we submitted to your office applications for 188 Republicans interested in serving as Election Inspectors in the City of Kalamazoo for the primary election on August 2, 2022. It is our understanding that your office worked with Charley Coss, a representative with the Kalamazoo County Republican Party, to review both the list we provided, and a list from the Kalamazoo County Republican Party. However, out of the 304 combined applications that were submitted by the RNC and the Kalamazoo County Republican Party, 82 were contacted to work in the primary election by the City of Kalamazoo, and only 25 were hired to work as election inspectors for the August primary election. In total, the City of Kalamazoo only had 60 Republican election inspectors. This is a significant discrepancy from the 132 Democratic election inspectors the City hired for the same election.

While we appreciate your willingness to work to with us and the Kalamazoo County Republican Party to identify some potential Republican Election Inspectors, it does not negate the obligation the City of Kalamazoo has to hire an equal number of Democrat and Republican Election Inspectors as stated in MCL 168.674.

We write this letter to receive assurances that the City of Kalamazoo is in complete compliance with MCL 168.674 for the general election. Therefore, we are resubmitting a list of 101 Republicans who have confirmed their interest and availability, to work as an Election Inspector in the City of



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Kalamazoo for the general election. Given the City of Kalamazoo's obvious need of more Republican Election Inspectors, we see no reason why every person on this list should not be contacted, trained, and scheduled to work as an Election Inspector on Election Day in a timely manner.

MCL 168.674 gives the Local Election Commission of each election jurisdiction till October 18th to finalize their appointments of Election Inspectors for the general election. As a sign of good faith, we are asking you to commit to contacting and scheduling Election Inspector trainings for every person on the provided list. We ask for a response to this letter no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14th with your commitment to contact every person on the list, the method in which you plan to contact them and their training date options.

We recognize the amount of work it takes to recruit and train high-skilled Election Inspectors, and our efforts are intended to lighten the burden. We hope that the list of individuals we provided will be beneficial to you not only in closing the disparity gap, but also in conducting a free, fair, and smooth election. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss anything regarding this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me at mseifried@gop.com

Sincerely,

Matthew Seifried

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