

Chairmen and members of the Committee –

I've been requested to provide a written statement prior to the meeting, so please accept this very short statement. Also attached is a resume as requested. Please note that I haven't sought employment for many years and as a result haven't created a new resume in some time. I've updated current employment and added membership on the Elections Board, but otherwise the resume reflects earlier work.

The Board has certified the Constitution Party and We the People as a political parties.

The Board has declined to certify Justice for All as a political party because it found that the party itself only submitted four thousand signatures, well below the required threshold. Outside groups submitted additional signatures, but a substantial portion of the citizens whose names appeared on the petitions advised the Board that they did not sign. Many others were not told the purpose of the group, as required by law. Subpoenas were issued to the outside petition gatherers seeking basic information, but they refused to provide information. County elections boards also identified fraudulent signatures, and that matter is currently under criminal investigation.

To my knowledge, there has been no communication with third-party organizations, except for those documents formally submitted to the Board and posted on the Board's meeting website. Of course, there has been a great deal of public comment about this issue, much of it political in nature. But the Board is obligated to decide based on the law. Members have different views, of course, but we do our very best to act thoughtfully and wisely.

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