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Representative Louis W. Blessing, III
Chairman, Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
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Dear Representative Blessing,

It is with great pleasure that I extend the support of the Association of Ohio Forensic Evaluation Center Directors to the efforts to reform Section 149.45 (D) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code. We are an association of directors from each of the ten state-certified forensic centers. Together, we oversee the clinical and fiscal operations of the centers that the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services designates to perform forensic evaluations for the General Division of the Common Pleas Courts.

Section 149.45 (D) (1) of the above-cited code designates individuals who can be exempted from having their voter registration records being a matter of public record. Current designees, as defined by the code, include "a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation investigator or federal law enforcement officer."

Forensic evaluators are noticeably absent from the list of individuals who may be considered for an exception to the existing rule. We as an association of evaluators are perplexed by our lack of inclusion, given that we serve the exact same population that current designees serve. We further are dismayed, as there presently is no mechanism to prevent a vindictive forensic evaluatee from accessing our voter registration information and posing a threat of harm to us, our staff and our families. Given that voter registration records are a matter of public record, and forensic evaluators generally are good citizens who register to vote, our lack of inclusion creates an unnecessary risk that must be remediated.

As such, we as an association wholeheartedly support an amendment to the existing law to allow forensic evaluators to be eligible for an exemption which would prohibit our voter registration records from being publically available.

Sincerely,



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