

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

SAMUEL RONAN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FRANK LAROSE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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Case No. 2:26-cv-343

Chief Judge Sarah D. Morrison

Magistrate Judge S. Courter M.

Shimeall

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction filed by Plaintiffs Samuel Ronan and Ana Cordero. (Mot., ECF No. 2.) The Court held an informal preliminary conference pursuant to S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 65.1(a) at which counsel for all parties appeared. During the informal conference, the Court found Plaintiffs' Motion to be well-taken as to their claim under the First Amendment (Count I). This Order memorializes the Court's ruling.

Upon review of the Verified Complaint, the Motion, and all materials filed in support thereof, and in consideration of the matters discussed during the preliminary hearing, the Court finds that (i) Plaintiffs are substantially likely to succeed on the merits of their First Amendment claim; (ii) Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm absent this Order; (iii) neither the Defendants nor any third party will be harmed by issuance of this Order; and (iv) this Order is in the public

interest. Plaintiffs' Motion is thus **GRANTED**. The Defendants are hereby **ORDERED** to identify Plaintiff Samuel Ronan as a candidate for Ohio's Fifteenth Congressional District on the May 5, 2026 Republican primary ballot without including notice of his disqualification by Defendant Secretary of State Frank LaRose. To the extent any county board of elections has sent ballots with a notice of disqualification of Mr. Ronan's candidacy, Defendants are **ORDERED** to send notice rescinding the prior notice of disqualification and clarifying that Mr. Ronan remains on the ballot.

This Order shall expire fourteen days from the date of entry, to be extended upon a showing of good cause. The matter is hereby set for a preliminary injunction hearing on **April 3, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 132**.

The Court **EXPEDITES** briefing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Any response is due on or before March 30, 2026. Plaintiffs may reply, if necessary, but any reply is limited to five (5) pages and is due on or before April 1, 2026.

If Defendants intend to file a motion to dismiss, they must do so by March 26, 2026. Any response is due on or before March 30, 2026. No reply will be permitted.

The parties are **ORDERED** to confer on discovery on or before March 30, 2026. The parties shall cooperate in good faith with discovery. If a dispute arises, they shall contact Magistrate Judge S. Courter M. Shimeall to resolve any disputes that arise.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

*/s/ Sarah D. Morrison* \_\_\_\_\_  
**SARAH D. MORRISON**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**