



Representative Stan Saylor
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
245 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2094

Representative Matt Bradford
Minority Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
512-E Main Capitol
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Dear Chairman Saylor and Chairman Bradford:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the House Appropriations Committee on March 1, 2022. I am writing to respond to the questions that were asked during the hearing that required additional information or follow-up.

- 1) Representative Clint Owlett requested a breakdown of how the \$41,000 to increase resources for voter registration efforts on page E38-6 of the Governor's Budget Book would be spent.

With funding for election-related activities spanning multiple appropriations, this request for an increase of \$41,000 to the voter registration account relates to the anticipated increase in staff hours that will be billed for voter registration efforts to support the 2022 election. In other words, we anticipate that some of our cross-trained staff who primarily support other program areas, such as notaries and certifications, will have to bill more of their time to voter registration later this year.

- 2) Representative Ben Sanchez requested a breakdown of staff hours spent engaging in lawsuits to which the Department is a party and how much that takes away from performing other duties.

The Department does not track staff hours in this manner. There are tasks related to lawsuits such as preparing for depositions or testimony, collecting responsive documents for discovery, and reviewing legal filings to the court that are necessary for both legal and non-legal staff to complete. The Department often must prioritize these tasks due to the expedited timelines in each case. Add to that the sheer number of these cases, and it's easy to see how election litigation

consumes staff time. The Department has seen an increase in the number of cases over the years. In 2020, the Department was involved in 35 federal and state cases, 30 of which were newly filed in 2020, and in 2021, a total of 29 cases were litigated at all levels of the courts. For comparison, the Department was involved in 10 election-related cases in 2018 and 11 in 2019.

- 3) Representative Lynda Culver asked about the recommendations in a February 2nd letter to Governor Wolf from the Alliance of Health Care Providers.

The response to that letter is attached.

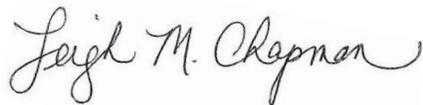
- 4) Representative Morgan Cephas requested statistics on Pennsylvania's voting-age population, including what percentage of the 1.7 million Pennsylvanians eligible, but not registered, to vote are under age 21.

The Census Bureau and the Department use the age range of 18-24. Based on current voter registration numbers and the Census Bureau's 2020 population estimates by age, the Department estimates that 400,000 individuals, or 36% of individuals between the ages of 18-24, are not registered to vote.

- 5) Representative Jesse Topper requested the Department's documented plans and procedures related to the process for publishing constitutional amendments to prevent another error from occurring.

The Department's procedure for the tracking and publication of Constitutional Amendments is attached.

Sincerely,



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Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth