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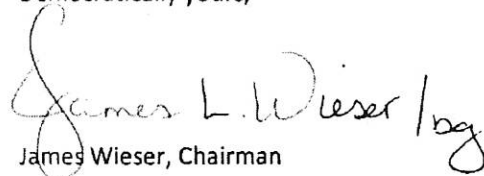
Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

In your memorandum dated June 23, 2017 you indicated that you requested any written plans to be submitted to you by today's date. As the Lake County Democratic Chairman I wanted to submit the following information. The party continues to object to any plan that does not take into consideration the following:

1. Census tract information
2. Public transportation and accessibility issues
3. Disenfranchisement as a result of lack of public transportation, accessibility or the taking into account the loss of representation through the elimination of precinct committeepersons.
4. Communities that have at large elected officials and the effect that any precinct consolidation has on those communities due to a lessening of certain districts in their ability to impact an at large caucus.
5. The arbitrary nature of 600 "active voters" as a benchmark for consolidation.
6. The arbitrary date chosen to determine when an "active voter" is determined.
7. The lack of a clear definition of "active voter."
8. The arbitrary nature of the removal of elected officials (precinct committeepersons).
9. The lack of clear economic impact that this matter has on Lake County versus the need to protect the right to vote.
10. The fact that this law only impacts Lake County, one of 92 counties in the State.

We would again ask for additional time for any agreed upon plan to be considered, taking into account the above important factors and request additional time to do so or alternatively to present our own plan at the appropriate time.

Democratically yours,


James Wieser, Chairman

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