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Secretary Paul Ziriaux
Oklahoma State Election Board
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room G28
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Secretary Paul Ziriaux,

We are writing to formally request an investigative audit into the August 27 runoff election for Comanche County sheriff. It has been brought to our attention there were significant issues with the distribution of ballots that may have affected the integrity of the election process.

There have been reports that multiple noneligible voters received a ballot for the Republican runoff election for Comanche County sheriff. At least one voter contacted the Comanche County Election Board regarding the incorrect ballot, but the issue was not realized until after the ballot had been cast.

According to KSWO-TV 7News's August 29 news story, the secretary of the Comanche County Election Board said there was one report of improper ballot distribution on election day. She also reportedly said once a ballot goes into the system, there's nothing they can do about it.

Okl. Stat. tit. 26 § 1-104 states that voters may only vote using the primary ballot for the party they are registered under. Specifically, "no registered voter shall be permitted to vote in any Primary Election or Runoff Primary Election of any political party except the political party of which his registration form shows him to be a member..."

Given the importance of ensuring free and fair elections, we are deeply concerned that other ineligible voters may have received an incorrect ballot. A transparent investigation is crucial to maintaining public trust in our electoral process.

We have been advised that State Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriaux has dispatched members of the State Election Board staff to the county election board to assess the situation. We ask the secretary to step in and ensure that a thorough review and audit is made of the situation and that appropriate action is taken if these allegations prove to be true.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response and to learning more about the steps your office will take to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

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