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**Melanie Leneghan's Counsel Slams Secretary of State LaRose Referral for Prosecution**
**Pullins Claims LaRose Colluded with Democrats While Leneghan Did Nothing Wrong**

Mount Vernon, Ohio – Mount Vernon, Ohio based election law attorney Scott A. Pullins, today slammed Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose and his referral for prosecution of his client Melanie Leneghan. The following quotes may be attributed to him:

"As Secretary of State, Frank LaRose has been referral crazy," stated attorney Pullins. "He's made hundreds of referrals to local prosecutors, the Ohio Attorney General, and even the United States Department of Justice, but upon actual investigation most charges have been dropped, and few individuals have been prosecuted."

"This is political lawfare and headline chasing by Frank LaRose, once again," continued Pullins. "His office fully vetted Mrs. Leneghan and then appointed her to the Delaware County Board of Elections, if any mistakes were made then Frank LaRose should have found them then."

"Mrs. Leneghan worked closely with the Delaware County Board of Elections when she changed her voting registration after her house sold," said Pullins. "She went above and beyond and followed the law at every step of the process."

"This referral was brought by the votes of two partisan Democrats who had already recused themselves because they admitted that they could not fairly judge Mrs. Leneghan," continued Pullins. "Frank LaRose could have resolved this issue months ago, but he instead sided with these two Democrats and joined them in urging prosecution."

"Mrs. Leneghan has fully cooperated at every stage of this process, she and her attorneys set for a several hour interview with the Ohio Secretary of State and delivered them a mountain of evidence of her efforts to comply with the law," said Pullins. "Frank LaRose ignored the law, ignored the evidence, all while he continues to chase headlines and pursue political retribution."

"This investigation and any prosecution are a colossal waste of taxpayers dollars," continued Pullins. "At the time she was removed from the ballot and her registration canceled, she owned a residence in Delaware County and registered and voted according to Ohio law. Mrs. Leneghan has to travel frequently for her work and also spent much of 2025 and 2026 helping care for her elderly mother who had a severe heart attack. But Frank LaRose continues to punish her for being responsible."

"Enough is enough, Ohio laws were written to account for these types of changing life circumstances," stated Pullins. "Its time for this politically charged investigation to end and let Mrs. Leneghan go on with her life."

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