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Via Email and Certified Mail

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Re: Offering Rides To Induce Voters to Vote for Particular Candidates

Dear Ms. Béjean:

The Elections Integrity Unit ("Unit") of the Arizona Attorney General's Office ("AGO") has been made aware that RideShare2Vote has begun offering certain election-related services in Arizona.

Specifically, according to a complaint received by the Unit, RideShare2Vote has begun sending text messages to voters registered as Democrats in Maricopa County. Based on the Unit's review of the complaint and RideShare2Votes' website, RideShare2Votes started "rolling out rides for early voting on October 29, 2022" in Maricopa County.¹

Notably, RideShare2Vote is providing rides only to "Democrat Voters" and provides transportation "for voters supporting Democrat/ Progressive candidates in local and statewide elections."² Further, according to RideShare2Vote's website, RideShare2Vote is actively working with campaigns, and promises to promote the candidate's campaign while "actually taking [voters] to vote."³

Based on the Unit's review of the complaint and RideShare2Vote's website, the services provided by RideShare2Vote run afoul of an Arizona law that criminalizes providing "valuable consideration" (a free roundtrip ride, likely worth \$30-\$50) to induce a voter to vote for a particular

¹ See <u>https://rideshare2vote.com/arizona/</u>.

² According to RideShare2Vote's website, "Rideshare2Vote is an organization that provides free round-trip transportation to polling places for voters supporting Democrat/ Progressive candidates in local and statewide elections" and that it "exist[s] to serve only Democrat Voters." <u>https://rideshare2vote.com/about-us-2/</u>.

³ See <u>https://rideshare2vote.com/campaign-program-overview/</u>.

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candidate, to induce the voter to go to the polls, and/or to provide valuable consideration for having gone to the polls. A.R.S. § 16-1014(A)(1). The act of providing rides with the intent to not only induce someone to go to the polls, *but more particularly to induce voters to vote for a particular candidate or measure*, is a misdemeanor violation of Arizona law. *See also* A.R.S. §§ 13-1002(B)(6), -305(A)(3). A criminal investigation may result if RideShare2Vote continues to offer voting-related ride services in Arizona.

The AGO demands that RideShare2Vote immediately and permanently cease and desist from advertising, soliciting, or offering voting-related ride share services to any person, entity, or organization in Arizona. Further, please immediately remove Arizona from the RideShare2Vote app and website as a location where voting-related rideshare services are provided, as such services clearly intended to induce voters to vote for particular candidates violate Arizona law.

Please provide written confirmation to the Unit that RideShare2Vote has ceased soliciting and/or advertising unlawful voting-related rideshare services in Arizona **no later than 6:00am MST, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.**

Sincerely,

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