

AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD HOPKINS

I, Richard Hopkins, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen years and am legally competent to make this declaration. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein. If called upon, I could and would competently testify under oath as to the facts stated herein.

2. I am an employee of the United States Postal Service. I work as a carrier in the Erie, Pennsylvania post office.

3. Although, as I understand Pennsylvania law, ballots must be postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020 in Pennsylvania, Postmaster Rob Weisenbach directed my co-workers and I to pick up ballots after Election Day and provide them to him. As discussed more fully below, I heard Weisenbach tell a supervisor at my office that Weisenbach was back-dating the postmarks on the ballots to make it appear as though the ballots had been collected on November 3, 2020 despite them in fact being collected on November 4 and possibly later.

4. On November 5, 2020, as I was preparing my mail for delivery, I saw Weisenbach with Darrell Locke, one of the supervisors for the Erie, Pennsylvania post office having a discussion. Weisenbach and Locke discussed how on November 4, 2020, they had back-dated the postmark on all but one of the ballots collected on November 4, 2020 to make it appear as though the ballots had instead

been collected on November 3, 2020. I overheard Weisenbach tell Locke that they “messed up yesterday” – November 4, 2020 – by accidentally postmarking one ballot as having been collected November 4, 2020 (when it had actually been collected).

5. Importantly, Weisenbach and his assistant had ordered my co-workers and I to continue picking up ballots after November 3 despite the requirement that ballots be mailed by then. Weisenbach directed that ballots be picked up through Friday, November 6, 2020. Moreover, Weisenbach directed that all ballots picked up through November 6, 2020 were to be given to him, presumably so they could be backdated by him and/or Locke.

6. My understanding of Pennsylvania law is that ballots cannot be counted unless they were mailed by 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020. Weisenbach’s comments were deeply concerning to me and appeared to me to be an attempt by Weisenbach and/or Locke to improperly backdate ballots received after the legal deadline so these late ballots could be counted – something I understand to be illegal and against Pennsylvania law. Accordingly, I brought Weisenbach’s information to the public through Project Veritas.

7. The next day, November 6, I was interrogated by a USPS postal inspector who, knowing I was the whistleblower who brought Weisenbach’s directives to light, indicated they were investigating the matter. I was also

approached by a representative of the postal worker union who began asking me about old allegations against me which have long been resolved. I refuse to be silenced, so I decided to reveal my identity and have pledged to testify regarding what I heard and what I was ordered to do.

I, Richard Hopkins, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief). I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 6th day of November, 2020, at Erie, Pennsylvania.

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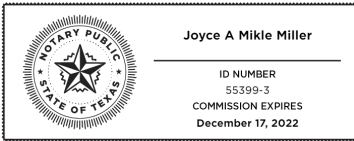
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On 11/06/2020, before me, Joyce A Mikle Miller,
Date Notary Name

the foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me by:

Name of Affiant(s)

- Personally known to me -- **OR** --
- Proved to me on the basis of the oath of _____ -- **OR** --
Name of Credible Witness
- Proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence: driver_license
Type of ID Presented



Electronic Notary Public

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Signature: 

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