Exhibit A
Ngozi Ndulue

From: robroy@bright.net  
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 9:59 AM  
To: Ngozi Ndulue  
Cc: adams@sos.slate.oh.us  
Subject: Adams County

Dear Ngozi Ndulue,

My name is Roy Gabbert and I am a Member of the Adams County Board of Elections. I am in receipt of your correspondence dated September 27, 2012 from the Ohio Justice & Policy Center regarding a Public Records Request pertaining to voting by the inmates housed in the Adams County Jail.

There is no written policy or procedure of our BOE on this topic. As such, we have no public records in paper or electronic form to submit to you.

Upon receipt of your correspondence, I had a conversation in our office with our BOE Director, our BOE Deputy Director, and another Member of the Board. While there is no written policy, as a courtesy to you, it was agreed that I would reply to your organization with answers to your questions:

1) The general procedure for jail inmates voting in the November 2012 General Election is that if the appropriate Application for Absentee/Early Voting Ballot is received from a registered voter who is incarcerated in the Adams County Jail, then (prior to election day) an optical scan paper ballot will be mailed to the Adams County Jail for the inmate to vote and return to the BOE. Appropriate instructions and a pre-addressed envelope will be included to return the ballot to our BOE office.

2) & 3) The procedure for inmates arrested the weekend before the November 2012 General Election and for inmates arrested the day before the November 2012 General Election is that these inmates may apply for an absentee/early voter ballot, and if received by 3:00 p.m. on election day, a bipartisan team of one Democrat and one Republican BOE Member will take the ballot and voting materials to the Adams County Jail to directly "vote" the inmate personally. This is broadly similar to the process used for a hospitalized voter on election day.

Finally, two items of note: our Board of Elections office is across the street and in close adjacent proximity to the Adams County Jail, allowing easy and quick access if needed; and, the weekly arraignment docket in County Court (our version of Muni Court) occurs on Monday at 1:00 p.m. each week, which will allow bond issues to be resolved (and O.R. bonds releasing those eligible) on many inmates immediately prior to the Election Day on Tuesday. The idea is that because of the happy accident of the county court's weekly arraignment calendar, nearly all inmates arrested over the weekend and on the Monday before election day, will have been released on their own recognizance or given a cash/surety bond on the afternoon immediately preceding election day, allowing them to be "out" of jail and to vote at their normal polling place on Tuesday, using a regular ballot and using the regular voting process of all voters. The inmate population of the Adams County Jail ranges from 135 to 55, at any particular time.

I hope this information is useful and helpful.

Respectfully yours,
Roy Gabbert

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