



Subcommittee on Elections
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair Laurel Lee and Subcommittee Members,

I was honored to offer testimony to the Committee on House Administration's Subcommittee on Elections on March 10 as part of its "2022 Midterms Look Back Series: Successes in the 2022 Midterm Elections" hearing. I am deeply appreciative of the tremendous leadership provided by Chair Laurel Lee and her efforts to ensure that our nation's elections are secure and accurate.

As I noted in my testimony, Ohio is a state that maintains the confidence of its voters because our elections are run securely, professionally, and accurately. Every element of an Ohio election is bipartisan – Democrats and Republicans working hand in glove every day to deliver an election that is convenient and inclusive to any Ohioan who is eligible to vote, secure from any potential voter fraud or disruption, and timely and accurate in its results.

I believe that Ohio has established the blueprint for other states to follow, and I am grateful for the time you provided me to share our elections administration model with lawmakers in other states who might be frustrated with their own systems. Elections are the very essence of politics, but Ohio has eliminated politics from election *administration* by requiring bipartisan collaboration throughout the process. Amid the partisan discord in Washington, I would be hard pressed to think of a more refreshing, hopeful example of bipartisanship and good government cooperation for our nation than what our Ohio county boards of elections do on behalf of the people of Ohio every day.

For your review, I have attached my March 10 testimony to the Subcommittee on Elections, as well as testimony I gave to the Ohio General Assembly on February 21 and

March 14 that further explains why Ohioans continue to recognize that our state's elections are accessible, secure, and accurate.

It was a privilege to address the Subcommittee, and I regret the fact that the Congressional voting schedule interrupted our discussion and cut our time shorter than what I would have preferred. Nonetheless, I am comfortable in allowing the two testimonies shared here to speak for themselves and believe that they are sufficiently responsive to the questions you raised in your April 17 letter to me.

Thank you for inviting me to address the Subcommittee, and I am always at your service if I can ever help advance the patriotic, democratic values that we all share.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank LaRose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank LaRose
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