



North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 76

July 8, 2024

Karen Brinson Bell
Executive Director
North Carolina State Board of Elections
430 North Salisbury St.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Ms. Brinson Bell:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §120-14, the House Oversight and Reform Committee requests your appearance to testify on July 23, 2024, from 9:00 am until the conclusion of the hearing in the Legislative Building Auditorium. Alternative arrangements can be made for you to appear via Webex if needed.

In your role as Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections (“Board”), you are uniquely qualified to explain to the Committee why the Board denied the timely filed petitions of certain political parties to appear on the November ballot in North Carolina. At the hearing, please be prepared to address this information, including:

- The role of State Board of Elections staff in evaluating and investigating submitted petitions.
- Anticipated schedule to conclude investigating questions on the submitted petitions.
- Any communications you or your staff have had with third-party organizations concerning the Constitution Party, Justice For All Party, and We the People Party.
- Any communications with Board members that would indicate underlying or perceived political motivations the Board may have to exclude these names from the ballot.

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight and Reform Committee must file with the Committee Clerk a written statement of proposed testimony one week prior to appearing. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

Witnesses appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony, a current resume summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

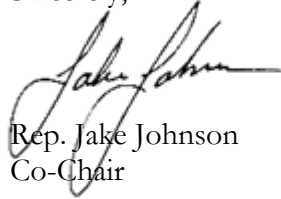
Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft PowerPoint (pptx), Microsoft Word (docx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov no later than Tuesday, July 16 at 12:00 noon.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Committee Clerk in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Megan Kluttz at (919)-715-4466 or Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely,



Rep. Jake Johnson
Co-Chair



Rep. Harry Warren
Co-Chair