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Mr. Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Detzner:

The Florida State Association Supervisors of Elections Legislative Committee recently met and discussed issues of statewide concern, two of which we would call to your attention. The first of concern is that the timelines for reporting election results which currently exist in the Election Code are not adequate. Those reporting deadlines are too short and provide an inadequate amount of time in the event there is recount of a statewide election. The large counties in the state would be unable to undertake a recount and report results in the amount of time provided in the current statutes. As Secretary you may want to consider the times which exist and suggest to the Legislature an increase in these timeframes. As you are aware most states of comparable size have substantially longer times to report their returns and to conduct a recount if such becomes necessary.

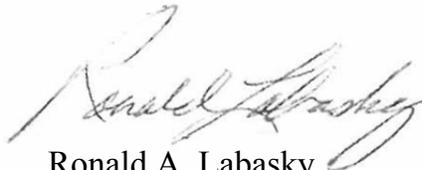
The second concern arises in conjunction with the evolution of voting equipment and other technological devices used in the voting registration and election process. New equipment has been, or is being developed, to be used by supervisors in registration of voters, operating early voting locations and polling places on Election Day. Section 98.035(4), Florida Statutes, provides that the statewide voter registration system shall allow supervisors to use any hardware or software to carry out their duties in meeting those responsibilities. Supervisors have encountered issues with trying to utilize newly developed equipment in conjunction with the statewide

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registration system maintained by the Department. We would hope you will review this issue and we look forward to discussing it with you.

Please contact me or Brian Corley, our President, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Labasky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ronald A. Labasky
General Counsel

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cc:

Brian Corley, President FSASE