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Dear SAC McInerney and ASAC Riddick,

The Office of Statewide Prosecution (OSP) has received concerning documents that were produced by Smart & Safe Florida as part of its discovery production in *Florida Decides Healthcare, Inc., et. al. v. Cord Byrd, et. al.*, Case No. 4:25cv211-MW/MAF (U.S. District Court, N.D. of Fla.). The documents include copies of text messages in which individuals whose names are redacted (apparently Smart & Safe Florida representatives) direct other unknown individuals whose names are also redacted (presumably Smart & Safe Florida contractors or subcontractors) to terminate certain petition circulators' employment for submitting forged or fraudulent initiative petitions in support of petition serial # 25-01 (Adult Personal Use of Marijuana). The documents also include lists of Smart & Safe Florida petition circulators who have been terminated from employment, as well as the reason for termination. Nearly all of these petition circulators are noted as being terminated for fraud.

In total, the documents contain the names of approximately fifty-five (55) Florida petition circulators. Through Florida Department of State records, OSP has confirmed that at least fifty (50) of these petition circulators were registered and collecting petitions on behalf of Smart & Safe Florida for petition number 25-01 (Adult Personal Use of Marijuana). Two (2) of the petition circulators mentioned in the documents are already under active criminal investigation for submitting fraudulent petitions on behalf of Smart & Safe Florida. One of whom is a non-resident of Florida, who submitted petitions in the name of dozens of Floridians without their consent, at least four of those victims were deceased at the time of the submission. We

anticipate obtaining an arrest warrant on this individual in the coming days. Two (2) other circulators named in these documents have already been arrested and charged with various felonies related to their work with Smart & Safe Florida. The large majority of names, however, do not appear to be under any form of investigation.

Attached to this letter are Exhibits A, B, and C containing the names and information described above. We ask that you open election fraud investigations into each circulator and assign an agent to work each case under OSP's investigatory leadership.

We ask that you prioritize these investigations. According to records obtained by the Florida Department of State, these fifty (50) Smart & Safe Florida circulators submitted to Florida election officials approximately 21,636 initiative petitions in support of petition number 25-01 (Adult Personal Use of Marijuana). Of those 21,636 petitions, approximately 7,110 have been verified as valid by Florida Supervisors of Elections

As you will see, some of the text messages also contain discussions of these petition circulators continuing to work for Smart & Safe Florida after being suspected of fraud or confronted with evidence of fraud. Other crimes and bad acts are also discussed within these text messages. For example, one text message reveals a Smart & Safe Florida circulator used a fake identity to register with the Florida Secretary of State. That circulator appears to have gone on to collect petitions on behalf of Smart & Safe Florida under this fake identity – a photo of the fraudulent identification is included in one of the text messages. Another text message indicates a Smart & Safe circulator who submitted fraudulent petitions was "...just fired this weekend for insurance fraud." We do not know whether Smart & Safe Florida warned or otherwise notified Florida election officials that they identified certain petition circulators submitting signatures for petition serial #25-01 who were committing fraud. It does not appear Smart & Safe Florida notified law enforcement that these individuals were victimizing Floridians by using their personal identifying information without consent. As such, we ask that you also investigate whether Smart & Safe Florida, itself violated any criminal laws if they knowingly submitted fraudulent petitions to Florida election officials without providing any notification of potential fraud.

Our records show at least nine (9) petition circulators have been arrested (or warrants obtained) in the past few months, and we expect a half dozen more arrest warrants to be signed this week, with several more criminal investigations that will likely result in arrest nearing conclusion. Even with the increased enforcement and the uptick in arrests of Smart & Safe Florida circulators and petition circulators associated with other initiatives, it is clear from the records attached to this letter that organizations and individual circulators remain undeterred and continue to commit fraud against Floridians. As previously noted, we are still seeing instances of circulators fraudulently using the identities of our seniors and even the identities of deceased Floridians to commit these election crimes. As you know we recently secured the arrest of a Smart & Safe circulator who was illegally soliciting and fraudulently utilizing the signatures of individuals who were not registered to vote on marijuana petitions. That same individual submitted fraudulent voter registrations on behalf of the individuals in an attempt to ensure the marijuana petitions would count.

In addition to requesting that you open 46 new criminal investigations, OSP will also be sending out 4 criminal subpoenas to Smart & Safe Florida, their contractors, and their subcontractors demanding the production of documents related to what is described above, as well as documents related to information we have received in the course of other election fraud prosecutions.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this referral or any questions regarding the attached Exhibits. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter. We thank you for your partnership in combatting election fraud and look forward to our continued work in helping to protect the integrity of Florida's elections.

Sincerely,

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