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Ms. Elizabeth Preate Havey Chair, Montgomery County Republican Committee 860 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike #240 Blue Bell, PA 19422

Dear Ms. Havey,

This letter is in response to the video of the secure ballot drop box located in Upper Dublin Township during the November 2021 General Election which was released by the Montgomery County Republican Committee (MCRC).

After our review, it has been determined that the individual depicted in the video clip deposited each ballot with a completed Designated Agent Form in accordance with Pennsylvania law. Each form properly identified the individual voter and designated the individual in the video as the person permitted to act as an agent on the voter's behalf. The County maintains each of these Designated Agent forms in its possession. This individual did nothing wrong. In fact, the video shows this voter taking the proper steps to enfranchise residents of a local rehabilitation and long-term care facility so that their votes were legally cast.

It is irresponsible that MCRC, rather than make a reasonable attempt to get the facts, released this video to a third party and on MCRC social media falsely accusing the individual involved with "illegal ballot harvesting," when in fact the individual correctly followed the rules for returning ballots. Mail-in ballots may be returned to the Board of Elections by a Designated Agent acting on behalf of a voter who, due to a disability, is not able to do so on their own.

Returning ballots to a secure ballot drop box is one of several ways to return ballots to the Board of Elections. Many voters of both parties choose to deliver their ballot to a secure drop box for the peace of mind they provide. Each drop box has the rules clearly posted, is under 24-hour video surveillance, and has every ballot collected daily by a Sheriff's Deputy and delivered directly to Voter Services.

Montgomery County Voter Services is committed to continuing to make voting safe, convenient, and accessible for all our residents. We look forward to working with both parties to continue to improve voter education, the elections process, and the voter experience throughout the County.

Sincerely,

Lee A. Soltysiak