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Randy Bellomy
Ellis County Republican Chair
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Re: Guidance Concerning Ballot by Mail Eligibility Based on Disability

The Office of Attorney General is providing the attached updated guidance in light of confusion that has arisen around the availability of ballots by mail based on “disability” as that term is defined in the Texas Election Code. The guidance states that “an individual’s fear of contracting COVID-19 is not, by itself, sufficient to meet the definition of disability for purposes of eligibility to receive a ballot by mail.”

Further, “the extent third parties advise voters to apply for a ballot by mail for reasons not authorized by the Election Code, including fear of contracting COVID-19 without an accompanying qualifying disability, such activity could subject those third parties to criminal sanctions imposed by Election Code section 84.0041.”

Please keep this information in mind while preparing to guide Ellis County voters into the next election season. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding this guidance, please contact the Office of Attorney General at (512) 463-2100.

Sincerely,

Todd Little
Ellis County Judge

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CC: Jana Onyon, Ellis County Elections
Hon. Krystal Valdez, Ellis County Clerk
Kelly Blackburn, Ellis County Democratic Chair