



The Honorable Frank LaRose
Secretary Of State
180 E. Broad St. 16th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

August 18, 2020

Dear Secretary LaRose,

It has been brought to our attention that a campaign finance report filed with your office and posted on your website contains dramatically inaccurate information. FirstEnergy PAC has incorrectly and inexplicably reported campaign contributions to various state legislators, many of whom have confirmed that they never received a check – including all of the signatories to this letter.

We, the 13 Democratic House members named in this erroneous report, respectfully request that your office remove the August 2020 filing from your website while you investigate this matter and that you require FirstEnergy to amend their report immediately so that accurate information can be reported to the public without delay.

Disclosure is so important but disclosure of false information is as bad as secrecy. We also ask that you issue a public statement as soon as possible explaining how this happened. With candidate disclosures not due until October 22, this erroneous report creates unnecessary confusion as Ohioans are seeking to better understand the alleged corrupt activity of FirstEnergy and Larry Householder.

The public relies on your office to provide truthful records of our state's campaigns and elections. This false report is a major breach of the public trust. Moving forward, we would like to work with you to determine a way we can prevent a mistake like this from ever happening again.

Respectfully,

Reps. Boyd, Crawley, Sheehy, Sweeney, Robinson, Howse, Crossman, Sobecki, Lepore-Hagan, Galonski, West, Upchurch, and Hicks-Hudson

CC: Ohio House Minority Leader Emilia Strong Sykes