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Libertarian Party of Illinois Endorses Proposed Campaign Fairness Act

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - The Libertarian Party of Illinois announces its endorsement and support for the "Campaign Fairness" bill (House Bill 762) recently submitted in the Illinois House of Representatives. Rep. Allen Skillicorn, R-East Dundee, sponsored a bill that would put independent and minor party candidates on a level playing field with Republicans and Democrats.

The proposal seeks to bring fairness to Illinois ballot access law by making signature requirements more equal and setting the requirements to become a political party on the same level as other Midwest states. The average number of votes required to become legally recognized in the United States is 2% of the popular vote. Currently Illinois requires 5%.

Ballot Access laws in Illinois routinely eliminate Independent candidates because of the severe requirements. One such case involved David Gill, who was removed from last November's ballot, even though he had over ten times the signatures of his opponents. The Libertarian and Green Parties are also affected by the rigorous petitioning requirements, costing those parties hundreds of thousands of dollars just to list their candidates on the ballot.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Ron Shultis, Legislative Director of the Libertarian Party of Illinois.

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