

North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 76

July 8, 2024

Andy Jackson John Locke Foundation 4800 Six Forks Rd. Suite 220 Raleigh, NC 27609

Dear Mr. Jackson:

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.

In your role as director of the Civitas Center for Public Integrity at the John Locke Foundation, you are uniquely qualified to discuss the State Board of Elections denial of political parties' timely filed petitions to appear on the November ballot in North Carolina. At the hearing, please be prepared to address this information, including:

- The record of Board approval of new parties in North Carolina since 2021.
- The grounds by which the Board denied the petitions of these political parties, even after timely submission.
- Party performance in statewide elections since in 2012, 2016, and 2020.
- Any 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

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