

Attachment 4 to Election Contest Letter dated 15 August 2024

The following rationale is provided to further explain and substantiate the allegations and requests made in the letter to which this is attached.

Free and fair elections are foundational to political liberty. There is more to our representative republic than free and fair elections, but it cannot long exist without them.

Only constant vigilance and unwavering resistance can counter political elites illicitly manipulating idealistically blinded apparatchiks into old-fashioned fraud and cheating. Indeed, the very concept of “free and fair” is completely and totally antithetical to any cheating or illicit manipulation.

Providing prima facie evidence vote cheating, 198 voters who in the last 4 primaries had never voted as anything but Democrats voted in this Republican primary. Likewise, the 94 voters who had only voted in one Republican Primary are in this category as well. These are part of the 1135 votes in the subject election qualifying as illegal “crossovers.” These numbers are many times my opponent’s margin of victory making the election a Democrat swindle equivalent to the 2020 Presidential contest.

Beyond purely numerically based allegations are other confirmatory factors. For example, from the Democrat Party Facebook page the day after the election, note the following quote: “We CANNOT [*sic*] stress how amazing it is that Anderson County voters came together last night to defeat State Representative John Ragan.” Please note that it was not “Anderson County Republican voters” that were cited. So, the proverbial elephant-in-the-room question is exactly which party’s voters “came together?”

Obvious questions arise concerning Democrat elation over a Republican Primary result. Did they think my opponent would be easier for them to beat in the general election? Alternatively, when in office, would he be much more aligned with Democrat positions? In either case, their exuberantly expressed approval of the result begs the question of whether, in reality, they were actually celebrating their successful interference with the election.

There are still other reasons illegal votes could be disallowed in this race. For example, my Democrat opponent in the 2022 General Election, Jim Dodson, voted in this Republican Primary. Beyond this jaw-dropping example are many other prominent Anderson County Democrats on the voter list as drawing a Republican Primary ballot. Notwithstanding this kind of duplicitous behavior, there is, yet, another more important reason for the election result to be changed.

My campaign was endorsed by Governor Lee, Lieutenant Governor McNally and Congressman Fleischmann, all leaders in our party and government. This race is a bellwether regionally and even nationally. Allowing a Democrat “voter raiding party” to swoop in and negate their influence weakens, not only them, but our entire party. Furthermore, it signals that if we allow them to get away with it, these illegitimate “voter raids” will continue and increase.

The questions before Tennessee State Republican Executive Committee boil down to some, really, quite simple things: Does the party truly stand for the rule of law? Does the party’s loyalty to its voters extend to keeping their votes from being cancelled by crypto-democrats? Indeed, is the Tennessee Republican Party going to resolutely stand for free and fair elections or lackadaisically accept cheating and party member disenfranchisement?