

PRESS RELEASE

Ohio Secretary of State Pulls "Bait & Switch" on Voters' Rights

"Zero of the 1.2 million reported errors were addressed," says United Sovereign Americans

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(August 2, 2024—Columbus, Ohio) In an August 2 press release, Ohio SOS Frank LaRose congratulated himself for removing almost 155,000 "inactive and out-of-date registrations" from the state database. Yet he continues to ignore the 1.2 million apparently invalid registrations that never should have been added to the database in the first place, submitted to his office in a report by United Sovereign Americans (USA), a non-partisan organization dedicated to honest and fair elections.

The USA report documenting over 600,000 apparently illegal votes counted in the 2022 midterm was submitted to LaRose on January 19, 2024 by the Ohio chapter of USA, eight months before LaRose's recent press campaign painting himself as an election integrity hero. But as recently as the period from June 2024 to the present, the uncertainty of Ohio's voter rolls continued to increase as hundreds of thousands of voters had their records inexplicably backdated, some by more than ten years.

LaRose's comment on the removal of 155,000 registrations – "Every Ohioan, regardless of their political views, should care about accurate voter rolls. Diligent list maintenance helps prevent voter fraud and ensures the voice of the voters is heard on Election Day" – is meant to give confidence when in reality there is negligence.

USA CEO Marly Hornik says, "Were it up to Secretary LaRose alone, Ohio citizens would be about to get their clocks cleaned again by the same broken voting system they faced in 2022, according to our audits of official state records. Thankfully, United Sovereign Americans worked with hundreds of Ohioans to get a lawsuit filed last week asking the federal courts to force LaRose to follow the law. Honest elections are a guaranteed civil right of every American citizen. Election officials have a duty to factually uphold the meaning of the right to vote, not just claim so."

United Sovereign Americans is pursuing legal action in twenty states across the country. They have filed in federal court in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Their goal is to guarantee a legally valid process in the November elections.

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