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Ms. Karen Sellers Executive Director Kentucky State Board of Elections 140 Walnut Street Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Attorney General's independent inquiries following 2024 General Election

Dear Ms. Sellers:

The integrity of Kentucky's elections is foundational to our constitutional system, and the Attorney General's Office takes our responsibility to protect the security of every Kentuckians' vote seriously. I'm proud to lead a dedicated team of professionals who work around the clock to protect our elections so every voter can be confident in the result.

During the 2024 General Election, our Office operated the Election Integrity Command Center and activated the Attorney General's Election Fraud Hotline. The Hotline received more than 700 messages, including nearly 350 on Election Day. Our colleagues answered questions, provided information, and took reports of suspected election law violations from voters in 96 counties.

After the polls closed, our Office randomly selected 12 counties to undergo an independent inquiry, pursuant to KRS 15.243 (3). These inquiries were conducted by the Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI). The 12 counties selected were: Barren, Boyle, Calloway, Campbell, Daviess, Edmonson, Jefferson, Jessamine, Lincoln, Metcalfe, Trigg, and Warren.

DCI completed inquiries into each of the selected counties, and the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit presented each inquiry to a grand jury. At the conclusion of this process, we are pleased to report we found no credible instances of election law irregularities during the 2024 General Election.

These inquiries were conducted with the utmost professionalism, fairness, and independence. It's our hope that this result will reinforce Kentuckians' high confidence that our elections are free, fair, and secure. Our inquiry in Jefferson County received added public interest. Amid turnout that exceeded 357,000 voters, Jefferson County operated more than 200 election locations, several of which experienced extensive delays with voter check in. After a thorough inquiry, including interviews with the Clerk's Office, vendors, local voters, and the State Board of Elections, DCI identified several factors that could potentially have contributed to the delays, including short-staffing and internet connectivity issues. *However, DCI's inquiry found no criminal wrongdoing*.

Following Election Day, the Jefferson County Clerk publicly stated that she expects to remedy the issues ahead of the next general election in 2026.

We are grateful to the dedicated public servants – in these 12 counties and across our Commonwealth – who fairly operated the 2024 General Election. We applaud their service and their participation in this inquiry process.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Michael G. Adams, Chairman of the State Board of Elections Kentucky State Board of Elections The Honorable Kevin Alexander, President of the Kentucky County Clerk's Association