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SUBJECT: GIVE US LIBERTY OR RISK PUBLIC HEALTH

As a result of Governor Ralph Northam's "STAY AT HOME" Order on March 12th, collecting signatures for ballot access became illegal to protect public health. Collecting signatures on Nominating Petitions is obviously NOT an ESSENTIAL SERVICE and nothing in the Governor's Executive Orders for Phase One or Phase Two of opening the Virginia mentioned how Alternative Political Parties can obtain signatures on their Nominating Petitions without risking public health. On June 17th, 2020 a Hearing was held to allow Alternative Political Parties, specifically the Constitution Party of Virginia, the Green Party of Virginia, the Independent Green Party of Virginia and the Libertarian Party of Virginia to waive signature requirements to gain ballot access. The State offered that the signature requirements would be reduced by 65% and the deadline extended to July 7th for Congressional Candidates or there would be a Trial with a single Republican or Democrat Judge on July 13th. That is a LOSE –LOSE situation. Our Lawyer advised us to take the deal and if we do not succeed at collecting signatures for ballot access for those candidates then we file a lawsuit and go to court and probably lose.

All Alternative Political Parties do NO want to be responsible for spreading the Coronavirus during this Pandemic, so we need the State to provide us requirements to collect signatures in such a way to ENSURE we do not spread the Coronavirus and that the state assume ALL responsibility if the Coronavirus spreads in Virginia, cover the healthcare costs of those that circulate or sign Nominating Petitions and are held liable if any of those people DIE. Virginian Patrick Henry said "Give me Liberty or give me death." The choice now is "Give US Liberty or RISK Public Health". I am asking the Virginia Government to take responsibility for the result of the hearing and to PROTECT Alternative Political Parties from being held liable for the spread of this Coronavirus. If we were offered a Trial by JURY we would believe our fellow Virginians would grant us a fair decision and protect the Public Health of Virginians by granting us Ballot Access without requiring any signatures on a Nominating Petition. John Bloom, the Chairman of the Constitution Party of Virginia is in a high risk group as he has diabetes and if he contracts the Coronavirus he has a higher probability of dying, so this is a matter of life and death situation for him and his family.

This problem we are dealing with is not one of our own making but created the moment the Governor issued his "Stay at Home" order. It would be interesting to see how the Virginia Board of Elections handle Republican Robert Good missing the June 9th Filing Deadline due to this Pandemic and the REPUBLICAN PARTY moving THEIR Nominating Convention to after the filing deadline. Will there be different requirements for Republican candidates and Alternative Political Party candidates?

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