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New York Citizens Audit Responds to NYAG James' With Call To Congress and the Justice Department To Investigate Voter Suppression In New York

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New York Citizens Audit ("NYCA"), a non-profit, non-partisan organization concerned with the integrity of New York voter rolls, is calling for a Congressional investigation into New York State board of election officials' failure to investigate massive voter roll anomalies, and the provenance of NY Attorney General Letitia James' recent "cease and desist" letter regarding NYCA canvassing activities.

NYCA first learned from the press that NYAG Letitia James sent a "cease and desist" letter. NYCA questioned how the press unethically received the letter before NYCA.

NYAG claims that NYCA volunteers impersonated state officials when canvassing. NYCA termed the allegations "strange" for failing to present any factual evidence while asserting a "cease and desist" for phantom complaints.

NYCA Executive Director Marly Hornik commented: "The allegations are puzzling." NYCA requested evidence supporting the claims. Nothing has been produced. This developed

first from the board of elections fomenting public hysteria in the news about unidentified canvassers, followed by the board naming NYCA as the 'public law breaker no. 1' perpetrator - without presenting any factual evidence; then the press started to beat the drum repeating the unsupported allegations fomenting the intended fear of any canvassers, and next thing we know the NYAG is naming NYCA – all without any facts. It's like Soviet-era propaganda to discredit and then attack, calculated to stop public awareness of serious voter roll anomalies NYCA has discovered during our review of official data."

NYCA is concerned that the state government's refusal to even investigate what appear to be millions of voter roll anomalies is the real issue here.

NYCA Director Kim Hermance added, "The notion that NYCA is breaking the law through lawful canvassing inquiry is absurd. At the first allegation, NYCA has reaffirmed the law and offered to fully cooperate in investigating the situation. We received no response except this latest accusation directed to us. That does not reflect a neutral, non-partisan approach to law enforcement. We train our people to do legal canvassing, and, if ever verified, voter intimidation would be completely unacceptable and against our policy."

NYCA has sent a letter to Congress demanding an investigation of the voter roll anomalies; the apparent failure of the NYSBOE to investigate; and whether this is an attempt to initiate false publicity and foment a criminal investigation to suppress inquiry into voter roll anomalies.

NYSBOE has refused to meet despite repeated offers, and data that appears to reflect massive number of irregularities. NYCA seeks an investigation of an apparent algorithm in the rolls injecting synthetic voters, the large discrepancy between the votes counted and the voters who voted, and the non-compliant registered voters permitted to vote. NYSBOE's only response accuses NYCA of intimidating voters by disclosing voting registration anomalies, such as multiple registrations and registrations of dead citizens.

"These rolls must be pristine, not full of inconsistencies that give rise to speculation of abuse. All NYCA wanted was an answer from the boards of elections, but up to now all they have done is hide," stated NYCA Director Steve Gillan.

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