

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

**LAUREN COWLES, individually and on behalf of
ARKANSANS FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT,
a ballot question committee,**

Petitioners

v.

No. CV-24-455

**JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity
as Secretary of State**

Respondent

Notice of Compliance with Order

In compliance with the Court's July 23, 2024, Order, Respondent John
Thurston submits the attached affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on July 25, 2024, I electronically filed this document with the Clerk of Court using the eFlex electronic-filing system, which will serve all counsel of record.

/s/ Nicholas J. Bronni
Nicholas J. Bronni

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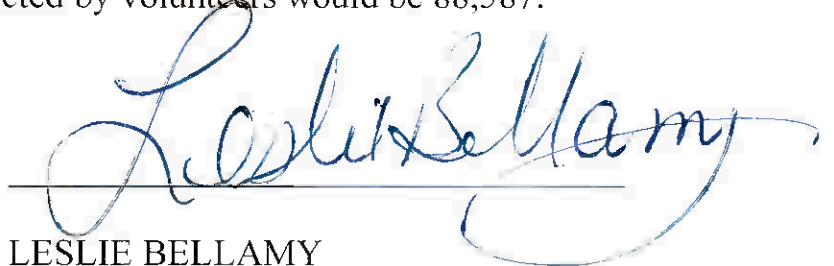
JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity
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RESPONDENT

Comes Leslie Bellamy, and makes the following statements under oath:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to make this affidavit.
2. I am the Director of Elections for the Arkansas Secretary of State.
3. I am providing this affidavit in response to the Formal Order issued by the Arkansas Supreme Court on July 23, 2024.
4. Pursuant to the Court's order, I oversaw the initial count of signatures collected by volunteer canvassers under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(a).
5. Pursuant to the Court's order, no volunteer signatures were excluded from that count under Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126(b)-(c), or any other provision.
6. I have determined that volunteer canvassers collected 87,675 signatures.
7. I have also determined that the sponsor submitted an additional 912 signatures on petition parts that do not indicate whether the canvasser was volunteer or paid. Therefore, I was unable to determine whether those 912 signatures should be included in the initial count.

8. If the additional 912 signatures were collected by volunteer canvassers, the total number of signatures collected by volunteers would be 88,587.



LESLIE BELLAMY
DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF Pulaski

On this 25th day of July, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, duly commissioned, appearing in person the within named Leslie Bellamy to me personally known who stated and acknowledged that she has so signed, executed and delivered the foregoing instrument for the consideration, uses, and purposes, therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this

25th day of July, 2024.

My Commission Expires:

11-14-33

(SEAL)

JOSH BRIDGES
WHITE COUNTY
NOTARY PUBLIC - ARKANSAS
My Commission Expires Nov. 14, 2033
Commission No. 12396516


Notary Public