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United Sovereign Americans Files Lawsuit in Ohio to Ensure a Legally Valid 2024 Election

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United Sovereign Americans, Concerned Citizen Voters of Ohio, and various individual plaintiff voters, represented by Bruce L. Castor, III of Thomas A. Will & Associates, have filed a federal lawsuit against the State of Ohio, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, state election officials, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, and United States Attorney General Merrick Garland regarding errors in the certified results of the 2022 election in Ohio which rendered those results unreliable. This lawsuit is similar to actions already filed by United Sovereign Americans in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and in progress in multiple states.

Congress set minimum standards for every federal election to be considered reliable. According to Plaintiffs, Respondent election officials failed to meet those minimum standards in Ohio's 2022 federal election, upon notice failed to correct the errors that led to such failure and are thus doomed to repeat them in 2024. Additionally, law enforcement officials responsible for assuring that legally required safeguards were in place did not protect the civil right of all Ohio citizens to a reliable election, and are poised to fail to do so again in 2024. Congress has mandated that in a federal election no more than 1 out of 125,000 errors in counting ballots may occur before rendering an election unreliable. With a total of 4.2 million votes tabulated for the 2022 midterm, the law allowed Ohio a maximum of 34 such errors.

The Plaintiffs cited 1,203,438 facially invalid registrations that accounted for 602,631 improperly counted votes, as well as a discrepancy of over 1 million more votes counted than voters who voted at the time of certification, and over 3,000 more votes counted than voters who voted when the election was later reconciled, exposing the plain fact that Ohio certified the election before all of the records were finalized correctly. Plaintiffs asserted in the suit the following:

1. Respondents have denied Petitioners' right to a fair vote.
2. Respondents appear to have implemented procedures that have obscured the ability to audit the 2022 General Election, thereby rendering the outcomes factually unknowable at the time of certification.
3. Respondents have violated multiple federal and state laws, or negligently allowed such violations to occur, while loudly proclaiming the infallibility of Ohio's election results.
4. Respondents insist that Petitioners have adequate voting rights, while simultaneously fighting from every conceivable angle to prevent Petitioners from attempting to protect those rights. Respondents' collective actions in refusing to address the problem extinguish and undermine the very meaning of the right to vote in a fair democracy.



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Petitioners further allege that these errors were not uniformly distributed across Ohio. For example, election results in Franklin County's 2022 midterm were especially problematic regarding the City of Columbus, where the state's records plainly show that one in every three voters who voted in that election was registered to vote on a January 1st between the years of 1901-2022, when all government offices were closed.

Petitioners contend that it is reasonable to believe that systemic issues which occurred in the 2022 Federal election in Ohio will continue uncorrected in 2024, 2026, 2028, etc., absent Court intervention. The Writ of *Mandamus* seeks the Court to order Respondents to perform their *ministerial* functions by taking actions to rectify reliability issues evident in the 2022 election before certifying future federal elections beginning in 2024.

The suit seeks the Court order Respondents to ensure that only properly registered *citizen* voters cast votes in federal elections, that Ohio counts only votes properly cast, that Ohio complies with critical infrastructure standards making voting systems compliant, and ensuring every ballot is correctly tabulated. Plaintiffs seek relief from the Court to make certain that, upon challenge, Ohio can prove the authenticity of every ballot counted by an unbroken chain of custody from the voter's hand to the final certified result.

Lastly, Petitioners' suit asks the Court to clarify that in Ohio "to certify" an election means that an election official attests under oath that Ohio election workers complied with all federal and state laws in certifying the final result.

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