



# DELAWARE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURTS

Rick R. Spangler, Clerk

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE;

IN RESPONSE TO OUR COUNTY AND STATE INVESTIGATION INTO UNWANTED AND UNAUTHORIZED REQUESTS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS. THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOUND THERE WAS "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THAT A CRIMINAL OFFENCE HAD OCCURRED" DESPITE MANY OF THE AFFECTED COUNTY VOTERS SIGNING AFFIDAVITS SWEARING UNDER OATH. THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO BRAVELY BROUGHT THIS ILLEGAL ACT TO MY ATTENTION. I APOLOGIZE THAT YOUR WORD AND WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED WAS NOT CONSIDERED "SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE". I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO DONNA PATERSON AND TY MORTON WHO TESTIFIED UNDER OATH AT OUR OPEN ELECTION BOARD MEETING AND ESPECIALLY TO THE FAMILY OF ALICE SIMMONS WHO HAS PASSED YET SOMEHOW REQUESTED TO VOTE ABSENTEE.

I AM STRUGGLING WITH AFFIDAVITS AND PERSONAL TESTIMONY NOT BEING ENOUGH EVIDENCE. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT THE SAME PEOPLE WITH THE SAME CONNECTIONS CONTINUE TO CORRUPT OUR ELECTIONS AND WALK AWAY. PLEASE DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY THIS SET BACK, BRING ME ANY AND ALL EVIDENCE OF WRONG DOING AND WE WILL WORK TO DRIVE THIS BEHAVIOR FROM OUR COMMUNITY.

I AM PROUD TO BE THE DELAWARE COUNTY CLERK AND I TAKE MY JOB VERY SERIOUSLY. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, MY ADMINISTRATION HAS RESTRUCTURED AND IMPROVED VOTER REGISTRATION, IMPLEMENTED ELECTRONIC POLL PADS, AND STREAMLINED IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE VOTED OVER 12,000 WALK IN AND 8,000 MAIL IN BALLOTS THIS FALL WHICH IS A DELAWARE COUNTY RECORD. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND BROUGHT IN THE VOTE TOTALS ON ELECTION DAY.

2021 IS AN OFF ELECTION YEAR SO I INTEND TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO BRING VOTE CENTERS AND IMPROVED ELECTION SECURITY TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ALREADY MADE CHANGES TO HER WEBSITE SO HOPEFULLY THIS PARTICULAR ACT CAN NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. TOGETHER WE CAN ELIMINATE THESE BAD ACTORS FROM OUR COMMUNITY, SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING AND DON'T BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT ISNT RIGHT.

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