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Cuyahoga County Board of Elections  
Attention: Chairman Jeff Hastings  
2925 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland OH 44115-2497

Re: Administrative Oversight of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections

Dear Chairman Hastings:

I placed the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on administrative oversight in March of 2007 in order to ensure that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections would function and perform all of its statutory duties during a transition of Board leadership. Since that time I have monitored the board's performance in administering its duties. Christopher Nance, Director of the Cleveland Regional Office, Regional Liaison Edward Monroe, and Elections Counsel Gretchen Quinn, have also participated in the administrative oversight process during this period.

At this time, it is apparent that the current Board of Elections members, officers, and staff are well equipped to conduct Board activities in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner. I have seen you work together tirelessly to provide an elections system that the voters in Cuyahoga county, and all of Ohio, can be confident in while effectively removing partisanship divisions that crippled previous Boards.

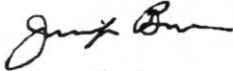
Your commitment to successful election administration was clearly demonstrated in the historic 2008 elections cycle. The four members of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and its leadership team, board director Jane Platten and deputy director Pat McDonald, have worked actively in productive cooperation with Cuyahoga County's Board of Commissioners to administer the November election in a commendable manner. Moreover, your board and staff have maintained effective and appropriate communications with this office and have fully cooperated through the administrative oversight period.

Given the progress that your board has demonstrated, I am pleased to inform you that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is removed from administrative oversight. I look forward to continuing to work together, and I have faith in the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections' ability to meet the ever-changing administrative challenges that lie ahead.

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You may contact Director of Elections and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Farrell or Elections Counsel Gretchen Quinn if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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