

1 THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Chris. I'm going  
2 to get you unmuted again -- or disabled.

3 It looks like the next person to speak -- and  
4 this is the last hand I see raised -- is Randy  
5 Paul. We just had one more as well. So I'm going  
6 to get that unmuted.

7 Randy, go ahead and speak if you want to just  
8 unmute yourself. There you go.

9 MR. PAUL: Okay. Can you hear me now?

10 THE MODERATOR: Yes.

11 MR. PAUL: Again, my name is Randy Paul,  
12 R-a-n-d-y, last name is P-a-u-l. I wanted to talk  
13 to you today. I also wrote you a couple of emails  
14 and a letter back in March.

15 My concern is -- I'm running as a Green Party  
16 candidate in Monroe County for county commissioner,  
17 and as you well know, a third-party candidate has  
18 to have X number of signatures on a petition to  
19 have valid access. In my case, it's roughly a  
20 little over a thousand signatures. I've been in  
21 politics for 40 years. I've run petition drives  
22 before, and that's normally not a problem. This  
23 year, though, it's become a huge problem.

24 If a candidate is going to comply with the  
25 safety measures that's required from this pandemic,

1 you can't be any closer than 6 feet to a person.  
2 So, you know, visualize yourself walking down a  
3 sidewalk with a clipboard. To throw the clipboard  
4 at somebody, even exchanging pens is a hazard.  
5 One-on-one isn't even possible. Large crowds no  
6 longer exist. Normally we'd go to, like, our local  
7 farmers market. Do that a few weeks and you'd be  
8 able to obtain those signatures. We can't do that  
9 any longer. We've lost a huge part of our base  
10 with Indiana University. They're not here.

11 And I'm not just speaking for my own  
12 candidacy, but I think any third-party candidate,  
13 it's going to be virtually impossible for them to  
14 get the required signatures to be on the ballot.

15 And time is of the essence. With the primary  
16 now being in June, the cutoff for those petitions  
17 is at the end of June. Some decision by the  
18 Commission yes or no would be really appreciated  
19 because right now I think most third-party  
20 candidates are trying to figure out if they can  
21 even run at all. And I think if we don't have some  
22 kind of flexibility here, and what I would ask the  
23 Commission to consider is to allow online  
24 signatures.

25 You know, we allow voters to register online.

1 I think it would be reasonable for us to say that  
2 that person who registered online could sign a  
3 petition for a candidate online. If we could have  
4 online signatures, I think most third-party  
5 candidates, if they started right away, could  
6 probably get that done. If it's delayed much, even  
7 that would not be possible. So if time is a  
8 factor, that you would consider extending that time  
9 into July as the deadline instead of June, I think  
10 it would also be helpful.

11 But I do think it's important that third  
12 parties participate in this election, and I think  
13 the only way possible for that would be some  
14 flexibility on how we get these petitions signed.  
15 Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN LONG: Thank you.

17 THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Randy.

18 The next person we have up is Shari Frank.  
19 Shari, I'm going to go ahead and get you access to  
20 speak, if you can just unmute yourself, please.

21 MS. FRANK: Hi. My name is Shari Frank,  
22 S-h-a-r-i, last name Frank, F-r-a-n-k. I'm the  
23 president of the League of Women Voters of Brown  
24 County. I sent a letter about a couple weeks ago.

25 My concern is primarily the deadline for the