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STATE OF MARYLAND  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 16, 2023

Ms. Nicole Beus Harris  
Chairwoman, Maryland Republican State Central Committee  
P.O. Box 631  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Chairwoman Harris:

Pursuant to Section 2-101(c)(2) of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Republican State Central Committee has submitted the name of William T. Newton of Baltimore County for appointment to the State Board of Elections.

I am of the opinion that Mr. Newton is not an appropriate selection for this important position of public trust. First, I do not believe that someone who denies the legitimacy of Maryland's elections should be able to make decisions regarding their administration. Second, Mr. Newton does not meet our internal vetting standards due to his previous conviction for a crime of moral turpitude. Accordingly, so that I may fulfill my statutory obligation to appoint qualified members to the State Board of Elections, I hereby request that the Republican State Central Committee submit the name of another individual who meets the qualifications for this position so that I may send their name to the Senate of Maryland for their advice and consent.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Appointments Secretary, Tisha Edwards, at [Tisha.Edwards@maryland.gov](mailto:Tisha.Edwards@maryland.gov) or 443-603-4843.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wes Moore'.

Wes Moore  
Governor