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SUBJECT: ALL ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES IN VIRGINIA ARE UNITED AGAINST THE DUOPOLY OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT PARTIES AND TAKING THE STATE OF VIRGINIA TO COURT

Last Friday, on Juneteenth, at a Judicial Hearing to allow the waiver of the signature requirements to gain ballot access for Alternative Political Parties (CPV, GPV, IGPV and LPV) and Independent Candidates. The State offered to reduce the signature requirements by 65% for members of CONGRESS and extend the deadline to collect signatures to July 7th and to reduce the number of signatures required by 20% to 4,000 signatures statewide and 160 signatures in each of the 11 Congressional Districts.

In the midst of a Global Pandemic in which Governor Northam issued a "Stay At Home" Order making it essentially ILLEGAL to collect signatures on a Nominating Petition, and only lifting restrictions that do not include obtaining signatures on Nominating Petitions. The State's PUBLIC POLICY is "SAFER AT HOME", however this offer runs counter to that policy.

Mr. John Bloom, the Chairman of the Constitution Party of Virginia would not urge anyone to risk their health and that of the public's to collect signatures. "We do not want to be responsible for spreading the Coronavirus throughout Virginia, as that is what would happen with four political parties collecting signatures to get their statewide candidates on the ballot as well as risking the health of volunteers. I'd also like to thank Mr. Mitchell Bupp who found a lawyer willing to take on our mutual fight for LIBERTY and Ballot Access in Virginia."

If we are ordered by the court to continue to collect signatures, we would request the State tell us how to accomplish that feat without risk of spreading the Coronavirus and the State of Virginia would be responsible for any adverse consequences. In order for the Courts to be consistent with the "Safer at Home" Policy, all signature requirements should be waived for ballot access.

The State wrongfully argued that all candidates need to show they have "support", however the Nominating Petition examples provided by the State Board of Elections has this disclaimer for the signers of the petition: "Signer: Your signature on this petition must be your own and does not signify an intent to vote for the candidate. You may sign petitions for more than one candidate." Signing a Nominating Petition does not signify any support.

"We must all hang together, or most assuredly, we will all hang separately", Dr. Benjamin Franklin

The hearing details: 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 13th, at the Richmond Courthouse: Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., Federal Courthouse, 701 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA. with the same **Judge John A. Gibney, a President Barrack Obama appointee**, who presided over the hearing that resulted in this bogus State Offer. Then the State just offered allowing us to email people petitions and having them sign and we "witness" using a Video Conferencing System to "witness" signatures with the same signature requirements, a LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE. The ONLY acceptable outcome to protect public safety and a RETURN to LIBERTY in Virginia is to waive signature requirements.

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