



[EXTERNAL] Re: Civil Rights Division's Election Day Monitoring in Medina, Ohio

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Dear Nicole Mickley:

This is to notify you that the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice intends to send election monitors to your jurisdiction on November 3, 2026. I am the regional coordinator assigned to supervise election monitors in your state. The Team Lead in charge of monitoring in your jurisdiction is, Attorney Kelsey McGee, who is cc'd on this message.

We would like to schedule a time to meet with you, via Microsoft Teams, to discuss our monitoring effort. Please provide some convenient times between now and October 29 for a 30-minute meeting.

As the Civil Rights Division has done in the past, our monitors only observe. They do not intrude or interfere in any way in the voting process. In our Teams call we will discuss any specific issues we may be focused on in your jurisdiction. For example, if you are covered by the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act, we will be checking for compliance with those provisions.

Generally, we are monitoring for compliance with the federal voting rights statutes that fall within the jurisdiction of the Civil Rights Division. This includes statutes such as the Voting Rights Act (52 U.S.C. §§ 10301–10314, 10501–10508, and 10701–10702), the National Voter Registration Act (52 U.S.C. § 20501 *et seq.*), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. § 20301 *et seq.*), the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (52 U.S.C. § 20101 *et seq.*) the Civil Rights Act (52 U.S.C. §§ 10101, 20701 *et seq.*), and the Help America Vote Act (52 U.S.C. § 20901 *et seq.*). We also check for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*).

If any issues arise on election day, the Team Lead or I will call you or your designee. We will also provide you with our contact information if you have any concerns. We look forward to discussing this further and answering any questions during our meeting.

Sincerely,

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