

To: Alaska Public Offices Commission  
From: Alaskans for Better Elections, Inc., Complainant

Re: Complainant’s First Supplement in Support of APOC Complaint 23-02-CD Against Preserve Democracy, Kelly Tshibaka, and Alaskans for Honest Elections.

**Respondents:**

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**I. Introduction**

Complainant hereby supplements its original complaint (23-02-CD) with additional information that it was not aware of when it was filed on July 17, 2023.

**II. Supplemental Information Regarding Allegations Against Preserve Democracy and Alaskans for Honest Elections.**

This complaint cited a video from an event where Kelly Tshibaka — Preserve Democracy’s (“PD”) CEO, president, treasurer, and registered agent<sup>1</sup> — spoke on February 13, 2023.<sup>2</sup> Counsel for complainant has since listened to audio from a similar PD

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<sup>1</sup> See APOC Complaint 23-02-CD at 3-4.

<sup>2</sup> See *id.* at 4-5.

event that occurred at Bell’s Nursery in Anchorage on February 9, 2023.<sup>3</sup> This event appears to be a different PD event that occurred at Bell’s Nursery than the one that was previously referenced in the complaint.<sup>4</sup>

In the audio from PD’s February 9 event, Ms. Tshibaka:

- Affirmatively answered “yes,” when asked whether PD was “coordinating with other organizations that are . . . collecting signatures”;<sup>5</sup>
- Gave a shout-out to “the co-leads of Alaskans for Honest Elections,” (“AHE”) who were “in the room right now”;<sup>6</sup>
- Urged attendees to “please join” AHE at “Wellspring Church” the following Thursday night for AHE’s signature gathering event;<sup>7</sup>
- Stated that PD is “running in parallel” and “working in tandem” with AHE;<sup>8</sup>
- Told attendees that AHE’s signature gathering efforts are “absolutely critical”;<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See Affidavit of Samuel G. Gottstein at ¶ 2 (July 25, 2023) [hereinafter Gottstein Aff.]. Two clips from this audio have been included as part of this filing as Exhibit R and Exhibit S. See *id.* at ¶¶ 3-4.

<sup>4</sup> See Exhibit S to Gottstein Aff. (urging supports to attend another PD event at Bell’s Nursery on February 22).

<sup>5</sup> See Exhibit R to Gottstein Aff.

<sup>6</sup> See *id.*

<sup>7</sup> See *id.*

<sup>8</sup> See *id.*

<sup>9</sup> See *id.*

- Explained that is “super important” to “get a counter message out there, so that when [22AKHE is] on the ballot, we win”,<sup>10</sup> and
- Said that she “wanted the [22AKHE] petitions to be here tonight,” and urged attendees to “please volunteer to help get [th]em signed.”<sup>11</sup>

Additionally, another speaker — who appears to be Art Mathias — asked those in attendance to “actually sign the petition” at “Wellspring Ministry” the following Thursday night.<sup>12</sup>

This information further confirms that PD has: (1) worked with AHE since February 2023; (2) explicitly urged Alaskans to assist with AHE’s signature-gathering efforts, as well as attend an AHE event at Wellspring; and (3) viewed itself as supporting AHE’s messaging and campaigning efforts if 22AKHE reaches the ballot.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

This supplemental information further confirms the allegations in this complaint regarding Preserve Democracy and Alaskans for Honest Elections. It further shows that both entities have been working together since at least February 2023. Complainant requests that APOC Staff consider this additional supplemental information when conducting its investigation into the allegations in this complaint.

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<sup>10</sup> *See id.*


<sup>11</sup> *See Exhibit S to Gottstein Aff.*

<sup>12</sup> *See id.*

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4. Included as Exhibit S to the above-referenced First Supplement is a true and correct copy of the second audio clip from the 35-minute audio file described above. Exhibit S begins at approximately 29:43 of the original audio, and goes until approximately 30:23.

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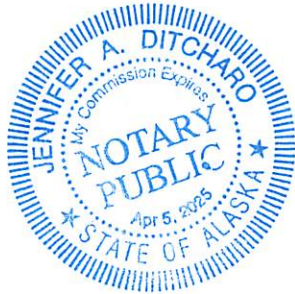


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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, at Anchorage, Alaska.



Notary Public in and for Alaska  
My Commission Expires: 4/5/25



PLACEHOLDER FOR  
ATTACHED ELECTRONIC FILE

[Exhibit R - 2023.02.09 Tshibaka (18\_00-19\_30).mp3]

PLACEHOLDER FOR  
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[Exhibit S - 2023.02.09 Tshibaka (29\_43-30\_23).mp3]