

**REQUEST TO CEASE AND DESIST ALL DEFAMATION, SLANDER, AND/OR
LIBEL OF CHARACTER AND REPUTATION**

Via US Certified Mail

Ohioans for Energy Security, LLC
c/o Donald C. Brey, Authorized Representative
Two Miranova Place, Ste. 700
Columbus, OH 43215

Ohio Citizen Action
614 W. Superior Ave, #1200
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Mr. Bressman,

I am writing you today on behalf of my organization, Ohio Citizen Action, in regards to your ad campaign for Ohioans for Energy Security. You are hereby notified to cease and desist any and all further unlawful defamation, slander, and/or libel with regards to your actions and/or statements relating to Ohio ballot petitioners, and further to cease and desist encouraging citizens to report such petitioners.

Ohio Citizen Action regularly manages petition drive-type work throughout the state on a number of issues. Due to the particular language of your ad, our volunteers and employees will be targeted under false pretenses as agents of a foreign government, a blatantly false and defamatory conclusion. Your actions have placed our people in harm's way.

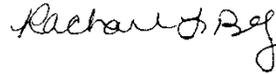
In accordance with Ohio law, it is illegal to provide a false statement, whether written or oral, which causes injury to a person's reputation or exposes that person to public hatred, contempt, ridicule, shame or disgrace or affects the person adversely in his or her trade, business, or profession. The statements made in your ad are false and misleading. The ad campaign, and your website, state multiple times that petitioners on the streets are trying to allow China to control Ohio, Ohio's power, or steal Ohio jobs. The language of your tv-spot also says: "you may be approached on the street or at your door to sign a petition to defund U.S. jobs and energy." These claims are false and disparage the reputation of Ohioans exercising their democratic rights.

Your ad campaign has the potential to cause particular injury to individuals gathering petition signatures to submit to the Ohio Secretary of State, citizens registering Ohioans to vote, and any other person engaging in lawful civil engagement. No petition gatherers of our organization or other organizations are asking anyone to sign petitions defunding U.S. jobs or supporting the Chinese government. But the false words of your ad will injure the reputation of our volunteers and potentially place them in the crosshairs of xenophobic or antagonistic individuals who heard your ad.

THEREFORE, you are hereby requested to immediately CEASE and DESIST the illegal defamation, slander, and/or libel and within 10 business days, return the signed written assurance below affirming that you will refrain from any further acts of said defamation, slander, and/or libel with regards to our character and/or reputation and the character and reputation of any Ohioan who is peaceably petitioning.

This letter is putting you on notice that your defamatory ad campaign may open you up to legal liability in the event that any organization or member of that organization suffers any injury including to his or her reputation as a result of your campaign.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachael L. Belz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Rachael L. Belz, Executive Director
Ohio Citizen Action