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April 13, 2020

Dear member of the Indiana Election Commission,

As you're aware we find ourselves in a unique situation regarding our current inability to have face to face contact with our neighbors and fellow citizens. Stay Home Orders, Social Distancing, Gatherings, and now Masks all make interaction with other members of the community (and family) much more restricted. The Green Party (Libertarians, etc.) as a "third" party organization is left at a major disadvantage regarding acquiring the necessary signatures needed in order to be placed on the ballot for this November.

In order to give us a fighting chance of acquiring the needed signatures I'm respectfully asking the Commission to consider two temporary emergency measures.

First, I am asking the Commission to consider allowing some form on online signatures be used for acquiring ballot access. This process has some precedence in that it is now possible for an individual to register to vote online. I'm sure that the Commission could come up with a recommended means of doing the. Maybe it's time to review the policy of written signatures for ballot access?

Second, I would ask the Commission to consider extending the deadline for petition and signature submission. I of course have no idea when current Stay at Home orders will be rescinded but I suspect we're at least looking at least middle to end of May. With that timeline

in mind, let me suggest extension of until July 30, 2020 for submission of necessary signatures. This I hope will give our candidates and political volunteers the necessary opportunity to meet the signature goal but would also leave election officials three months in which to design and print local ballots.

In closing I want to thank you for your consideration of these matters. We, the people, depend on leadership that can adapt to changing conditions for the good of the community. I think you'll agree, conditions have changed since last election.

Your consideration and meaningful action in the face of this pandemic would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Gregory R. George*

Gregory R. George, Co-Chairperson

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