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COHHIO

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Dear Mr. Todd:

Over the past two days, representatives of the Reject House Bill 545 Committee have criticized COHHIO for failing to turn over any evidence of election law violations. Although most of the information you requested is – and has been – posted on our website (<http://www.end391.org>), I am enclosing copies of it for your convenience.

I also suggest that you or your representatives listen to the following news report from Ohio Public Radio correspondent Bill Cohen. Two additional petition circulators misrepresent the contents, purpose and effect of the referendum by falsely stating that it would lower interest rates. Their misrepresentations are eerily similar to those exposed at our Aug. 12 press conference.

Both circulators provide their names to Mr. Cohen, whose report can be found here:

<http://www.wcpn.org/index.php/WCPN/news/13623/>

One issue that surfaced during the news conference was allegations that circulators illegally paid homeless people for their signatures. Your committee has custody of the petitions at this time, and those petitions contain the name of the circulator who witnessed the signatures. In keeping with your promise to support “appropriate prosecution of election law violators,” I respectfully ask that you search all Butler County petitions, find ones with the names of the individuals who spoke at the news conference and refer the pertinent circulator to the Butler County prosecutor.

In closing, I would like to request copies of talking points or other training materials provided to petition circulators by the Reject House Bill 545 Committee. The statewide pattern of misinformation we are seeing suggests that circulators are either being instructed to give out false information or are poorly trained.

Sincerely,

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