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SUBJECT: WILL JUNETEENTH BE THE EMANSIPATION OF ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF A DAY THAT SHOULD HAVE EMANCIPATED FORMER SLAVES?

In Galveston, Texas the first Juneteenth Day to commemorate the "Emancipation" of Slaves and the end of Slavery. Unfortunately it did not end the injustice black people had to endure to have equal rights to PURSUE Happiness. The same fight for equality also exists when it comes to alternative political parties having the right to be on the ballot, not just here in Virginia, but all across the country. There is a court hearing set for this Friday, Juneteenth to allow all ALTERNATIVE Political Parties (Constitution, Green, Independent Green and Libertarian Parties) to be allowed to waive the often burdensome, now impossible Nominating Petition signature requirements to gain ballot access and restore COMPETITION which was removed in the 1960's when Republican and Democrats in the State Legislature passed laws making it much harder for other political parties to gain ballot access and build their party. This year is different due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Governor Ralph Northam's, "Stay at Home Order" which made collecting signatures ILLEGAL. America claims to be a "free" country, yet we have two political parties that control ballot access, whereas the former Soviet Union had ONE political party that controlled ballot access. Is the United States any better when BOTH the Republican and Democrat Parties, restrict ballot access to those two political parties, ONLY? Is that their definition of "diversity", Republicans or Democrats and that is it? These two parties have expanded the Federal Government and have utter contempt to the INDIVIDUAL Rights of Americans, which includes running for political office, by restricting ballot access, keeping political power in an OLIGARCHY of these two political parties. The Constitution of the United States was AMENDED to protect INDIVIDUAL Americans from the "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" mentioned by Alexis De Tocqueville classic work "Democracy in America" in the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> (Prohibiting slavery), 14<sup>th</sup> (prohibiting the STATES from passing laws that did not treat all Americans with equal protection), 15<sup>th</sup> (allowing black Americans the right to vote), 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (allowing women the right to vote) and 26<sup>th</sup> (allowing those 18 years and over the right to vote) Amendments. More than two political parties ensures that "Tyranny of the Majority" is not possible, and protects the rights of INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS.

John Bloom, Chairman of the Constitution Party of Virginia, stood by the Governor's decision to decide when it would be safe to reopen the Virginia Economy in a letter to the Editor that was published in the Roanoke Times. Mr. Bloom does not want anyone signing or circulating Nominating Petitions to be the next to die. Last weekend the Republican Party held a drive through 5<sup>th</sup> CD Convention, where they did not come within 6' of each other which is not possible circulating Nominating Petitions, it just increases the public health risk, that option is not available to Responsible Political Parties and violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution. **The hearing details: 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 19 (Juneteenth), at the Richmond Courthouse: Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., Federal Courthouse, 701 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA.**

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### Letter: Stand with Gov. Northam through the coronavirus pandemic

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I have strongly disagreed with Governor Ralph Northam on POLICY, like opposing his support of gun control and abortion "rights" especially when it borders on INFANTICIDE, but I have not and will not criticize him about "reopening" the Virginia economy. I have and will continue to CRITICIZE Donald Trump for spreading misinformation and lying to the American people, always, but especially during the coronavirus pandemic briefings which places the lives of my fellow Americans at risk. In Donald Trump's "defense," he cannot help himself but lie, such is the NATURE of a pathological liar, and the end result of what happens when the plurality of people in a majority of states, Virginia, was not one of them, elected a pathological liar as President.

Some are using the coronavirus pandemic to advance their political agenda, but not myself. I stand with Governor Northam on when he chooses to reopen the government. I certainly do not envy him in having to make that decision. For those pushing to reopen the government based on the number of coronavirus deaths, being small in number, I challenge you to ask yourself this question, "Would you be willing to reopen Virginia's economy if YOU would be the next one to die?"

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