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Franklin County Board of Elections  
280 East Broad Street, Room 100  
Columbus, OH 43215

Director Stinziano,

This letter is a formal request to investigate and refer to the Franklin County Prosecutor evidence that out-of-state McCain/Palin campaign workers have registered to vote in Ohio with no intent to stay in-state.

Ryan Meerstein is currently the State Director for McCain's campaign in Ohio. Online biographies indicate he has worked for political campaigns or parties in four different states during the past two years (for the RNC in Virginia, for Sen. Corker's campaign in Tennessee, for Rudy Giuliani in South Carolina and McCain in Ohio). He attended college in a fifth state, and his given hometown is in a sixth state.

The Franklin County Board of Elections reports receiving his completed absentee ballot on October 14th. Records indicate he is also currently registered to vote in South Carolina.

Other high-level McCain Ohio staffers like Paul Lindsay and Jason Levine also appear to have recently moved to the state and registered to vote, while displaying no greater or lesser likelihood to remain a resident than some of the Vote From Home volunteers.

This letter comes in response to the referral last week of 13 volunteers from the Vote From Home project to the Franklin County Prosecutor.

It is our belief that the Vote From Home volunteers are no more or less guilty than Mr. Meerstein and any number of other campaign staff. The law should be applied equally, without regard to political affiliation or belief, or not at all.



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