



LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS LIBERTARIANS FILE STATEWIDE SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Despite Ballot-Blocking Tactics, Party Delivers Over 40,000 Signatures

Springfield, IL, June 23—In a press conference at the Illinois Capitol building this afternoon, the Libertarian Party of Illinois announced the filing of petitions for a full slate of state-wide candidates.

Despite the election laws in Illinois designed to keep new parties and independent candidates off the ballot, the party delivered over 40,000 petition signatures to the Illinois Board of Elections in Springfield. Democrats and Republicans only need **5,000** valid signatures to obtain ballot slots, while all others are forced—by Illinois election law—to collect **25,000** valid signatures.

So why did the Libertarian Party turn in over 40,000 signatures? “Democrats and Republicans in Illinois routinely challenge many thousands of signatures to knock their competitors off the ballot,” said Lex Green, Political Director of the Libertarian Party of Illinois. “They think nothing of robbing voters of choices and wasting taxpayers’ hard-earned money.”

The party unveiled a stack of petitions representing the enormous number of signatures handed in by the Libertarian Party versus the Democratic and Republican Parties. “This is what ballot-blocking tactics look like in Illinois—for any party or independent candidate who challenges the establishment,” said Mr. Green.

The candidates are:

- Chad Grimm for Governor
- Alexander Cummings for Lieutenant Governor
- Ben Koyl for Attorney General
- Julie Fox for Comptroller
- Christopher Michel for Secretary of State
- Matthew Skopek for Treasurer
- Sharon Hansen for U.S. Senate

The party is not only fighting to get on the ballot, it’s also fighting in federal court, with a suit to overturn some of the more inequitable aspects of the law.

For more details on the petition drive, petition challenges, the candidates, and the ballot access lawsuit, contact Libertarian Party of Illinois Political Division Director, Lex Green, at 309-530-7114 or Public Relations Director, Steve Bosak, at 630-485-1554.

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