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Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt  
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C/O Janelle Hawthorne, Agency Open Records Officer  
401 North Street, Rm 306  
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Dec. 23, 2024

**RE: Right-to-Know request regarding Cambria County election snafu**

Secretary Schmidt:

In the Dec. 18, 2024 Tribune-Democrat news story "***Officials still examining voting issues in Cambria County; Burns calls for investigation***," Cambria County Solicitor Ronald N. Repak said an investigation involving the Department of State has already started.

More specifically, Repak is quoted as saying:

- ❖ "We are absolutely working intimately in tandem with the Department of State."
- ❖ "We've already had a meeting with all the individuals on the Department of State regarding additional trainings moving into next year."
- ❖ "I've already been in contact with the Department of State. I've been in contact with the Department of State from day one. We've already spoken with all counsel over there. We've come up with a plan regarding making sure that we do an internal investigation. We've talked with every single entity there. They're going to help support us in that investigation."

Since Cambria County and its solicitor have been working intimately with the Department of State, have had a meeting with individuals who work there, have come up with a plan, and have talked with every single entity there, there surely exists evidence to back up all that Repak says has been done.

**Please consider this a formal request for that information under the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law. So that I may share it with the public as a means of illumination, I am requesting that you provide me with:**

+ Copies of any and all documents and communications – including but not limited to text messages and emails – between any official or employee in the Pennsylvania Department of State and any elected official or employee in the Cambria County Commissioners Office, the

Cambria County Election Bureau, the Cambria County Sheriff's Office, and Cambria County solicitor Ron Repak between Election Day of Nov. 5, 2024 and the current date.

If you choose not to comply with this request, please state your legal objections in writing.

If you have any questions or desire any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Burns", is positioned above the printed name.

**State Rep. Frank Burns**  
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