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SUBJECT: MEDIA MUST START TO REPORT ON THE BAD LAW DESIGNED TO KEEP MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OFF THE VIRGINIA BALLOT DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

On July 13th, 2020, there was a Trial in Richmond for Ballot Access in Virginia due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. During the "trial" the Libertarian Party of Virginia Chairman Nick Dunbar, informed Judge (Jury and Executioner) John Gibney that they collected over 1500 signatures prior to Virginia Governor's "Stay At Home" Order issued on March 30th. The Green Party of Virginia Council Sid Smith informed the court that they only obtained around 300 signatures and most of their petitioners were older and more susceptible to contracting the Coronavirus. Constitution Party Chairman, John Bloom, admitted that they did not obtain a single signature as they too were not prepared to collect signatures until April 1st after the Governor's "Stay At Home" Order and also made it clear that not only was he in a high risk group due to his Diabetes, he was not going to risk the health of petitioners, signers or risk spreading the Coronavirus across Virginia. The State Board of Elections testified that the "Stay At Home" order did NOT apply to obtaining signatures for Ballot Access as if that activity was somehow an "essential" service, which does not benefit any resident of Virginia, just the STATE. The State Board of Elections position was that the result could be a Multipage ballot, but the Independent Green Party did not even have a candidate for President or Vice-President and what is wrong with having more than a few choices on the ballot? Abraham Lincoln was elected with 39% of the popular vote and EIGHT candidates on the Presidential Ballot, there would be just FIVE? The State makes the assertion that the signatures requirement shows support for candidates, though the opinion mentioned the requirements of the Petitioner and signer, they left out THE FACT, that the signer "does not signify an intent to vote for the candidate" (See enclosed petition). **The ONLY reason the State Law requires alternative political parties to obtain signatures is to deter the creation of another political party and to keep them OFF the Virginia ballot, in violation of the equal protection clause of the Constitution of the United States** and why Republicans have been placed on the ballot without a single signature and different rules, the State even defines two different requirements for a Political party. During the testimony of Mr. Bloom, he mentioned with his arm span of 22 inches it is impossible to go door to door and maintain 6' of social distancing, unless he left the clipboard on the step, which would be unlikely one would sign it. When the Judge asked him, if the reason the CPV did not collect signatures was because of the Governor's orders and the Coronavirus Pandemic, Mr. Bloom responded "ABSOLUTELY", which is when the plaintiffs rested their case, they thought they won the case. During the Judge's summation he stated that the Law was not written to address the Pandemic and that one would believe the Judge was on the side of the plaintiffs.

On July 15th, the Judge issued "his opinion", but the only thing the Judge gave the plaintiffs to lower the signature requirements from 60% the State Board of Election offered to 50% of the signature requirements, that would help only the Libertarian Party of Virginia. It looked like the State Board of Elections wrote that "opinion" for the Judge, it certainly did not reflect what transpired in the Trial, and if the media covered that Trial, they would know that and the opinion would be different.

On July 18th CPV Chairman John Bloom, issued a [Call for a Virtual Nominating Convention](#) to be held at 1 PM on July 25th. Mr. Bloom issues this statement in regards to the Constitution Party of Virginia Ballot Access:

"The Constitution Party of Virginia will not be responsible for spreading the Coronavirus across Virginia as the State did not offer any direction on collecting signatures, the Judge's "Opinion" would be a recipe for spreading the Coronavirus Statewide. I ask that all members of the Virginia to inform the public, that they are welcome to participate they are just required to take this questionnaire: [CPV Virtual Presidential Nominating Convention](#). **To Chris Wallace, the ONLY honest reporter on FoxNews**, contact me at CPofVirginia@gmail.com and it would be my pleasure to be interviewed by him. **To former Ted Cruz Campaign Manager, Rick Tyler**, who like myself voted for Joe Biden in the Democrat Primary to prevent voters from having a choice between a Narcissist vs a Socialist to the benefit of Donald Trump. Wouldn't he like to vote for someone other than Biden and maintain his principles too? Mr. Tyler have someone contact me from MSNBC and I will interview with anyone there, including **Rachel Maddow or Joe Scarborough**. The Constitution Party of Virginia is the only "Never Trump" Conservative Party. After the last four elections in Virginia, this should be clear, **voting for Donald Trump is a WASTED vote in Virginia** and that "Never Trump" Conservatism is alive and well in Virginia. They represents a base to grow the Constitution Party of Virginia, we represent them, the Party of Trump Republican Party does not! The CPV intends to ask as many people to obtain signatures from family members on a Nominating Petition so as NOT risk spreading the Coronavirus across Virginia, with the only way to gain ballot access this way is for the media to inform Virginia residents on our fight for LIBERTY and to contact me at CPofVirginia@gmail.com."

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