



Sent via email

July 25, 2024

Mr. Jaime Harrison
Chairman, Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol Street SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Chairman Harrison,

I've seen numerous media reports and interviews within the past week in which you repeatedly cite Ohio's August 7 ballot access deadline as justification for your committee's intent to conduct a "virtual nominating convention." As you know, the Ohio General Assembly made an exception to the ballot access deadline for the 2024 presidential election, passing legislation signed by the governor that temporarily extends it to September 1, 2024.

As the state's chief elections officer, I've confirmed with our state's attorney general that Ohio law does not require the DNC to conduct a "virtual roll call" prior to your scheduled August convention dates. I'm confident that your attorneys are well-aware of this fact, and I suspect your current rhetorical posturing is part of a plan to replace the incumbent president without a contested convention or any kind of democratic process. It's clever, if not completely antithetical to your party's relentless finger wagging about threats to democracy, but I ask that you stop using Ohio to justify your course of action.

As long as you certify the nominations of your presidential and vice presidential candidates to my office by September 1, 2024, I assure you they will appear on the Ohio ballot for the November general election. I have included for your additional consideration a letter provided by the chief counsel for the Ohio attorney general, which clearly outlines the timing and interpretation of our new ballot access deadline. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Frank LaRose".

Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State

cc: Liz Walters, Chairwoman, Ohio Democratic Party