To the Perry County Election Board -

Please allow this correspondence to serve as my official notice to file a formal complaint against a poll and/or election worker, Sherri Flynn - specific to her actions of which I believe constitute voter intimidation under IC 3-14-3-21.5. I further believe that Ms. Flynn violated my rights under the Indiana Voter's Bill of Rights specific to the section that pertains to primary elections. In addition to the aforementioned violations I have cited, I feel that Ms. Flynn targeted and discriminated against me personally at my polling location due to not only my sexual orientation, but my relationship with a high profile elected official who is of the opposite party of her. Ms. Flynn aggressively initiated a challenge affidavit (Form 42130) upon my attempt to vote in the primary election - however, Ms. Flynn did not state or otherwise provide factual evidence to support her reasoning for issuing the challenge when she demanded that I complete and sign the form. Due to the intimidation, aggression and disruption that resulted from Ms. Flynn's hostile efforts to challenge my vote, the police were contacted and a 911 CAD report was completed. Witnesses of the events that transpired include Mary Hackel, Trudy Parker and two other gentlemen who were there as poll/election workers of which I never learned their names. My partner Chris Cail was also present and witnessed Ms. Flynn's actions. In addition - multiple voters such as Ken Roland and another woman were present for partial moments of the event. The entirety of the events described in detail below, took place on May 7, 2024 at approximately 09:00am/CST - at the Tell City Depot - located at 333 7th Street in Tell City, Indiana.

At approximately 9:00am/CST on May 7, 2024, my partner Chris Cail and I went to our designated polling location to vote in the primary election.

Upon walking into the building, Chris and I walked up to the table where the election workers were seated. Chris checked in first and then I proceeded to check in with a gentleman who was very nice to me. He asked to see my ID, confirmed my address and name and then turned a tablet screen to face me to select democrat or republican for the primary I wanted to vote in. I selected a Republican ballot (for several local reasons and for the State races that I had interest in as well). Once I made my selection, a ticket was automatically printed and handed to me. Unknowingly a “Poll Judge",  Sherri Flynn was standing directly behind me, not more than 3 or 4 feet. She asked for my ticket without explaining why she needed it - and then went about 20-30 feet across the room to a table where a poll "judge" or supervisor (I assume) was seated. I watched her pull out a two-sided form and begin writing on it. For several minutes I stood in the middle of the room waiting, while no one offered any information or explanation. It wasn't until I asked what was going on that she turned back and responded by stating "I'm filing a challenge against your vote".

When she stated this, I was confused as I did not know what that meant and both my partner Chris and I asked at the same time, why my vote was being challenged. Ms. Flynn proceeded to approach me, walking toward me in an aggressive manner with the challenge form in hand. She was flipping the form front to back in my face, to seemingly show me and then pointed to where I needed to sign the back of it. Ms. Flynn was not clear in the minimal information she provided about the form or the reason for it. I stated to Ms. Flynn that I did not understand the information on the form and she proceeded to tell me that "I could not vote unless I signed that form". I told Ms. Flynn I was not going to sign the form because I did not understand it and I specifically told her that "I did not feel safe" in her presence due to her intimidating aggressive demeanor and hostility she was expressing toward me. Ms. Flynn aggressively verbalized very loudly that she was challenging my vote due to me not being a member of the republican party. She proceeded to state to everyone in the room that if I cast a vote without signing the form, then it was considered "election fraud" and then stated that if my vote was counted "the entire election would have to be redone". Ms. Flynn proceeded to loudly and aggressively state for everyone in the room to hear that I was not a member of the Republican Party. My partner Chris had asked the supervisor if it would be possible to cast a provisional ballot. Before the supervisor could answer, Ms. Flynn interjected holding up the challenge form and stated that at the top it clearly reads that a provisional ballot cannot be cast.

The supervising judge (assumingly) of the polling location who was wearing a blue polo shirt, and Ms. Flynn exchanged words, while I stood there waiting for an answer of any kind. My partner Chris was standing at the entrance of the building, waiting to learn what we needed to do. Both Ms. Flynn and the supervisor gentleman (I don't know his name) were both exchanging words while using their cell phones to seemingly call and/or text someone that could clarify the situation. After approximately 7 or 8 additional minutes passed, the referenced supervisor, who had made a phone call, stated that he had spoken with the County election board and that I would be able to vote and proceed toward the voting booth. I verbally confirmed with the supervisor and all the present election workers that it was okay for me to proceed to vote without signing any documents. All election workers who were present verbally agreed that it was allowed. As I proceeded to cast my votes, Ms. Flynn was loudly claiming election fraud and misconduct in the presence of other voters and election workers and continued to verbalize her reasoning why I should not be voting, loudly enough for everyone to hear. Ms. Flynn further targeted my partner who was waiting at the door entrance of the building due to his concern for my safety as a result of Ms. Flynn's unpredictable and intimidating behavior toward me. Ms. Flynn proceeded to tell my partner that he could not remain in the building, at which time I told Ms. Flynn that I wanted him to remain as I did not feel safe in her presence without him as a witness. The other election workers allowed Chris to remain due to the volatile events occurring and Ms. Flynn loudly yelled "if he (referencing my partner Chris) is allowed to stay after voting then I am going to have my husband stay here all day long when comes to vote later".  My partner Chris did exit the room at the time I was able to begin casting my vote. Ms. Flynn caused such a disturbance and distraction as I was casting my votes, I paused from voting to turn around and tell her to "be quiet while I am voting", because she literally created an intimidating environment where I could not concentrate on what I was doing or the people I was voting for. Ms. Flynn continued to cause a verbal disturbance until the election worker wearing the blue polo shirt, intervened in her attempt to interrupt voting at which time Ms. Flynn left the room.

Chris Cail and I left the building and returned to our vehicle after completing the voting process and immediately contacted the Perry County Clerk's office to inform them of the situation (of which they were already made aware by the supervising election worker). We were informed that I did not have to return to sign the form after it was determined that Ms. Flynn was not authorized to challenge my vote based on the fact that she resides in precinct 2 and I reside in precinct 1 and the challenger must reside in the same precinct to initiate the challenge - per the Perry County Election Board. At the same time of learning that I was not required to sign the form, I had also been informed that due to disturbance and interference that Ms. Flynn caused at the precinct, the County Clerk and Election Board had contacted the police dispatch to send an officer to the location for a disturbance call and verbal altercation. I have provided a copy of that 911 CAD report that documents that Ms. Flynn was attempting to interfere with me and was hostile and intimidating throughout the process.

I am in disbelief of the events that took place and feel personally victimized by the actions of Ms. Flynn. I was publicly embarrassed, harassed and intimidated while trying to exercise my vote in an Indiana primary election. I am a transplant resident from Kentucky where I was born and raised and have only ever participated in one other Indiana election - which was last year for the City of Tell City in the general election. The more disturbing aspect of today, is that I have learned that as of this email, there have been ZERO challenged votes for this primary aside from the attempted challenge placed on my vote which further indicates targeting and discriminatory practices due to my sexual orientation along with my affiliation and relationship with a high profile democratic elected official. To further support my claims of election interference and voter intimidation, inflicted by Sherri Flynn, please see the screenshot in this document where Ms. Flynn can be seen commenting on a post stating, "Because even when Democrats infiltrated our primary, we still win. Thank you for voting!!!!!". Her comment was made on another person's page, in reference to a post made by another individual congratulating Randy Cole for winning and only further provides evidence that Ms. Flynn was not an objective poll/election worker who supports or believes in the integrity of the election or voting process (clearly identified by her words "...When the Democrats Infiltrated OUR Primary...".

As the local governing authority of elections and the process involved, I respectfully request all members of the Perry County Election Board to review my report, investigate the details I have provided and take significant action to reprimand Ms. Flynn to the fullest extent of your powers, if you agree that your investigation concurs with my report. If you concur with my report I further ask for this Board to take immediate action to place a permanent ban on Ms. Flynn from ever participating in or having any working capacity in regard to Perry County Elections governed by this Board. I further respectfully request that this Board, at your discretion and authority, alert and notify ALL State and Federal Election Boards and Commissions as deemed appropriate by your Board, of this incident including the Indiana Secretary of State's office along with the United States Department of Justice and Voters Rights (Civil Rights Division) and report and provide them with this report and any and all details they may request, as I intend to do as well.

Throughout the duration of my residency in Perry County - I have NEVER questioned my love or passion for this community until May 7, 2024. I have never felt intimidated or unsafe in a community building the way I felt unsafe on May 7, 2024 at the Tell City Depot. Ms. Flynn targeted ONLY me for very obvious personal reasons and her assumption that she knew my intent to vote in the Republican primary. My intent has never and would never be to "infiltrate" an election, as Ms. Flynn referenced. My intent on May 7, 2024 was to cast a vote in a primary where I supported multiple candidates from the Republican Party. Ms. Flynn further failed to inquire about my personal involvement and history with the Republican Party, because she was seemingly distracted by labeling me and intimidating me during the process of trying to vote. What Ms. Flynn remains unaware of to this day, due to her own overcrowding prejudices, is that I have not only personally supported many republican candidates (locally, statewide and beyond) in addition to democrats, I have further personally provided financial contributions to ALL parties as well (at the local level) - and further assisted multiple candidates, Republican AND Democrats in their campaigns in Kentucky. Ms. Flynn made and used a very ill informed and prejudiced assumption against me on May 7, 2024 and used voter intimidation tactics to hinder my Constitutional right to vote as an American. It is my sincere hope that the Perry County Election Board, the Secretary of State and the United States Department of Justice understand the severity of this incident and the precedence it will set, along with the ramifications it will have, if not addressed to the fullest extent.

Thank you for your time,

**James Bradley DeHart**