

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Drake Abramson <abramsond@uindy.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Elections
Subject: In-Person Voting

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To the Indiana Election Commission:

In-person voting is a sacred right, and time-tested tradition for Hoosier voters all across the state of Indiana. All though these are unprecedented times, we should continue to preserve these long held traditions of in-person voting on election day. There are countless ways in which we can provide safe training and resources to county election administrators to ensure election day is safe for all those participating.

There are numerous examples that show voting by mail is significantly more susceptible to voter fraud than election day voting. This can be shown through some very specific examples including some of the following I have mentioned below:

Max Judson, Sullivan County Council member – Fraudulent use of absentee ballots – Pled guilty to three counts of voter fraud

Doug Campbell, Mayor of Austin Indiana – Fraudulent use of absentee ballots – Completed an incomplete ballot for a voter

Michael Marshall, Jennings County Democrat Party worker – Fraudulent use of absentee ballots – Fraudulently submitted absentee ballot applications for his son, brother and former roommate.

I understand that we are going through unprecedented times but in order to keep stability in our state, we must adjust and proceed accordingly. I believe with proper training of county election administrators, we can ensure safety when voting in-person on election day. As mentioned above, there are many cases in which voting by mail can be subject to voter fraud and we can not risk this in the 2020 elections. Lastly, I will add that in-person election day voting is an important reason for our youth participating in elections. Our young voters look forward to voting at the polls on election day and enjoy the experience as registered voters. We must continue to preserve these long held traditions and adjust accordingly.

Sincerely,

Drake Abramson

Indianapolis

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Carol Adelman <cookyadelman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail In Ballots

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Dear Indiana Election Commission,

It is imperative that the citizens of Indiana be able to vote by mail. This protects us and poll workers from virus' and other infections.

Thank you,

Carol Adelman

1810 Turnberry Lane

Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Randall Alexander <randallalexander89410@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail In Voting

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I object to the new mail-in voting. There is no reason I see that the June 2 elections should not proceed according to the Election Rules in place prior to this extension of the Voting date.

Randall J. Alexander, Sr.
Lake Station Republican City Chairman
Lake Station, Indiana

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Anita Alter-Earnest <teamernie2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Indiana Primary

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To Election Commission:

It is imperative for the safety of our citizens to make the IN primary an all vote by mail ballot election.

I have been a judge for the past 5-6 years for both Spring and Fall elections.
I am also a healthcare provider.

Even if the current pandemic is improving by June it will still not be safe to ask the public voters and poll workers to risk their lives for their right to vote.

At present we still do not have adequate testing or PPE equipment available to healthcare workers here or nationwide.

We should not be using this vital equipment for an in person election.

I would not be willing to work the polls given the present circumstances. It is not wise or fair to use PPE equipment for an election when people's lives are at risk doing so. What happened in Wisconsin is inexcusable. I know that Hoosiers are better than that.

Please move to make the IN election an all vote by mail election.

Sincerely,

Anita A. Alter-Earnest
Fort Wayne

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Barbara Salisbury <barbara.salisbury@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Elections
Subject: American Council of the Blind of Indiana, statement for consideration

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Dear Secretary of State and Indiana election commission directors:

In November 2018 the members of the American council of the Blind of Indiana, in our state convention, voted to approve the resolution pasted below concerning accessible absentee voting.

First, we recognize that absentee/remote voting is not accessible for the blind and vision impaired community. Now that the recommendations are to expand, make more available absentee or mail voting options, we are concerned that the blind and vision impaired community, and other citizens with various reading disabilities, seeking to access this method of voting will not be able to vote independently and privately, which is our rights as citizens of this great country.

We at the American Council of the Blind of Indiana would like to be a part of the conversation, both now and in the future, in making suggested solutions to accommodate our community for independent and private absentee voting.

Please advise as to how we might learn of any meetings we might participate in to provide relative comment to this issue. We very much want to be a part of the solution to ensure those of us seeking to access absentee voting will be accommodated to an independent and private casting of our ballot. Thank you in advance for this consideration.

Below my signature, is the resolution, passed in Nov., 2018.

Sincerely,

Barbara Salisbury
President
American Council of the Blind of Indiana
www.acb-indiana.org

RESOLUTION OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND OF INDIANA (ACBI)

WHEREAS, federal and state law requires equal access to the ballot and voting experience, including the right to a private and independent verifiable mail ballot; and
WHEREAS, vote-by-mail technology is available and represents an economical way to make the voting experience available to persons with disabilities, many of whom experience difficulties in traveling from their residences to designated polling sites; and
WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has recently received \$7.9 million of unexpected federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) monies, a small portion of which could be used to acquire such statewide Accessible Vote By Mail (AVBM) technology;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the American Council of the Blind of Indiana in convention

Assembled this 3rd day of November 2018 at the Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, that:

1. Its members call upon the leaders and members of both houses of the forthcoming General Assembly to recognize this protected right, and/or consider and pass legislation if needed to make vote by mail available to all qualified voters in Indiana on an equal basis.
2. Respectfully urges the Governor of the State of Indiana to sign any such legislation which meets the above goal; and
3. Strongly encourages responsible elements of State Government to certify one or more vote-by-mail systems which meet the goal of this resolution and

strive to make such system(s) available to qualified voters in all 92 of Indiana's counties in time for the 2020 election cycle.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Absentee In-Person

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Cc: "Warycha, Valerie" <VWarycha@sos.IN.gov>, "Kochevar, Matthew R" <MKochevar@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Absentee In-Person

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Good Afternoon,
Has any thought been giving to the Absentee In-Person Saturdays?
Right now the first In-Person Saturday is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. If people are able to get out and about, it is quite likely that there will be no one around to vote on the 23rd.
Could the 23rd be moved to the 16th by the Election Commission? Then the mandatory Saturdays would be May 16th and May 30th.
If a County wanted to be open on the 23rd they could still do so.
Just a thought.
Christopher

Christopher J. Anderson
Elkhart County Clerk of the Circuit Court
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From: King, Brad
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Absentee By Mail Procedure
Attachments: Absentee By Mail Procedure.docx; ATT00001.htm

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From: Chris Anderson <CANDERSON@elkhartcounty.com>
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Subject: Absentee By Mail Procedure

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Good Afternoon,

With the Governor and the Secretary urging voters to vote by mail, we are going to have an enormous number of absentee by mail ballots. I have been thinking of ways to shorten the amount of time that it will take to examine all the mail ballots that we will receive.

The attached is a process that I have been thinking about.

It maintains the bipartisan nature of the examination, and ultimately speeds up the Central Count process.

Without something like this, Elkhart County will need 20 to 30 Central Count Teams to count absentee ballots and be done in a reasonable time frame.

It needs some polishing, but is this something that Elkhart County can use? Or at least try?

Christopher Anderson

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Absentee By Mail Procedure – 2020 Primary

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to decrease the amount of time that I will take to visually inspect and approve or reject Absentee By Mail ballots on Election Day.

Party Nomination & Board Approval

1. Party Chairs will appoint / nominate numerous individuals to work in the Clerk's Office as Absentee Ballot Clerks. These persons will also be nominated by the Party Chairs as Central Count workers for Election Day.
2. The Election Board will signing a resolution approving the office process for ABS-Mail ballots as set out below.

Absentee Office Process

1. Voter submits completed ABS-Mail Application.
2. Absentee Clerks bi-partisanly prepare the ballot, marking and returning the ballot instructions, and Absentee Voter Bill of Rights, along with ABS-6 Security envelope, and place it in the ABS-8 mailing envelope.
3. The voter receives their Absentee By Mail ballot.
4. They mark their ballot and place it in the ABS-6 Security Envelope, seal the envelope, and sign and date the envelope.
5. The Clerk's Office / Election Board receives the ABS-6 Ballot Security Envelope.
6. The Absentee Clerks retrieves the voter's ABS-Mail Application.
7. The Absentee Clerks check the ballot into SVRS.
8. Bipartisan Absentee / Central Count Team compares signature on ABS-Mail application and signature on ABS-6 Security Envelope, possible even the SVRS file signature.
9. If they concur that the signatures are substantially similar, the ABS-Mail Application and ABS-6 Ballot Security Envelope are placed in a Central Count Mail Envelope and labeled with the voter's name and precinct, and stamp the Central Count Mail Envelope APPROVED.
10. If the feel that the signatures are not substantially similar, the ABS-Mail Application and ABS-6 Ballot Security Envelope are placed in a Central Count Mail Envelope and labeled with the voter's name and precinct, and stamp the Central Count Mail Envelope SIGNATURE CHALLENGE.

Election Day Central Count Process

1. Central Count / Absentee Clerks receive all absentee ballots for a particular precinct.
2. The Central Count envelopes that are marked APPROVED they slice open and slice open the Security Envelope, remove the voted ballot, and place in a basket upside down to be run through the high speed scanner.
3. The Central Count envelopes that are marked SIGNATURE CHALLENGE are examined by the Central Count / Absentee Clerks to render a decision as to whether the signatures are substantially similar.
4. If the Central Count / Absentee Clerks feel that the signature is substantially similar, the will slice the Security Envelope and place the ballot upside down in the basket to be scanned.
5. If the Central Count / Absentee Clerks feel that the signature is not substantially similar, the Clerks will complete the PRE-4 and PRO-2 Challenge paperwork and send it to the Election Board for determination.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Absentee By Mail Procedure

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From: Chris Anderson <CANDERSON@elkhartcounty.com>
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Cc: "Warycha, Valerie" <VWarycha@sos.IN.gov>, "Kochevar, Matthew R" <MKochevar@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee By Mail Procedure

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We tried the Election Day procedure last weekend with 2 sets of 100 mock ballots. Each set had eight "questionable" signatures.
One set used the Election Day procedure as out lined. The other set using the double examine; once when receiving and once by Central Count..
The Election Day procedure as outlined cut the time by about 70 percent.

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:32 PM
To: King, Brad <bking@iec.IN.gov>; Chris Anderson <CANDERSON@elkhartcounty.com>
Cc: Warycha, Valerie <VWarycha@sos.IN.gov>; Kochevar, Matthew R <MKochevar@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: RE: Absentee By Mail Procedure

Chris – I'll add that under current law, the second signature review cannot be waived on ABS-Mail ballots (it can be waived on travel board/in-person absentee per CEB resolution). To Brad's point, we can take a look at those election day procedures and streamline where it'll be helpful.

Thanks for sharing your document.

Angie

From: King, Brad <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Anderson, Christopher <canderson@elkhartcounty.com>
Cc: Nussmeyer, Angela M <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>; Warycha, Valerie <VWarycha@sos.IN.gov>; Kochevar, Matthew R <MKochevar@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Re: Absentee By Mail Procedure

Chris,

Thanks very much for your thoughtful and comprehensive message. We will include this suggestion in the material to be provided to the Indiana Election Commission at its next meeting.

Although a county does not have home rule authority to use election procedures not authorized by state law (IC 36-1-3-8(a)(12)), several of these ideas could be incorporated into the Election Commission's next order, just as similar ideas were included in Order 2020-37.

Once again, thanks for your thoughtful analysis.

Brad

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On Apr 2, 2020, at 2:19 PM, Chris Anderson <CANDERSON@elkhartcounty.com> wrote:

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Christopher Anderson

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From: LeAnn ANGERMAN <tlangerman@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Feedback ref Election Day procedures

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Greetings. My name is LeAnn Angerman and I am the Assistant Director at the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration. I am very familiar with the voting process though I come to you as a very concerned voter in the State of Indiana. I have heard several people voice their support for an all mail-in election for the Indiana Primary Election. My concerns are from different facets I hope you will consider in making your decision.

My biggest concern surrounds the lack of voter identification. Pursuant to IC 3-11-10-1.2, an absentee voter is not required to provide proof of identification when mailing, delivering, or transmitting an absentee ballot. I believe the lack of identification could be conducive to voter fraud.

Further, I am concerned about the availability and cost of supplies if all voting was done by mail-in absentee procedures. In anticipation of an increase in mail-in applications, we have ordered additional supplies though it will not be nearly enough should an all mail election be approved. Simple tasks such as receiving shipments have become increasingly more difficult during this pandemic.

We have taken considerable steps to improve upon the efficiency of obtaining vote returns. With the public concern and possible future restrictions on large gatherings of people, Vote totals will take considerably longer to process with the paper ballots. In addition, I am concerned about having enough space in our building to process the number of ballots we would expect to receive in an acceptable time frame.

As a voter, party leader, and former candidate I understand the time honored tradition of voting on Election Day. I am greatly distressed over the thought of disenfranchising the voters who want to vote in person. As we have been very proud of our Election Day and Satellite voting options, I know many voters would be very disappointed to have in person voting taken away as an option.

I believe these unprecedented times call for a multi-faceted approach to voting. As some people will feel most comfortable with mail-in voting, having the qualifying restrictions removed, each person will have the opportunity to vote by mail, if they desire. Some people will certainly feel most comfortable voting in person. With a controllable number of satellite locations and the ability to consolidate polling locations, cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be manageable.

I would like to say thank you for your guidance during this difficult time. Your task is certainly not an easy one and your dedication in finding the best answers is much appreciated. With these thoughts in mind, I ask for your support in keeping in-person voting on Election Day.

LeAnn Angerman

Mclain, Joseph E

From: August Family <jaugust48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in Primary ballots

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In the interest of an available-to-all election, please keep Hoosiers safe by having an all mail-in primary election.

Thank you!

Sheila A August

John C August

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Mike Aurelio <mike@newsupplies.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Elections
Subject: vote by mail - Good reason to make a bad decision

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Dear Indiana Election Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns about implementing a vote by mail primary election. I'm confident that you as members of the Election Commission are aware of the increase in fraudulent activity that is associated with past election mail in ballots. I have seen with my own eyes some peoples lust for power. My great fear is a large concentrated effort by a small number of bad actors, leading to a false election result.

I can understand the pressure that you are under to keep voters safe from the Coronavirus. It is the right thing to do, considering all options.

My request is for the Election Commission to consider all appropriate safety measures including distancing, protective gear, disinfecting, and all other reasonable measures for all polling sites. Please do not make this primary election, vote by mail only. The long term unintended consequence will be an increase in false election results and a loss of freedom to self-govern.

Please resist the temptation to make this a vote by mail only election.

Respectfully,

Michael Aurelio
St John Republican Committee Chairman

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Shannon Bahler <sbahler@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Comment on IEC Order 2020-37

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Dear committee members,

I applaud your decision to make no-excuses absentee voting available for the primary on June 2. Please do this for the general election in November, too.

We have no reason to believe that COVID-19 will be eradicated in November. We could even see a second wave of it during that time. Regardless of what happens with the virus, people must have a safe option to vote in November. What the world saw in Wisconsin earlier this week when people were forced to vote in person and literally risk their lives was appalling. We do not want such scenes repeated in Indiana.

The virus must not be allowed to impede our right to vote. If the state plans now to make no-excuses absentee voting available in November, we should have adequate time to make a smooth transition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shannon Bahler
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Todd Baldrige <todd.baldrige@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 4:55 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment for April 22 Meeting (Voting by Mail)

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Hello,

I am one of the 11 viewers of the Election Commission's April 7 video of the March 25 meeting in which the commission unanimously passed the order to move the Primary Election to June 2, among other miscellaneous items, in response to the public health emergency.



March 25, 2020 Indiana Election Commission Meeting

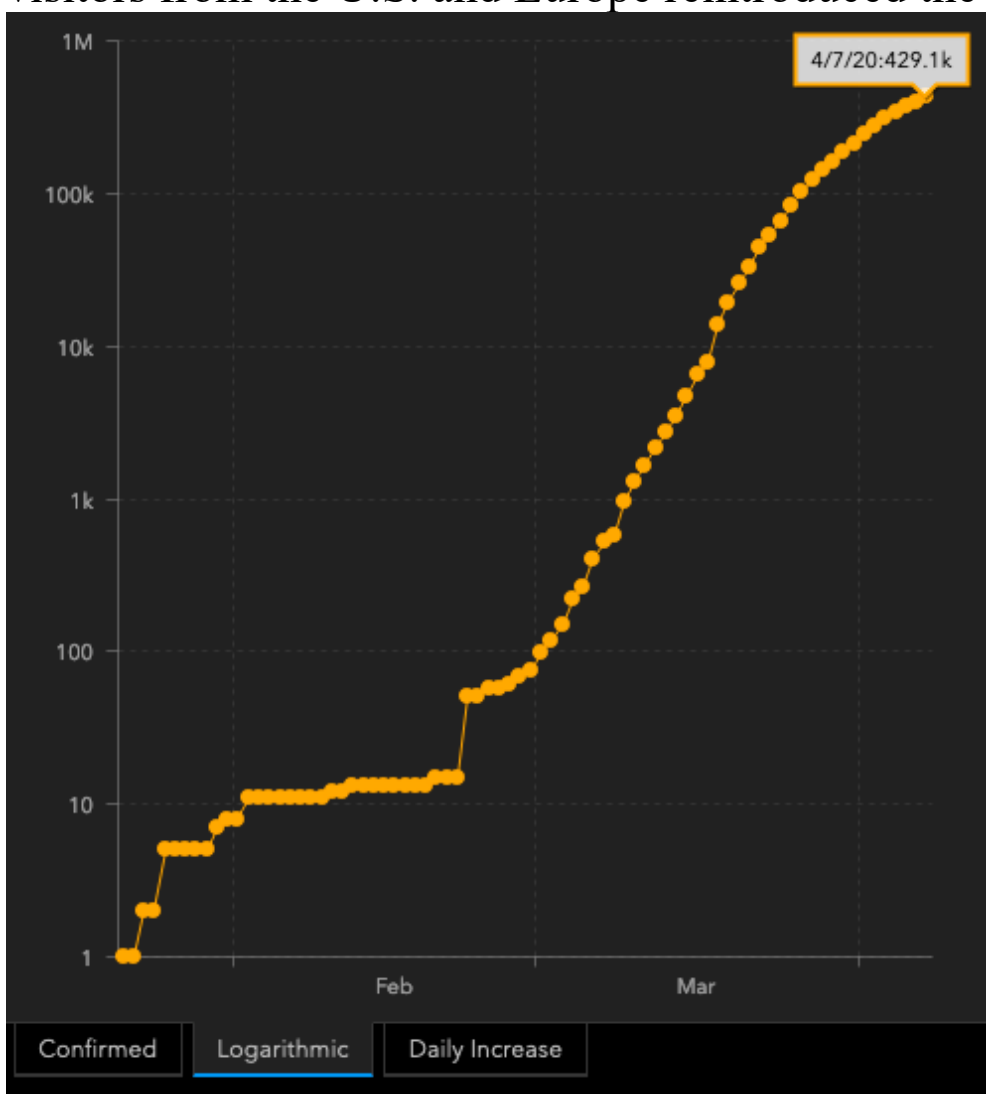
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I support a vote-by-mail Primary Election, because there are too many uncertainties surrounding safety if traditional in-person voting were to occur at vote centers and polling places by June 2. As of April 9, 2020, infections of the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus -- the cause of the COVID-19 disease -- stand at more than 432,000 in the United States and nearly 6,000 in Indiana, with nearly 15,000 deaths nationwide and more than 200 deaths in the Hoosier state. Though some experts have speculated that a vaccine could be available as early as 2021, I would like to offer the

reminder that, after more than 30 years of research, a vaccine is still unavailable for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

According to April 7 statistics from Johns Hopkins University, the chart below shows encouraging signs that the COVID-19 infection rate is increasing at a decreasing rate. Despite this, we must still exercise extreme caution with social events for months to come, as experts predict a return of the deadly virus in the winter of 2020 into 2021. The Asian counties of Taiwan and South Korea -- thought to have successfully suppressed new cases of the illness -- actually saw an uptick in new infections this week as visitors from the U.S. and Europe reintroduced the virus to those areas.



We know quite well that the majority of voters are older adults, because they tend to have a greater vested interest in the outcome of elections than do young adults. And, therefore, older voters are of the age group most

susceptible to higher morbidity rates, that is, a longer duration of lingering COVID-19 symptoms contributing to the onset of deadly pneumonia.

Simply put, I believe that inviting thousands of seniors inside a typical polling place to share touch screens with one or more persons who asymptotically carry the virus is equivalent to a death sentence for parents, grandparents, loved ones, and friends who are seniors. We should refrain from the thought of holding a conventional election in what has become an unprecedented year for humankind that we will all remember the rest of our lives -- and what will be remembered as a tragic period of human existence.

At the March 25 meeting, Chairman Paul Okeson, in his opening remarks, described the events of 2020 as an "obviously unprecedented territory." These uncertain times call for decisive actions. This is why I strongly urge the commission to issue an order at its April 22 meeting that would allow voting by mail at least for the Primary Election of 2020 if not for the General Election as well.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Baldrige, resident of Madison County
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Markleville, IN 46056
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tim Barr <timothy.e.barr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:54 PM
To: Elections
Subject: All Vote by mail election

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April 11, 2020

Dear Election Commission:

Please see my attached letter that I will be sending to Governor Holcomb requesting the June 2nd primary be moved to an all vote by mail election. I want to be able to keep voters and poll worker safe during the primary with an all absentee ballot election.

Thank You for your consideration.

The Honorable Eric J. Holcomb
Indiana Statehouse

Dear Governor Holcomb:

Thank you for taking the early necessary steps to help protect as many Hoosiers as possible from this virus. Some states have been reluctant to shut down businesses or public spaces like the beach. Your decisions have proven that you put Hoosier safety first. I'd also like to thank you for working together with both parties to get the Indiana Election Commission to move the May 5th primary to June 2nd.

At the time moving the primary seemed like an irrational step that was not needed. We have not yet reached the peak of this virus in our state. We are unable to predict and tell Hoosier families when it will be safe to gather again in large groups. Wisconsin made a potentially lethal mistake by holding in person election days ago. Indiana deserves better. The purpose of this letter is to request that you move the June 2nd primary to a vote by mail only election with accommodations for those with disabilities.

Both parties and the Director of Elections feel the safest way to conduct the primary election is with an all vote by mail election. The IEC has passed no fault absentee ballot voting which means anyone can vote by mail after sending in an application. However, the in-person election doesn't just put the voter at risk, it also puts our poll workers at risk.

Upon moving the primary you said, "The right of citizens to elect their leaders in a free and open election is one of the cornerstones of America. In order to balance that right with the safety of county employees, poll workers and voters, delaying Indiana's primary election is the right move as we continue to do all we can to protect Hoosiers' health," Governor Eric J. Holcomb. The status of Indiana's health is day to day and hour by hour. We do not know if it will be safe to vote in person on June 2nd. Please protect the safety of Hoosiers to vote by moving the primary election to an all vote by mail election.

There are barriers to voting that need to be addressed. To save tax dollars and ease for voters there should be a simple online request submission. There's no reason I shouldn't be able to fill out the existing form online and submit it online or by email without a signature. To print, sign, and mail the form is a barrier to voting by mail that should be removed.

Respectfully,

Tim Barr

Indiana State Senate District 16

<https://www.timforindiana.com/>

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From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Mail in ballots

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Subject: Mail in ballots
Reply-To: "bateman14lsrpc@yahoo.com" <bateman14lsrpc@yahoo.com>

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No no no for mail in ballots I believe this will be over by June voting please make it walk in for people who want too. Tami Bateman records keeper of Lake Station republican precinct committee.

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tami Bateman <bateman14lsrpc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Elections
Subject: June elections of voting in person or by mail

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To whom it may concern, My name is Tamera Bateman I'm the records keeper of the Lake Station Republican Precient committee and I repret precient 7 me and my constituents in precient 7 are against mail in ballots we want to be able to physically go to the polls and vote in person if we so do choose. Thank you Tamera Bateman
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: David-Carol Baunach <dcbau@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Elections
Subject: no paper ballots

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To the Election Committee,

We feel very strongly that despite the covid-19 pandemic, Indiana voters need to go to the polls. We can do this safely, keeping social distances. Let us not live in fear, but in the spirit that made this nation great. We need to preserve our right to cast a secret ballot. No paper ballots; they can only lead to dishonesty.

David and Carol Baunach

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Gary Beatty <garybeatty946@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Elections
Cc: Pat McCloskey-Vice Chair; Carolyn Smith-HuSec'y; Bill Oswalt
Subject: June 2 elections

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As of this date 4/7, the country remains on a "quarantine" mode, with New York not yet reaching the peak of Covid-19 cases and deaths. As we have seen the map show the "movement" from New York to the West, and Illinois having among the highest cases(primarily Chicago and our "Region," Indiana May soon be "trapped" with growing numbers.

With this information in hand, I, and all of my local party whom I have spoken with, strongly suggest that the June 2 election be conducted ONLY by mail/absentee ballot.

This recommendation if adopted, would require immediate action by the State and County election officials to ramp up for such a major undertaking.

Please bear in mind that most poll workers are seniors and highly susceptible to the virus. They are potentially going to have to make a terrible decision to risk their health to make an "in person" vote possible. That would assume that they haven't already had the virus, and are recuperating from it, and unable to serve on Election Day.

Please deliberate with the above thoughts in mind; and begin to strongly consider absentee/mail in ballots for the November elections also.

Thank you for your service at this difficult time.

Gary Beatty
Chairman
Huntington County Democratic Patty

Sent from my iPhone

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Heather Bell <Heather.Bell@sourceoneinsurance.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail In

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Due to Covid-19 Please consider an all-mail in election for Indiana.

Thank you,

Heather Bell

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: All-in elections

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bennett, Dagrún" <dbennett@franklincollege.edu>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 4:32:42 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: All-in elections

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The most important thing we can do to preserve and strengthen our democracy is to make sure that every eligible voter is able to vote. When political games become more important the basic foundation of a democracy, the right to vote, everyone is impoverished. Wisconsin has set a dangerous precedent that must not be repeated in other states.
Allow mail-in voting.

Dagrún Bennett

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Steve Bensing <sbensing@juno.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Elections; sbensing@juno.com
Subject: No to all Mail-in ballots

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For the security of elections, polling places should be open!

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Bensing

370 Millport Drive

Valparaiso, IN 46385

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Elizabeth Binford <e.l.binford@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in Ballots

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I support and strongly encourage the commission to resolve that Indiana will be a vote-by-mail state.

Elizabeth L. Binford
Resident of Hancock County

Sent from my iPhone

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kate Black <kblackactor@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail

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We would like to see an all vote by mail election for 2020.

Kathleen C Black-Haluska
Robert T Haluska

Sent from my iPhone

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Ronda <ronda.black@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Voting safety

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The Covid-19 pandemic makes in person voting a public safety risk. We must have an all absentee mail in vote for the June primary. And, frankly, I think for the November election as well. The voters and the poll workers should not be required to risk their lives to exercise their constitutional rights. Please just mail ballots to all registered voters. People shouldn't have to request them. Do a PSA to inform citizens about the steps the Election Commission is taking to protect everyone's health and safety.

Thank you,
Ronda Black

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Sara Blohm <blohm2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Say NO to All-Mail In Voting

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Good morning!

Please say NO to an ALL-MAIL voting system here in Indiana.

As there is no way to know who is actually voting, All-Mail leaves an infinite amount of room for wrongdoing and coercion.

We have enough ways to vote. And here in Porter County, this now includes a brand new (and asinine) mobile voting van.

While I realize In-Person voting would still be available, All-Mail voting is not a long term solution to anything good and only chips away at our individual rights.

And, while I also realize a handful of other states have implemented this system, that does not mean Indiana has to follow suit.

All-Mail voting pushes we the people further away from a republic and closer to a direct democracy. It is one ask in a long list of left-wing power grab demands.

The whole idea behind a physical polling location is that you alone (and in private) can cast your vote without fear of retaliation.

Vote by mail denies that right.

Our country is designed to protect individuals from a centralized government. To protect the minority from a majority rule.

This would not be that.

It would be a punch in the gut to our Constitutional Republic.

Elections are not about convenience, come on! Our Civic Duty is to GO and vote. Having active participants in the process is not a tall order.

If the Civil War did not hinder Election Day, why are we even having this conversation.

Plato stated in "The Republic" that pure democracy is the precursor to tyranny.

Our Founders knew this wisdom and that is why they left us a republic - to keep.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

Sara Blohm

317.675.8999

<https://www.blohm2020.com>

Candidate for State Representative District 4

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Barbara Blue <bjblue@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail for Indiana

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are in the middle of a pandemic. My husband and I are over 60 years old and my husband has some health issues.

It is time that Indiana starts using vote by mail. This needs to be done for our primary election which has been postponed to June, but June might not be far enough out of this pandemic. And when November comes, the flu season will be coming around again, and there are no guarantees that the COVID-19 virus will not come with it again.

My husband and I have been voting consistently for many years. I do not want to feel I am putting myself or my husband or the poll workers at risk to do my civic duty. (And I volunteered to be a poll worker in the last two elections.)

Move as fast as you can to get VOTE BY MAIL set up for our 2020 elections and all subsequent elections. It can be done. It is time that it is done.

Respectfully,
Barbara Blue
2703 S State Road 1
Connersville, IN 47331
(317) 402-1884

Mclain, Joseph E

From: navlrick- Rick Briley <navlrick@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail - Y E S !!!

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Let's not be a Wisconsin folks, it's just stupid to even be spending your time on this subject!

VOTE BY MAIL !!!

LUCY AND RICK BRILEY
2127 N. SCHOMBURG DR.
FORT WAYNE, IN. 46808

260-615 9110 OR 260-414-4301

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Shelly Brown <shellybrown160@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Indiana Election Commission order 2020-37 - comments

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Chairman Okeson, Vice-Chair Long, Member Klutz, and member Overholt,

I want to thank you for taking the action of allowing any registered voter in Indiana to vote using absentee mail ballots for the June 2, 2020 primary election. You are alleviating the fears of many by allowing voting to occur in the safest possible way.

I would ask you to consider mailing an absentee mail ballot application to any registered voter who has not already turned in an application.

There was a sum of money provided by CARES for elections. Could some of that money be used to produce and broadcast Public Service Announcements that help voters understand the steps required to vote absentee by mail?

Would the IEC also consider providing funds for automated letter opening equipment that will be needed to process the increase in mail ballots? Equipment can cost between several hundred dollars to \$30,000 for more sophisticated equipment. Using this kind of equipment would reduce the number of election workers and thus reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus and speed up the process of counting ballots.

Again, I want to thank all of you for taking actions to minimize the risk to voters' health in the upcoming June 2, 2020 primary election.

Best regards,

Shelly Brown
16501 Joliet Rd.
Westfield, IN 46074
317-501-6236

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Karen Burrow <burrowkarene@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Primary election vote by mail

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To whom it may concern,

My husband and I strongly support vote by mail for the upcoming primary election. We have read about successful vote by mail efforts in CO, OR and WA.

Let's do it right, help keep our elections safe and secure with mail-in ballots. Please do all that you can to make this happen as soon as possible!

Sincerely,
Karen and Robert Burrow
4930 N. Park Ave.
Indianapolis, IN. 46205

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Denise Carney <djcarney2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Elections
Subject: absentee voting

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I want to express my opinion as a voter on making changes to our elections. The need for a more reliable, simple and safe voting process has become even more apparent with the recent concerns of Covid-19. We need to institute no reason absentee voting with a long window ASAP. ALL vote by mail should also be our aspiration. We have a good voter sign up system so lets build on it!

Best Regards,

Denise Carney
1405 Mybeck Pl
Crown Point IN 46307

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Hilary Andersen Carter <hilary.k.carter@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Elections
Subject: IEC - Reduce barriers to voting in the era of a pandemic
Attachments: Carter Letter to the IEC.4.12.2020.pdf

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April 12, 2020

Dear Indiana Election Commissioners -

Amid this overwhelming and terrifying pandemic, let us not lose sight of the importance of voting this year, and the peril that democracy rests in. Our lives are endangered, but we can elect leaders who take measurable actions to prepare for disasters so that we are not caught in the maelstrom of catastrophes.

We must secure a healthy democracy – one that is not counterfeit – while we are beating the coronavirus. Recently, Gov. Holcomb and the Indiana Election Commission (IEC) pertinently took action to move the upcoming primary election from May 5th to June 2nd.

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Governor Holcomb and the IEC must commit to the following actions:

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Both government and the American people must start speaking of social citizenship as a priority. For now, one of the most effective tools to begin doing this is with our votes. I strongly urge to Election Commissioners to enfranchise Hoosiers and reduce barriers to voting this year.

Sincerely,

Hilary Andersen-Carter
1605 Leonard St.
Indianapolis, IN 46203
512-422-4255 (cell)

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Hilary Andersen-Carter
1605 Leonard St.
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Mail In Ballots

Commission folder

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melissa Cartwright <hippy0806@gmail.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 2:55:15 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Mail In Ballots

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Keeping Indiana residents safe is the main priority. We need this one to make an impact by having all Hoosiers vote by mail in ballot this year. Risking our lives should not be relevant to keeping our rights to vote. Myself and family will be requesting mail in ballots.

Melissa Cartwright

Mclain, Joseph E

From: CLAUDIA CASIANO <claudia.casiano@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail Elections

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Watching the fiasco in Wisconsin yesterday all day long has prompted me to contact my Indiana Election Board. The fact that the republicans aided by the courts in Wisconsin and the Supreme Court (my God the Supreme Court!) put the lives of every citizen of Wisconsin who happened to be a Democrat in danger if they exercised their right to vote absolutely is terrifying to me. That may come back to bite them if the number infected goes up substantially because of it. I hope that is not the case. We have had enough deaths already.

I am writing to ask the Board to have more respect for the lives of all Indiana citizens. I want to thank you for allowing us all to vote by mail for the Primary. I am proud of my state for taking a lead position among all States in this regard. I have already received and submitted my application to vote by mail and expect to receive my ballot very soon.

I am worried about the General Election. November may seem a long way off but because I am abiding by Governor Holcomb's shelter in place rule, I am watching a lot of TV. I am keeping up on everything. I know that the coming summer might be a little kinder to us in regards to the virus but I also know that this fall we will most likely have another outbreak that could be as bad or worse. Unless there is a vaccine by then, though the experts say that is unlikely.

We will need to vote by mail in the November Election as well and this is the main reason that I am contacting you. I don't know for sure what will happen and of course neither do you but I don't think anyone should have to take a chance with their life to exercise their right to vote. Therefore as a life long citizen of Indiana, I ask you please allow Voting by Mail without exception for the General Election as well. I haven't heard that you're not going to allow it but I haven't heard that you are either.

Several states allow voting by mail all the time and I do believe that is the way to go. Sometime in the future that may happen but for now I am only concerned about the General election in November. I hope you will allow Voting by Mail then which will allow me to continue to be proud to be a Hoosier.

Sincerely,

Claudia C. Casiano
9425 Timber Wheel Court
Fort Wayne, Indiana. 46835

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Barbara A Casselman <bcasselman@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Please let everyone vote by mail to protect everyone. Sincerely, Barbara Casselman

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: David Cherep <dcherep@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 7:07 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting

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As a productive citizen and a resident of Porter County, IN I am against all mail in voting of any kind for elections. There are many reasons why I am against this but the most important reason is the amount of fraud that can come from mail in voting.

Thank you for your time.

David S Cherep
404 Lost Tree Dr
Chesterton, IN 46304
Sent from my iPhone

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Katherin Chi <katherin.chi@gmail.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 9:36:22 PM EDT
To: "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020

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Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

As it stands, Election Day voting is reserved only for in-person and we feel this puts Hoosiers lives at risk.

We urge you in light of this unprecedented pandemic to lessen the restrictions on Hoosiers who wish to vote by mail (absentee) during this time of health crisis by taking the following steps:

- 1) Provide resources to counties so that they can send all registered voters an absentee application by mail, with a stamped return envelope (rather than requiring all voters to seek out the absentee ballot application, postage stamp and envelope to mail it back), as Marion County has pledged to do; not every voter has access to a computer;
- 2) Allow absentee ballots to be accepted up to three (3) days after the election if postmarked by Election Day, and allow drive-by drop off sites through the close of business on Election Day so voters who received their absentee ballots too late to put them in the mail are still able to safely cast their ballots;
- 3) Provide CDC guidelines and training on how to conduct safe elections and provide resources to counties to secure PPE equipment to be used to protect all persons who work at polling places during early voting, Election Day, or during vote counting; and
- 4) Eliminate the uncertainty surrounding November's election by extending the "no-excuse" absentee voting and these other measures to all Hoosiers through the 2020 general election.

Respectfully,
Katherin Chi

Mclain, Joseph E

From: brenda childers <yorkie_60@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in ballads

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No mail in ballads. We need in person with valid I.D. Keeps our elections fraud free.
Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jan Clark <jclark5739@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail

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As a concerned voter who has never missed a primary or general election since I was eligible to vote, I encourage you to implement a voting by mail process for the upcoming primary and general election that allows every eligible voter to cast their ballot without requiring some extraordinary reason for voting by mail (i.e. the absentee ballot process in Marion County). States that have implemented this show increased turnout and accountability as well as increased voter accessibility and vote count accuracy. Additionally it appears to be a reduced cost option. Please bring Indiana and Marion County into the 21st century by implementing this procedure. Thank you.

Jan L. Clark
5027 Deer Creek Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46254

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tim Cole <timcole@colescorner.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Elections
Subject: all mail voting;

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NO! An option is already available for this primary, and that's sufficient.

It is my genuine concern that restricting our voters' privilege to mail-in for all pollings in the future will not work: people will put it aside and forget, some will not bother, and many will not vote out of frustration with a system that would even entertain such a thought.

Timothy Cole

845 N Calumet Ave, Porter county
Chesterton, IN 46304

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Lucy <navllucy@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in Primary election

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Keep Hoosiers safe, have a mail in Primary Election 2020!

Linda L Collins-Briley
Ft Wayne, IN 46808

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jonathan Condict <joncondict@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 7:34 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting

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NO mail in voting

Jon Condict

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jon Constable <conjn@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in voting

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Dear members of the Indiana Election Commission,
I am contacting you to voice my strong support for mail-in voting in all Indiana elections this year and beyond. I am confident that the proper mechanisms are in place to prevent fraud, and believe it will insure the safety of our poll workers and result in a much larger, more representative voter turn-out, particularly this year in the midst of lingering concerns about the coronavirus.
Thank you for considering my opinion.
Pamela Constable
19989 Prescott PI
Westfield, IN 46074

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Walt Cook <nhsspeech@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in Ballot for all elections

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Please make it possible to use the no fault mail in ballot for all of our elections. It is not safe for the citizens in our community to vote in person. It is cruel to force citizens to vote. All persons who are required to be in person at the polling locations are endangered by requiring citizens to cast their ballots in person,

My family served in all of the branches of service to defend the right to vote. It is more important that we not shrink the use of the franchise for selfish, partisan goals.

Walter D. Cook
Speech and Debate Team Coach
SHIP Counselor
Public School Social Studies Teacher
Accountant
Husband
Father
Grand Father
Great Grand Father
Sgt. USMC

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Caroline Coughlan <irishcottage826@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Elections
Cc: House District 6
Subject: Paper Ballots for November Election 2020

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To All Whom it may concern:

I want to do my part in assuring every registered Hoosier that their vote is important and will be counted.

As I ponder on what I can do from my restricted environment, considering I am 79 years old with AFIB, an artificial aortic valve and high blood pressure, decisively I am giving you this proposal.

I have been informed by calling this morning that the elections commission is meeting on April 22.

Please consider the following suggestions on adopting a formidable election ballot for every registered Indiana voter;

- a. Put the ballot in a bright colored envelope and insert a bright colored ballot and a bright colored return envelope with prepaid postage.
- b. Put a public service announcement on every radio station, television station, every social media and newspaper informing voters of this form.
- c. Do not allow voting stations to be set up in any county,
- d. Restrict voters from going out in public to cast their vote,
- e. Employ a sufficient number of competent citizens to count the ballots in each precinct,
- f. Direct each county election commission to prepare a comprehensive plan to count the ballots with a reasonable deadline for completion.

I look forward to reading the minutes of your upcoming meeting. I welcome any suggestions you have for me to judiciously accomplish this task,.

Make every Hoosier proud of you by doing this civic act on their behalf!

Sincerely,
Caroline Coughlan

Mclain, Joseph E

From: MaryJane Coursen <maryjanecoursen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail

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Please, please make vote by mail available to all as easy as possible. Thank you MaryJane Coursen

Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Fall 2020

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From: Amanda Crecelius <a_crecelius@yahoo.com>
Date: April 14, 2020 at 11:53:17 AM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Fall 2020
Reply-To: Amanda Crecelius <a_crecelius@yahoo.com>

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After watching Wisconsin vote, I am concerned about voter safety during elections over the coming year or so. I want to give the State of Indiana props in the upcoming primary. We are all being encourage to vote absentee ballot and I appreciate that.

Let's just go ahead and plan on voting by mail in the fall so everyone can get their vote in and counted when it matters. County election boards and those who oversee the election process are strongly in favor of a mail-in election, but you as the commission must approve it. What Wisconsin did last week was horrible forcing voters to risk their health to vote. Please take the time to approve a voter by mail election.

Thank you,

Amanda Ott
Adjunct Faculty Member
Ivy Tech Community College
cell 812.267.2257
1415 Hickory Hill Dr, Franklin, IN 46131

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment to Election Commission RE: Election Changes

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From: Jeffrey Cummins <jeffcummins2012@gmail.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 2:54:53 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Public Comment to Election Commission RE: Election Changes

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Good Afternoon,

First, thank you for your service to the Indiana Election Commission. I have the utmost confidence in our process, people, and election results.

However, I am seriously concerned that the Election Commission might turn our elections into an all vote-by-mail system. I have been a poll clerk, a judge, and an inspector and am a former resident of a community upon which fraud was perpetrated - Austin, Indiana. I take personally any attempt to threaten the integrity and security of our elections and I believe a statewide vote-by-mail system would do just that. It would also undermine our Voter ID law which was the basis for the Supreme Court of the United States upholding such election integrity measures.

Delaying an election in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is more than appropriate and I applaud the Governor for doing so for the primary. But under no circumstances, should Indiana allow all vote-by-mail.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Appreciatively,

--

Jeff Cummins
812-820-4816

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jacqueline Cuthbert <jacqln.cuthbert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee voting

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It seems incredibly backwards of Indiana in the way that you currently have to request absentee ballots, especially in this day of modern technology and in the face of the current COVID pandemic.

There is absolutely nowhere online to request an absentee ballot. I have friends in multiple states that allow them to simply request one sent to their house, all online. Not in Indiana. Here, you have to print off a request for an absentee ballot. I would assume that, like myself, most Hoosiers do not have printers at home. And libraries and other public facilities are closed which allow people to cheaply print off items. Additionally, after printing this off and filling this out - you then have to mail it to the County that you are requesting one from. What happens if you don't have stamps? Or if you don't have the means to go get stamps? What happens if, like myself, you have a newborn and are incredibly nervous to get COVID simply by going to the grocery store in case you may pass it along to your child and accidentally put their life at risk? A life that you spent a long 9 months carrying and are just starting to get to know them.

Additionally, you need staff in the office to process and send out these absentee ballots. This seems like an unnecessary risk for your staff as this could easily be done online as other states do.

This seems like an incredibly antiquated process designed to discourage those to vote by absentee ballot. I suggest Indiana develop ways in order to make this easier and more simplified process.

Respectfully,

Jacqueline Koenig

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Support for Mail-in Electionf

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From: Leslie Daugherty <lbaugherty4@gmail.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 5:33:17 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Support for Mail-in Election

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Hello,

I am writing this note to express my opinion that, given the significant uncertainties that the Coronavirus presents our community as we approach an important election season, I STRONGLY support MAIL IN VOTING. I totally understand that we can't predict the situation that we will be in come November. However, one can surmise that until a vaccine or treatment is developed and released, we may be required to maintain social distance and reduced gatherings. I am a registered Republican that is over 60 years of age and while I will vote it makes me a bit nervous to take on the risk of traditional voting at a physical voting location. I watched the craziness that happened in Wisconsin and I hope that we have a better sense of planning than to get into that type of situation IF we still need to maintain our distances. I would love to be able to vote in person but I support planning for MAIL IN VOTING so that option is on the table and approved if it is needed.

I appreciate your consideration of my opinion,

Leslie Daugherty
4 Innisbrooke Trail
Greenwood, IN 46142

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Dena Davis <dena3362@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:12 AM
To: Elections
Subject: vote by mail

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To Whomever,

I strongly believe that the safest and best way to get an accurate vote count in all elections is by mail vote. We have no idea when it will once again be safe to gather in crowds but even more, concerning is manning voting polls as those workers are really at risk. After watching the debacle in Wisconsin where thousands of people had to risk their lives, just as many thousands of people were disenfranchised, I don't want to see that happen in Indiana.

Thank you for reading my note. Vote strong, vote safe, vote by mail!

Dena Davis

Life is short - live each day as if it were your last!

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Subject: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Pam Dechert <pamdechert4indiana@gmail.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 4:23:54 PM EDT
To: "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: **Subject: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020**

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Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

As it stands, Election Day voting is reserved only for in-person and we feel this puts Hoosiers lives at risk.

We urge you in light of this unprecedented pandemic to lessen the restrictions on Hoosiers who wish to vote by mail (absentee) during this time of health crisis by taking the following steps:

- 1) Provide resources to counties so that they can send all registered voters an absentee application by mail, with a stamped return envelope (rather than requiring all voters to seek out the absentee ballot application, postage stamp and envelope to mail it back), as Marion County has pledged to do; not every voter has access to a computer;
- 2) Allow absentee ballots to be accepted up to three (3) days after the election if postmarked by Election Day, and allow drive-by drop off sites through the close of business on Election Day so voters who received their absentee ballots too late to put them in the mail are still able to safely cast their ballots;
- 3) Provide CDC guidelines and training on how to conduct safe elections and provide resources to counties to secure PPE equipment to be used to protect all persons who work at polling places during early voting, Election Day, or during vote counting; and
- 4) Eliminate the uncertainty surrounding November's election by extending the "no-excuse" absentee voting and these other measures to all Hoosiers through the 2020 general election.

Respectfully,
Pam Dechert

Democratic Candidate for Indiana House District 88

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: IEC Absentee Ballots

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From: Daniel E Dernulc <dd2927@sbcglobal.net>
Date: April 10, 2020 at 2:43:54 PM EDT
To: "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: IEC Absentee Ballots

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Dear IEC:

I will keep this letter short. There's been a lot of discussion for absentee or mail in ballots. I am not favor of an election being handled by mail in ballots only. For me I vote on Election Day. This is important we keep the integrity of the election as is.

Thanks,
Daniel E. Dernulc
Lake County Council - 4th District and Lake County Republican Chairman.

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Donna Z <zaveskdj@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Elections
Subject: I'm not in favor of mail in voting

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: All Mail Absentee Comments

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From: Bryan <bryan011481@yahoo.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 3:45:44 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: All Mail Absentee Comments

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To Whom It May Concern,

Our state is currently in a situation unlike one we have seen before. Our country is divided both on political and health fronts with the pandemic and finger pointing issues regarding political party lines. I feel it is important as a registered voter for the State of Indiana, and a concerned citizen to have electoral integrity of a primary election. The last thing our state needs during this time of crisis, is to be in the spotlight for electoral misconduct and begin to carry a reputation like Florida did for their election snafu's over the years. We are an honorable state, with the best people, actively involved in society, political events and our families. I ask the Election Board to have an in person primary election to maintain this integrity of our election process.

I say this as a poll worker, who realizes what I could be be saying about my personal health, but to me, my personal concerns are a very close second to our civic responsibilities.

Bryan Doranski
Scherverville, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Vanessa Dotson <vadotson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail

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In this time when we are faced with the real health risk of voting in person, elections should be conducted by mail without hesitation. Refusal to implement this important measure is only further proof that people in power will go to ANY lengths to stay there. Remember that our government is elected to serve the interests of the constituents--all of them.

Vanessa Dotson
Rossville, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Against ALL MAIL IN ABS

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From: Dana Dumezich <as9495@sbcglobal.net>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 1:08:48 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Against ALL MAIL IN ABS

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To Indiana Election Commission Members,

Arguments against ALL Mail In Absentee Voting and No Election Day Voting.

Lake County has approximately 360,000 Registered Voters of which about 320,000 are Active. Our population is 486,000.

Do you mail to voters or just let voters request the ballot?

Who do you mail to? Active, Inactive, Registered, All households?

Missing Ballots???

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/04/06/where-are-the-missing-ballots/>

Recounts

All recounts and overturned votes are with mail in ABS.

Printing

Each Mail-In ABS request generates a need to produce and mail within 24 hours; the instructions, the voter bill of rights, the ballot, the scantron sheet, the security envelope, the inner envelope and the outer envelope.

Printing and assembly take time and the costs are high.

Staff

Each time a Mail In ABS Ballot Request is received by the election board it must be checked by an employee to see if the voter is registered, the form is complete, signed, etc.....

Each time a Mail In ABS Ballot is received it must be opened and the signatures on the application and the ballot compared by a team of employees consisting of a Democrat and a Republican.

The Lake County Election Board does not have enough space to hold the absentee ballot teams required to process the paper ballots.

We do not know how the US Postal Service will function through this crisis.

Equipment

We do not have the electronic equipment to process and read the scantrons.

Allowing extra days to receive and process the Mail-In ABS ballots after election day.

It would promote further fraud to calculate or release any election results until the last ABS was received and processed.

Dana Dumezich

Member Lake County Election Board

1st District Republican Chair

Lake County Vice Chair

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "2603414069@vzwpix.com" <2603414069@vzwpix.com>
Date: April 10, 2020 at 7:30:14 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>

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Please vote to allow us to vote by mail. Thank you Sherry Eady

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jerry Egel <jerry_egel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote NO to all mail-in ballots

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I vote NO to implementing an all mail-in ballot for any election going forward.

Gerard Egel
277 Durness Ct
Valparaiso, IN 46385
c: 330-715-8544

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Karen Eller <wrenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote By Mail elections

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Dear Indiana Elections Commission:

I am an Indiana resident and native Hoosier, writing to express my deepest concern over this year's election process. Given the current uncertainty and health challenges of COVID19, it is imperative that Indiana switch to a Vote by Mail process for both the primary and general elections this year. I have lived in Colorado for many years and was able to vote by mail successfully in many elections. It is less expensive, more inclusive, and allows more people to access the cornerstone of our Democracy. Please consider allowing this change for 2020 and beyond.

Many thanks,
Karen Eller

11403 Brantford Ct, Fort Wayne, IN 46814
(415) 607-7485

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Emery, Robert D (Plate Marketing) <Robert.Emery@arcelormittal.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Elections
Subject: election comment

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Please DO NOT move Indiana to mail in elections. There are too many opportunities for fraud plus voters will likely become more complacent. It is IMPERATIVE to continue in person voting WITH proof of identity and residency.

Thanks,
Bob Emery
133 Brockton Pl
Valparaiso, IN 46385

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Carol A. Ewing <carolcrochet66@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Primary Voting

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Please consider the lives of all persons involved concerning "live" voting or total vote by mail. No matter how we plan it, lives will be at risk with in person voting.

I can imagine the work and effort it will take to make changes, and the need to delay the date, but I pray for the sake of all, you will postpone this event in order to make it ballot by mail for all.

Carol A. Ewing
260-749-5965
1808 Sabina Dr
New Haven, In 46774
(We vote in Fort Wayne

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Dan Fagen <dannysofa@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment

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To all involved in

In regards to consider the methods and procedures necessary to implement a vote by mail election” PLEASE DO NOT MOVE FOR MAIL BALLOTS. It is my right to show up and vote in person and I should have the freedom to decide if I would like to vote. Under the current situation with the faulty models being used to justify the stay home order I beg you to steer away from altering the way we conduct elections. with the history of election fraud that has been caught and prosecuted in the state of Indiana it would be a mistake to open up that option for nefarious people to abuse the situation. please keep voting the same!!

Sincerely
Daniel N Fagen
2240 Hart St
Dyer In 46311
219-313-4400

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kim Fenoglio <kim@pyromation.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail

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Please honor the cornerstone of our democracy - voting. The more people that vote, the easier you make it for US citizens to vote, the stronger our democracy is.

Vote by Mail!!!

Sincerely,

Kim Fenoglio

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Scott Ferguson <sfergson727@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in elections

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I am opposed to modifying elections to mail in balloting. There is too much voter fraud as it stands now, to introduce mail in elections would be a travesty for honest elections. We must have validity to our electoral system, and must have real voter ID. Enough is enough.

Scott Ferguson
446 Oak Breeze Dr
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jorge Fernandez <jorge_eduardo_fernandez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:42 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment: Support All-Mail Election

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Indiana Election Division should support an all-mail election similar to Washington State's Open Primary in Indiana's 2020 Primary Election as the only feasible way to give Indiana residents a good chance of staying safe from COVID-19 while maintaining election.

Jorge Fernandez

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Judy Fischer <Judy.Fischer@century21.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in Voting

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I am NOT in favor of All Mail-In Voting. Please do not let this happen!!!

Judy Fischer
Valparaiso, IN

Judy Fischer, CRS, GRI, ABR, ePRO
Century 21 Affiliated
Cell: 219-508-5700
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MASTER'S DIAMOND AWARD 2016-2018
QUALITY SERVICE AWARD 2012--2019

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tom Fisher <tfisher@teamendicott.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail Proposal

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Thank you for reading and considering my opinion on Indiana Election Commission Order 2020-37.

I strongly support the right for all citizens to vote & to make registration and voting as convenient as possible, using methodologies that ensure the highest accuracy of vote count.

There have been a fairly high number of absentee ballot fraud convictions in the U.S. In those cases, several different methods were used to cast fraudulent votes. While absentee voting is essential for those who are not available to vote on election days, opening voting by mail would, in my opinion, open the door for volumes of fraudulent voting in volumes that could change outcomes of otherwise close elections.

Our goal should be vote counts that are as accurate as possible, determining the correct winner for each office. I would ask that we not enact voting by mail so we can maintain, as closely as possible, the accurate will of Indiana's voters.

Thanks again.

It's a Good Life,

Tom Fisher

Call or Text me at: [317-840-8672](tel:317-840-8672)

And just a gentle reminder that I'm never too busy for any of your referrals.

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Shari Frank <shari.r.frank@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Request to change absentee mail in ballot return deadline to postmark 6/2
Attachments: LWVBC Letter to Indiana Election Commission 4-14-20.pdf

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Indiana Election Commission
Mr. Paul Okeson, Chairman
elections@iec.in.gov

April 14, 2020

Dear Chairman Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

We sincerely appreciate the actions the Indiana Election Commission has taken to help Indiana voters safely vote during this unprecedented challenge from the coronavirus threat. Moving the Indiana Primary to June 2nd and ensuring all Voters the ability to cast an absentee ballot by mail is applauded.

We are writing to request another modification to help ensure all Hoosiers their vote by mail ballot will be counted:

Please allow use of the **postmark date** as the deadline for receipt of completed mail in absentee ballots and allow voters to hand deliver their absentee ballot to their polling place up to 6:00 pm Election Day when the polls close. These revisions to the deadline for returning mail in absentee ballots will improve voter confidence that their ballot will count.

- The current absentee ballot return deadline is confusing. Having a deadline in the middle of a day is completely unexpected when most deadlines are at minimum, end of a business day. A deadline in the middle of Election Day further confuses the requirement for voters.
- The current due date for returning/receiving a completed mail in absentee ballot is very difficult to find *anywhere* on the Indiana Voters website or elsewhere. The only place we have been able to find the absentee ballot return deadline is in tiny print on the Indiana website, placed where it is *very easy to miss*, well below the links for an absentee ballot application. (<https://indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments>)
- A normal assumption on the part of a voter would be that the mail in ballot due date could be satisfied by a *postmark* showing it was mailed by the due date, as exists for other important deadlines such as submission of taxes to the IRS.
- On the Indiana election calendar, it says 6/2 is Election Day 6 am to 6 pm. This implies at minimum that mail in ballots can be turned in any time until 6 pm.

- It is unfair to hold voters responsible for unknown mail delivery times over which voters have absolutely no control. With the increase in mail-in ballots expected, there could be additional delays in postal service delivery, causing voters to miss a deadline even if the ballot was mailed in plenty of time. Would a voter need to mail the absentee ballot 3 days in advance of Election Day? A week? No one can give an absolute deadline so it is unreasonable to hold voters accountable for guesstimating mail time, knowing if it's wrong, their vote may not count. Post mark date is the only deadline voters can control.
- Please also ensure that the County Clerks have whatever resources and flexibility they need to obtain vote totals in a reasonable manner, particularly with the increase in mail-in ballots expected, and to allow mail in ballots to be counted if they are postmarked by Election Day.

League of Women Voters Indiana, Common Cause and Vote by Mail have also sent a joint letter requesting additional improvements needed to help Hoosiers be able to vote safely and securely. Your attention to adopting these recommendations is also greatly appreciated.

The deadline for return of the absentee ballot has taken on significantly more importance given the likelihood of a huge increase in mail in ballots as voters work to social distance and stay safe. As such, we ask your due consideration in changing the deadline for mail in absentee ballots:

- Postmark by election day should be the deadline for mail in absentee ballots
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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shari Frank
President, League of Women Voters Brown County
On behalf of the Board of League of Women Voters Brown County
Shari.r.frank@gmail.com
949-235-2171

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Shari Frank
President, League of Women Voters Brown County
On behalf of the Board of League of Women Voters Brown County
Shari.r.frank@gmail.com
949-235-2171

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jennifer Frazier <jfrazier1214@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in

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I support mail in voting for everyone in Indiana.

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William C. Friend

3340 W 900 N
Macy, IN 46951

April 9, 2020

To the Indiana Election Commission:

I am writing today to express my opinion on voting procedures in Indiana. It has been reported that a "mail-in voting process" is being considered. Please, reject that proposal! Over the years, the General Assembly has made it more and more convenient to vote. Instead of Election Day, we have election month. There are more convenient voting poll locations. Electronic voting machines make it faster and easier to vote.

All this to say that people wanting to vote already have the many advantages provided by the state to make it easier to vote. A person presenting themselves at the voting place, proving their identity by a picture ID and using the voting machine is a responsibility of every citizen of Indiana and the USA.

An all mail-in system is fraught with opportunity to cheat. I ask again, please do not implement a mail-in voting system. It is not a question of R or D politics. It is an issue of personal responsibility and honesty that produces the correct result. There is NO accountability in a mail-in ballot system. Please reject the proposal.

Sincerely,



William C. Friend
State Representative, Dist #23, Retired

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Deborah Fritz <thepatriotdeb@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail In Vote 2020

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I am not in favor of casting my vote through the mail. Fraud and Corruption run rampant here in Lake County, Indiana. This type of mail in voting will encourage and allow more voter fraud than usual.

Allow Indiana voters to vote at our regular polling place in person.

Thank you,

Deborah Lynn Fritz
111 Park Manor Dr.
Dyer, IN 46311

Lifetime Registered Voter

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Michael Fuller <mikefuller816@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee ballots please!

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Please keep everyone safe by doing ALL absentee mail in ballots for the upcoming elections!

thanks!

Regards,

Michael S. Fuller
President & Founder
Fuller Management Group, LLC

mikefuller816@aol.com
305-613-4922

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Ballot Access and Thrid Party Candiates

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gregory George <sacads@sbcglobal.net>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 3:56:06 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Cc: "AN HONORABLE PROFESSION R.G. PAUL" <helpkidsreadmore@yahoo.com>, Amanda Sheridan <asheridan7@ivytech.edu>, Nile Arena <nilejamesarena@gmail.com>, Brandon Drake <drake.mcgreenparty@gmail.com>
Subject: Ballot Access and Thrid Party Candiates
Reply-To: Gregory George <sacads@sbcglobal.net>

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April 13, 2020

Dear member of the Indiana Election Commission,

As you're aware we find ourselves in a unique situation regarding our current inability to have face to face contact with our neighbors and fellow citizens. Stay Home Orders, Social Distancing, Gatherings, and now Masks all make interaction with other members of the community (and family) much more restricted. The Green Party (Libertarians, etc.) as a "third" party organization is left at a major disadvantage regarding acquiring the necessary signatures needed in order to be placed on the ballot for this November.

In order to give us a fighting chance of acquiring the needed signatures I'm respectfully asking the Commission to consider two temporary emergency measures.

First, I am asking the Commission to consider allowing some form on online signatures be used for acquiring ballot access. This process has some precedence in that it is now possible for an individual to register to vote online. I'm sure that the Commission could come up with a recommended means of doing the. Maybe it's time to review the policy of written signatures for ballot access?

Second, I would ask the Commission to consider extending the deadline for petition and signature submission. I of course have no idea when current Stay at Home orders will be rescinded but I suspect we're at least looking at least middle to end of May. With that timeline

in mind, let me suggest extension of until July 30, 2020 for submission of necessary signatures. This I hope will give our candidates and political volunteers the necessary opportunity to meet the signature goal but would also leave election officials three months in which to design and print local ballots.

In closing I want to thank you for your consideration of these matters. We, the people, depend on leadership that can adapt to changing conditions for the good of the community. I think you'll agree, conditions have changed since last election.

Your consideration and meaningful action in the face of this pandemic would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gregory R. George

Gregory R. George, Co-Chairperson

MONROE COUNTY GREEN PARTY

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Mark Gevaart <markgevaart@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Support for All Mail in Primary Vote

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Dear members of the IEC,

I am a registered IN voter.

I want to secure our ability to Safely vote in the upcoming Primary 6/2/20.

I support the use of an all mail-in vote during the upcoming IN Primary election.

Thank you,
Mark G Gevaart
9329 Winchester Rd
Fort Wayne IN 46819
260-312-1657

Mclain, Joseph E

From: larry grider <lagrider@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in ballots

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Imagine the hundreds of thousands of dollars and (man)hours saved if Indiana encouraged more people to participate in our democracy by mailing in their verifiable/secure vote ballots.

Win, win, win for everyone.

I've been voted in Marion County since 1976, even worked @ the polling stations for several years assuming most job assignments. In 2016, I worked a 16 hour day. Please make it possible for the Thousands of dedicated workers and Millions of patriotic Hoosiers to best participate in our democracy by making mail-in ballots Indiana's preferred election option.

~Larry Grider,

conscientious voting American

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: April 22, 2020 IEC meeting
Attachments: IEC letter.docx; ATT00001.htm; Image (27).jpg; ATT00002.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: William Groth <wgroth@fdgtlaborlaw.com>
Date: April 14, 2020 at 1:59:44 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: April 22, 2020 IEC meeting

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Please see attached letter setting forth my recommendations for needed changes in light of current pandemic so that all qualified Hoosiers can vote safely and with confidence that their vote will be counted. Also attached separately is the March 13 bipartisan letter which is referenced therein.

Thanks to the Commission members for considering these thoughts and recommendations.

Bill Groth

April 14, 2020

Dear Chairperson Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

I write both as a citizen and election law attorney. Over the years and I've represented and continue to represent several non-partisan, good-government organizations in election-related litigation. And while it's likely the views I express herein may be similar to theirs, they are solely mine.

The consensus of scientists and epidemiologists is that the Coronavirus pandemic will not suddenly disappear over the next several months, that a vaccine will not be generally available until well into 2021, and that it will thus be necessary to continue social distancing to mitigate against human transmission of this highly-contagious and novel virus. To their credit the chairs of both political parties recognize that this pandemic poses unique challenges to conducting the June 2 primary as well as the November 3 general election without jeopardizing voters' health and safety.

The Democratic and Republican Party chairs in a joint March 13 letter to you made two sensible requests: (1) that the IEC use its discretion to implement no-excuse absentee voting and allow such ballots to be delivered either by hand or by mail; and (2) that the IEC consider using its emergency powers to extend the absentee-by-mail application deadline from 12 days to a date closer to the election. I've attached a copy of that letter. These suggestions were sound then, they are sound now, and the IEC should endorse and fully implement them.

In addition, to more effectively implement the first of these bipartisan recommendations, the IEC should consider making it easier for voters to hand deliver their absentee ballots on election day by instructing county election boards to arrange for drive-by ballot drop off locations at all county clerks' offices,

and at least at some additional in-person polling locations in Indiana's most populous counties.

Moreover, it is imperative, and I'd argue required by the Constitution*, that the IEC also suspend the operation of Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4-7 and allow all ballots postmarked on or before election day to be counted even if not received until noon the following Monday. There is no earthly reason to disenfranchise mail-in absentee voters because of Postal Service delays, delays that have unfortunately been exacerbated by the pandemic and fiscal issues besetting the USPS. Particularly now that all statutory deadlines have been disrupted and suspended, the noon election day deadline serves no important state interest. Suspending it will cost little to nothing. And unless modified, this deadline will disenfranchise a substantial number of voters.

Thank you for considering these important and common sense measures that will maintain election integrity and preserve Hoosiers' safety and their right to vote in these unprecedented and dangerous times.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bill Groth

8026 Dean Road

Indianapolis IN 46240

Wgroth521950@gmail.com

Wgroth@fdgtlaborlaw.com

*A federal district court judge just prior to last week's Wisconsin primary ruled that Wisconsin's election-day receipt deadline for mailed ballots violated the 14th Amendment, a decision a few days later affirmed by the United States Supreme Court.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Last Boy <rhager3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail voting

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Totally against mail voting to much fraud
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Andrea Hamman <andreamhamman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in!

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In order to keep us all safe, allow mail in voting!

A.T. Hamman

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Mitch Harper <mitchvharper@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment April 22 Election Commission Meeting

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From: Mitchell V. Harper, Chairman
Third District Republican Central Committee

To: Mr. Paul Okeson, Chair
Mr. S. Anthony Long, Vice-Chair
Ms. Suzannah Wilson Overholt, Member
Mr. Zach Klutz, Member
Indiana Election Commission

COMMENT REGARDING METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTUATING VOTE BY MAIL FOR THE INDIANA PRIMARY ELECTION

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments.

Please know that the efforts of the Commission to protect the health and safety of voters, election officials and, generally, of the residents of Indiana are greatly appreciated as you also work to ensure the rights of all Hoosiers to fully participate in fair and free elections.

The extraordinary circumstances that confronts our State and Nation are the focus of the Commission's prospective advisory guidance and orders.

It is hoped that the Commission will be mindful of the need to limit such advisory guidance and orders in time and scope to the Primary election. The Commission is limited in its statutory authority by the General Assembly in time and circumstances. This is as it should be for the people's elected representatives are the proper defining body for the conduct of elections.

If the health and safety concerns that prompt the extraordinary responses are still extant as the General Election is approached, the Commission will have an opportunity to address the methods and procedures for effectuating vote by mail in the General Election at the proper time.

Each county's Election Board and election officials face particular circumstances and needs in terms of personnel, the ability to procure appropriate supplies from vendors as well as protection for election workers and the general public.

Advisory guidance and orders should allow for the County Boards to tailor methods and procedures that provide a sure and confident way of guaranteeing and assuring that voters' needs are met.

It is the expectation of many voters that in-person voting in a safe and secure manner shall not be excluded as an option even as vote by mail is expanded and encouraged. Guidance to each county should be to provide such in-person voting in a way that is geographically dispersed to be appropriate for the population of the county even as such numbers of in person voters may contract.

Voters should be confident that their own vote is cast in a secure manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Harper
5207 Hopkinton Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Cc: Elections
Subject: Re: All mail-in election

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On Apr 13, 2020, at 3:21 PM, Ann Harrier <ann.harrier@comcast.net> wrote:

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Please support an all mail-in election for Indiana for the safety of all of our citizens.
Ann Harrier

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Nick Harter <nharter@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee Ballot Election

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Dear Election Commission,

Thank you for your hard work with our elections. I have been voted in every election since I turned 18. I am writing today to encourage you to move to an all absentee mail-in ballot election for our Indiana Primary. I am concerned about the health and well being of our poll workers as well as our community. I am worried that our primary election voting day may cause a new outbreak and further the spread that we are all working so hard to avoid by staying at home. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Nicholas Harter

Fort Wayne, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: patricia hays <phays55@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail

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This is the first time in almost 31 years of living in Allen County that we have voted by mail. I was amazed the security involved with the process. How people can be concerned that the process could be used for fraudulent voting is unfathomable to me.

Covid 19 has impacted all of our lives and routines and it will impact this year's elections. As a nurse, as someone 64 years old and with a husband 71 years old, and as a member of the Allen County Board of Health, I am adamant that voting by mail needs to be the single method of voting in the 2020 primary.

We need to make that decision and then push it out to all registered voters NOW to ensure those who want to vote can and that the election board has time to respond to requests. Covid 19 is responding to the shelter in place activities. We don't need a repeat of what we saw in Wisconsin this week with crowds but neither do we want a low voter turnout.

Vote by mail and support all in the process

Patti Hays
2831 Little Turtle Trail
Fort Wayne, IN. 46804

Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: CLOYCE HEDGE <cloyce_hedge_392@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Elections
Subject: June 2 Primary

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To the members of the IEC:

I am a big fan of voting by mail and pleased with the changes you have made to our June 2 Primary absentee ballot rules. But I would like to see you go further. Here are some changes I would like to see to be sure all citizens have the opportunity to vote in a safe and secure manner:

Resources must be committed allowing all counties to mail all voters an absentee ballot with a stamped return envelope.

- Allow for Absentee ballots mailed and post-marked on Election Day to count.
- Offer curbside Absentee Ballot drop off on Election Day.
- Immediately extend the 'no-excuse' Absentee voting.
- Provide guidelines in accordance with the CDC and appropriate PPE for all poll workers.

Thank you for considering these additional changes - Christine Hedge

Mclain, Joseph E

From: janet.g.hefner@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:58 PM
To: Elections
Subject: IN primary elections

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Dear IN Election Commission:

We need an all mail-in primary election this year in order to keep voters and poll workers safe! #KeepHoosiersSafe

Thank you!

Janet Hefner

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: John Hefner <john.s.hefner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:01 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Support All Mail Primary

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I support an all mail primary this year.

John S Hefner

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Michael Henkel <ispconsultant@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 11:56 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Please do not allow all mail voting

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this is going to be completely make out elections a joke

we should delay the primary to August or even september and have normal voting this is the only way to prevent fraud!

Michael Henkel
1020 W Beam St
Porter, IN 46304

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: CAROL HESS <bnchess@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee voting

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I am a fortunate resident who gets to vote absentee due to my age.
Our democracy depends upon the active involvement of its citizenry. Voting is not only a right but a responsibility.
I plead with our indiana government to protect the health of our voters by extending absentee ballots to all. Please do not bring the shame upon our state that is now upon Wisconsin!
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Adam Hill <ahillphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:55 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail voting

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Please do not let mail-in voting happen! I do not trust Democrats and I believe this would be an opportunity to try to meddle with the election process. Thank you!

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Denise Holaday <denise.holaday@gmail.com>
Date: April 14, 2020 at 12:10:33 PM EDT
To: "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Changes needed to conduct safe elections in 2020

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Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

As it stands, Election Day voting is reserved only for in-person and we feel this puts Hoosiers lives at risk.

We urge you in light of this unprecedented pandemic to lessen the restrictions on Hoosiers who wish to vote by mail (absentee) during this time of health crisis by taking the following steps:

- 1) Provide resources to counties so that they can send all registered voters an absentee application by mail, with a stamped return envelope (rather than requiring all voters to seek out the absentee ballot application, postage stamp and envelope to mail it back), as Marion County has pledged to do; not every voter has access to a computer;
- 2) Allow absentee ballots to be accepted up to three (3) days after the election if postmarked by Election Day, and allow drive-by drop off sites through the close of business on Election Day so voters who received their absentee ballots too late to put them in the mail are still able to safely cast their ballots;
- 3) Provide CDC guidelines and training on how to conduct safe elections and provide resources to counties to secure PPE equipment to be used to protect all persons who work at polling places during early voting, Election Day, or during vote counting; and
- 4) Eliminate the uncertainty surrounding November's election by extending the "no-excuse" absentee voting and these other measures to all Hoosiers through the 2020 general election.

Respectfully,
Denise Holaday

Mclain, Joseph E

From: PAMELA HOOD <pamhood@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Elections
Subject: "No" to an All Mail In Election format

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To whom it may concern at the Indiana Election Division:

Please do not permanently change the system by which we vote. Absentee ballots serve a purpose, especially in these unusual times, but an all mail voting system for all future elections would be a mistake. Mail can easily get lost or misdirected.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
Pamela Hood

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Edward Howe <ed.howe@edhowe.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Elections
Cc: Edward Howe; Holly Howe
Subject: NO to mail-in ballot

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NO to mail-in ballots.

Voting in person is our tradition, and the current climate is in no way justifies this change. This mail-in passive form of voting is for our military and those who cannot physically make it to the voting booth exclusively. It is your civic duty to cast a vote in person after showing ID.

There are many ways to make sure those who are at the polls maintain proper distance and are protected in these COVID times.

We will not be in these COVID times forever, and we should not change these voting laws and systems based on this temporary need.

The coming months will shed much light on how this current contagion spread and is/was transmitted, and we will have much opportunity to adjust.

Be Well,

Ed Howe
219.510.2261
ed.howe@edhowe.com

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Holly HOWE <holly.howe@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Elections
Cc: holly@edhowe.com
Subject: No to mail-in ballots

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I am against mail-in ballots. We need to continue to conduct elections in person with proper identification. Absentee voting is and has always been an option for those unable to vote in person.

I am against mail-in ballots at any time and most certainly do not want to see this attempted on such short notice and without the proper consideration and planning necessary to make this viable.

Thank you,
Holly Howe
219-510-3358

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Liane Groth Hulka (via Google Docs) <lgroth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:02 AM
To: Elections
Cc: Nussmeyer, Angela M; Kochevar, Matthew R; demochair@aol.com
Subject: Letter from 5th CD IDP to IEC re: our 2020 Elections
Attachments: Letter from 5th CD IDP to IEC on 2020 Elections.pdf

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lgroth@gmail.com has attached the following document:



Letter from 5th CD IDP to IEC on 2020 Elections



Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the IEC:

Please find attached letter from the Executive Committee of the Indiana Democratic Party's 5th Congressional District Committee.

Sincerely,
Liane Hulka
Chairwoman
idp5thcd@gmail.com

Google Docs: Create and edit documents online.

Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA

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INDIANA DEMOCRATS

5th District



Indiana Elections Commission
302 W. Washington St., E204
Indianapolis, IN 46204
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 12, 2020

Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

On April 8, the day after the election debacle in Wisconsin, Indiana's Secretary of State sent an email to all Indiana County Clerks and Election Administrators informing them that "the Primary Election held on June 2 shall be conducted in strict compliance with Indiana Election law, except as provided in a legally binding order." This means that unless this Commission orders otherwise, in-person voting will be happening according to current law. As Democrats, we reiterate our desire to move our election system to vote-by-mail --which is the safest way to protect voter health and safety during a pandemic. In fact, just last week, the State Central Committee of the Indiana Democratic Party voted unanimously to turn our June 13 state convention into a virtual convention out of concern for the health and safety of our party members.

We appreciate the bipartisan negotiations taking place on this Committee to address the ability of counties to find a requisite amount of poll workers and ballot counters; allowing county election boards by unanimous vote to establish more than one location for counting absentee ballots; and training for in-person voting procedures and mail handling. However, none of these measures outlined in Sec. Lawson's April 8 email address the additional burdens current law places on voters who wish to vote safely by mail.

We believe that implementing a vote-by-mail system is possible with immediate and concerted effort, yet we have yet to see any logistical and financial commitments coming from our state leaders indicating a desire to move to vote-by-mail.¹ If this Commission determines to carry on instead with in-person voting on June 2, despite known risks of spreading the virus, we hope both political parties can find middle ground in protecting voter safety by lessening voter restrictions on the requesting and casting of absentee ballots, which is currently a two-step

¹ See, f.e., <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/11/us/coronavirus-voting-by-mail-elections.html>

process requiring voters to meet two deadlines in order to exercise their right to vote by mail by Election Day.

Sec. Lawson's email, for example, explicitly outlined one such restriction by reminding clerks that a voter's absentee ballot application must be received by their county election board by May 21st (12 days before the postponed election date under Indiana law). Requiring voters to return their absentee ballot application as many as twelve (12) days before an election is one of the most burdensome and restrictive timelines on absentee voting in this country.² It also serves no legitimate governmental purpose.

State laws governing the casting of an absentee ballot are also needlessly restrictive. Only absentee ballots received by a county election board by noon on Election Day shall be counted (though with an exception for overseas ballots). Thus, even if a voter drops their absentee ballot in the mail on Election Day, it won't count. If a voter drops their absentee ballot in the mail two days before Election Day and the clerk doesn't receive it until 5 pm on Election Day, it won't count, even though the voter exercised proper diligence to vote absentee by Election Day. In other words, the only voting under current law permitted to happen on Election Day is in-person voting. Maintaining this ridiculous rule forces Hoosiers to choose between their health and their right to vote.

We urge you in light of this unprecedented pandemic to lessen the restrictions on Hoosiers who wish to vote by mail (absentee) during this time of health crisis by taking the following steps:

- 1) Provide resources to counties so that they can send all registered voters an absentee application by mail, with a stamped return envelope (rather than requiring all voters to seek out the absentee ballot application, postage stamp and envelope to mail it back), as Marion County has pledged to do; not every voter has access to a computer;
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² See, f.e., <https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot-deadlines/>

We endorse the bipartisan proposals of this Commission to give our counties decisive and clear guidance on how to effectuate safe elections. You and all of us have a responsibility to find ways to hold fair, easily accessible, and safe elections during this emergency pandemic. Thus, we urge you to approve the changes proposed above so that no voter has to risk their life to exercise their right to vote. This Commission must take measures to ensure that the dangerous Election Day travesty in Wisconsin isn't repeated here. There is still time to get this right.

Sincerely,

Liane Groth Hulka, Chairwoman



Adam Jones, Vice-Chairman



5th Congressional District Executive Committee, Indiana Democratic Party

Mclain, Joseph E

From: ciscobuddy <ciscobuddy@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Elections
Cc: ciscobuddy@aol.com
Subject: Election in Indiana

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My husband, John Hutmacher and i, Karen Hutmacher, want to be able to keep voters safe during the primary with an all absentee ballot elections. We are counting on you all keeping your people safe and able to freely vote both primaries and November election. We DO NOT want anymore Hoosier s ill or Dead because we were in public. Thank you and wishing all take this responsibility.

Karen and John

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

KAREN CELESTINO-HORSEMAN

Attorney at Law
22 East Washington Street
Suite 620
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3561

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March 25, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO anussmeyer@iec.in.gov and bking@iec.in.gov

Hon. Paul Okeson
Chair, Indiana Election Commission

Hon. Anthony Long
Vice-Chair, Indiana Election Commission

Hon. Suzanna Wilson Overholt
Member, Indiana Election Commission

Hon. Zachary E. Klutz
Member, Indiana Election Commission

Re: Rescheduling of 2020 Primary Election

All:

I am writing on behalf of my client, the Indiana Democratic party and have requested that this letter be entered into the record.

The Indiana Democratic Party is pleased with the bipartisan efforts that have been made to date to ensure the safety and good health of Hoosiers who wish to exercise their constitutionally protected right to vote. The act of voting is historically an act of community and in these challenging times, Hoosiers need the community of fellow Hoosiers more than ever.

The Indiana Democratic Party respectfully requests that the Indiana Election Commission vote to hold the 2020 Primary Election on June 2, 2020. Action by the Indiana Election Commission is required because law setting forth the primary election cannot be suspended by executive order nor can a new election date be set by executive order. The Indiana Democratic Party supports your vote to schedule the 2020 Primary Election for June 2, 2020.

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March 24, 2020

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The Indiana Democratic Party also encourages the commission to give serious consideration to either conducting an all absentee ballot election or reducing the amount of in-person voting to levels that will continue to protect the health of Hoosiers and regardless of how the election is conducted, protecting the rights of voters with disabilities.

We thank you for your service and commitment to protect the constitutional rights of Hoosiers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Celestino-Horseman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Celestino-Horseman



April 20, 2020

Indiana Election Commission
302 West Washington St., Room E-204
Indianapolis, IN 46204
elections@iec.in.gov

Submitted Electronically

Re: Accommodations for Voters with Disabilities

Dear Chairman Okeson,

Indiana Disability Rights is the federally-mandated and state-designated protection and advocacy organization for the state of Indiana. Our mission is to protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy.

We understand the challenge of administering elections in the context of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic; it is critical that every effort is made to run elections on schedule, protect the health and safety of voters and elections personnel, and preserve access to the ballot. We appreciate the efforts the Indiana Election Commission (“Commission”) has taken and the changes made to ensure people have expanded voting opportunities for the primary elections. We specifically appreciate the recent emergency provisions that will positively impact voters with disabilities, including permitting voters to utilize “No Excuse/No Fault” absentee voting, the temporary expansion of the definition of person with a disability to include voters who are impacted by COVID-19, and allowing healthcare professionals in residential or in-patient facilities to serve as traveling board members to mark voters’ ballots on their behalf via visual or audio confirmation.

However, notwithstanding these provisions, we believe additional reasonable accommodations will need to be made for many voters with disabilities throughout Indiana. As you know, the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) requires states and county boards of elections to ensure people with disabilities have equal access to the electoral process. The ADA’s provisions apply to all aspects of voting, including voter registration, site selection, and the casting of ballots, whether on Election Day or during an early voting process. If certain additional accommodations are not implemented, countless Hoosier voters will risk being excluded from the election process on the basis of their disability. Therefore, to mitigate this harm, the following accommodations are recommended:

- Offer alternative accessible formats (e.g., large print and braille) for all election-related materials, including applications and ballots, to ensure independent and private participation in the political process;



- Automatically mail official ballots to all registered voters, without being required to complete an application requesting to vote by mail. The requirements of official signatures on documents should be relaxed for voters with physical disabilities by allowing electronic signature or a section where a tactile punch hole can be made;
- If official ballots are not automatically mailed, the application process should be simplified by creating effective, efficient, free, and accessible opportunities to apply for an absentee ballot online, by phone, or by fax and publicize these opportunities widely;
- Absentee ballots should include self-sealing, prepaid envelopes for ballot return; and
- Provide a curbside voting option at all polling place locations for voters who wish to utilize the service.

Additionally, to fully protect the fundamental right to vote for all Hoosiers, we encourage the Indiana Election Commission to explore the creation and utilization of electronic ballots as a reasonable accommodation option for voters with disabilities. This option, coupled the accommodations discussed above, will ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, or any other matter related to disability policy and law. You may reach me at (317) 722-3443 or tcrishon@indianadisabilityrights.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Crishon", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Thomas E. Crishon
Legal Director

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Lisa Jackson <jacksonlisaa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:05 AM
To: Elections
Subject: We need vote by mail

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Please provide VOTE BY MAIL for Indiana citizens for the November elections.

Ballots should be mailed to every registered voter.

Having to download and fill out and mail in a no excuse absentee ballot (like we are now doing for the primaries) is a pain in the ass and sharply reduces the number of people who will participate in what should be free, fair and easily accessible elections.

With Covid 19 our fall election may not be safe, especially for the poll worker populations. In addition, Indiana poll hours don't lend well to convenience for many people. Now, like never before, we need to make voting safe and accessible for everyone.

Lisa Jackson

317-363-6669

Marion county, indiana

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Yvonne Jepsen <yvonne.k.jepsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Elections
Subject: ***No to all mail in voting

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This is a very risky way for our vote to accurately be counted. There is to many ways tampering could occur. I am strongly against this proposed method.

Regards
Yvonne Jepsen
630-926-4673

Mclain, Joseph E

From: maye johnson <communitybee2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Elections

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Put the health and safety of Hoosier voters first by conducting vote by mail elections in Indiana

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E; Warycha, Valerie S
Subject: Fwd: All mail-in election

Commission folder

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "ddbarj@aol.com" <ddbarj@aol.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 4:52:41 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: All mail-in election
Reply-To: ddbarj@aol.com

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Subject: All mail-in election

Dear election commission members,

I am writing you today to urge for your support to make Indiana an all mail-in election. Our county election boards and those who oversee the process are strongly in favor, but your board must approve it.

The fiasco in Wisconsin last week supports the risks unnecessarily placed on voters by forcing them to physically go to the polls at a time they were also told to stay home and stay safe. We cannot allow that to happen here.

As a poll worker myself, last fall's election raised concerns for us, as some uninformed and agitated voters became belligerent to find they had no one on their local ballot. It prompted all of us poll workers to share our concerns with each other about working the 2020 presidential election.

States like Colorado, Oregon and Washington are some that have been voting from home for a few years. They have shown that the safeguards they have in place to deter fraud do indeed work and remind us that paper cannot be hacked. Vote by mail has proven to increase voter turn out and fears of voter fraud have been dispelled.

The USPS already delivers to every household six days a week and are trusted with handling the delivery of our ballots. In order for our elections to happen safely, states and federal government must be prepared now by

- expanding vote by mail
- extending voting deadlines
- expanding online voter registration

- communicating with voters about date changes, polling closures, or other critical election information

I urge the commission to work hard to help ensure that the November election can happen safely without disenfranchising ant voters, even under pandemic conditions. Please make Indiana an all mail-in election state.

Respectfully,

Dee Johnson
Johnson County, Indiana

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Caroline B Joiner <mcbj@me.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Elections
Subject: elections

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I am a voter. I have also been a poll worker for many years.

Our state and national governments are in the midst of a crisis that is causing greater tax expense and exposure to government workers.

All citizens of this state of Indiana and this United States are in the midst of a crisis that is causing greater taxpayer expense and angst and the necessity to avoid crowds, close contact, and eventually the necessity to spend more time working once again when that is possible to make up for lost pay during this crisis.

Voting in state and national elections is a right of citizenship and a necessity to maintain our democratic republic.

Colorado and other states and nations have made elections easier for their citizens by allowing voter registration and voting by mail for every election.

Indiana should allow all citizens to register by mail.

Indiana should allow all citizens to vote by mail in every election.

As a poll worker, I know how difficult it is to get poll workers and most of them are elderly and vulnerable to disease spread while working at the polls.

I also know that the voting machines frequently have problems and cause distress at polling sites.

I also know that the voting equipment in many states (and likely in Indiana) can be difficult to maintain, to move around, and to prevent electronic interference from nefarious people and foreign governments that could affect election turn-out and results.

We have a very mobile society relating to address within a city or a state or the nation.

Every citizen of this state and this nation deserves equal treatment in their right to vote.

Allow every registered voter in every location to vote by mail for state and national elections this year and every year.

Voting is a right and should not be “manipulated” by wrong rules for wrong purposes!

Voting in Wisconsin was a travesty and a disgrace and evil. Don’t let Indiana join that stupidity.

Allow Indiana to be a leader and an example in the preservation of voting rights, the encouragement of voting, and consideration for the lives of voters.

Thank you,
Caroline Joiner
8411 Talmage Ct.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Sara Joiner <skjoiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in Voting

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As a voter and taxpayer in Indiana and someone who has been social distancing in my home for 21 days and counting, I demand that the already-delayed primary election be handled via mail-in ballots without requiring an application to vote in that manner.

Paper ballots are less likely to be “hacked.” Several states have been doing mail-in ballots this entire century.

Most poll workers are retired individuals who are over the age of 60, putting them in the highest risk category for susceptibility to COVID-19. My mother is one of those poll workers. I do not want her to get sick and die because the state thought her life was less important than a mail-in ballot.

Indiana provides mail-in ballots already. I only want the state to drop the application requirement to vote by mail-in ballot. Please allow all registered voters in the state of Indiana to vote by mail-in ballot in the primary and general election.

Thank you.

Sara K Joiner
children's/teen librarian
author of AFTER THE ASHES

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: IEC Order 2020-37 and Appendix 1
Attachments: 03-30-2020 joint letter to IEC.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Email and attachment for Commission folder.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Tully <barbtullyinvbm@gmail.com>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 2:35:54 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Fwd: IEC Order 2020-37 and Appendix 1

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Typo in the email address to you earlier in the week. My apologies. Please see the email below and the attached PDF.

Thank you,
Barbara Tully
Indiana Vote By Mail

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From: Barbara Tully <barbtullyinvbm@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 1:34 PM
Subject: IEC Order 2020-37 and Appendix 1
To: <electionsa@iec.in.gov>
Cc: Julia Vaughn <jvaughngyure07@yahoo.com>, Linda Hanson <lhanson43@gmail.com>, Barbara Schilling <bartim@att.net>

Chairman Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

Please see the attached letter from Common Cause Indiana, Indiana Vote By Mail and League of Women Voters of Indiana, highlighting our thoughts and concerns about the IEC Order 2020-37 and Appendix 1 released at the IEC public meeting held on March 25th, 2020.

We appreciate the work the IEC is doing, but we feel there is more clarity needed around several items proposed in the Order and Appendix.

Thank you for allowing us to provide input to the IEC.

Respectfully,

Barbara Tully
Indiana Vote By Mail
317-408-3222

March 30, 2020

Indiana Election Commission
Mr. Paul Okeson, Chairman
elections@iec.in.gov

Dear Chairman Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

Thank you for taking steps to begin to create an environment that will ensure the safety of Indiana voters, poll workers and election staff for our primary election. With primary Election Day moved to June 2nd and voting by mail incentivized, there is much for county officials and voters to absorb and adapt to ensure the election season runs smoothly. This will be a challenging year for everyone involved in elections.

We issue this letter jointly from our organizations, Common Cause Indiana, Indiana Vote By Mail, and League of Women Voters of Indiana, because we stand united in our belief that Indiana's electorate deserves every opportunity to vote, and to have confidence in the voting process.

We raise the following concerns about the IEC's Order No. 2020-37 and related Appendix 1 released on 3/25/2020:

- No-excuse absentee balloting – waiving the reasons for voters to apply for absentee ballots makes the most sense given the fraught nature of the times we are in. Thank you for taking that step. This provision needs to be extended to the November 2020 General Election to minimize voter confusion and provide continuity.
- Order No. 2020-37 and Appendix 1 do not make clear whether voters will automatically be sent absentee applications by county election staff, or if voters need to apply for absentee ballots individually. Without a clear directive from the IEC, counties may take different courses of action, potentially leading to confusion among voters. Due to current health concerns, county election offices may not be staffed to full capacity to meet voter demands for absentee ballot applications. Our organizations believe this process will work best if all counties are required to send absentee ballots to all registered voters, in an effort funded by the State, with clear procedural guidelines from the Secretary of State.
- Section 6.B of Order No. 2020-37 raises several concerns. Section 6.B marries the online absentee application, if it is possible to create such an application, with the voter's signature filed at the time they registered to vote. Then, the IEC is to work to incorporate that signature into SVRS. Section 6.B gives no timeframe or deadline for accomplishing these things. The IEC needs to lead Indiana to adopt voter-centric practices for using digitized versions of signatures for verifying voter identity, and to require that this be done expeditiously, and no later than the 2020 General Election.
- Tabulation of votes prior to Election Day – Order No. 2020-37 and Appendix 1 do not address the burden put on election staff to wait until Election Day to extract ballots and scan them for counting. The IEC needs to provide clear direction to counties to deal with an increasing number of absentee ballots by allowing ballots to be separated from ballot envelopes once signatures are verified and scanning those ballots through tabulators prior to Election Day without calculating totals until polls close. Voter expectations for election results on Election night engender suspicion when results are delayed. Enabling counties to scan the increased

number of ballots prior to Election Day would ensure that voters' expectations can be met even in trying circumstances.

Voting is a fundamental civil right, a right that should be regarded as sacred and must always be protected under all circumstances. We want to impress upon the Indiana Election Commission the need for the State to move to a more robust framework for election administration to help keep voters, poll workers, and election administration staff healthy and safe. Hoosier voters must be given options for how and when they cast their ballots.

There are many resources and considerable expertise available from our three organizations. We offer such expertise to the Indiana Election Commission, along with this document from VoteAtHome.org about how to approach building the infrastructure necessary for widespread mailed balloting: https://www.voteathome.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/VAHScale_StrategyPlan.pdf

While we appreciate the actions you have already taken, Indiana voters deserve more, and the Indiana Election Commission has the power to create a different vision for the way Hoosiers exercise that most democratic practice of all – voting. Please use your power to help voters during this most uncertain time.

Sincerely,



Julia Vaughn, Policy Director



Barbara Tully, President



Linda Hanson, Co-President

Barb Schilling, Co-President

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Nichole Jones <nicholeelysejones@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Comment for Indiana Elections Committee

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request from this Elections Committee that we transition to mail-in ballots for the State of Indiana for the 2020 November election and all further elections.

Mail in ballots would solve a lot of the issues we are seeing currently and should be supported regardless of political party. The data shows that in states where mail in ballots are already utilized, there are not high rates of voter fraud and the turnout is still much the same as going to the polls thereby this should not be an issue for people who believe like Trump does that Republicans seem to lose out when voter participation is high. Yet, what mail in ballots do accomplish is allowing for those who wish to participate but have always had issue with being able to get to the polls (transportation and mobility issues, busy lifestyles with work or kids, etc.) are able to participate if desired. And during this time where mass congregation is unsafe, mail in ballots would be better for the general population. If by June 23rd we have seen a rise in COVID cases in Wisconsin, I believe it will be a direct result of having to congregate for the election held yesterday. Therefore, amongst the other data I have requested this committee look at, I would recommend looking to COVID cases in Wisconsin as well.

Thank you,
Nichole Jones

nicholeelysejones@gmail.com
502-296-4596
101 White Pine Blvd.
New Albany, IN 47150

Mclain, Joseph E

From: doug .jones <coachjonesdoug@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Elections
Subject: No to mail in voting

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NO! To all mail in voting.
Thank You,
Doug Jones

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Charlie Kallas <charles.kallas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment of Absentee Ballots

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Hello,

My name is Charles Kallas and I'm currently the Hammond Republican Chairman and Lake County Young Republicans Chairman.

I'm writing you today to express my concern over the possibility of having an all-mail election for the upcoming primary. While the entire world is facing unraveling times it's hard to imagine or even decide what steps should be taken in our every day lives let alone for the continuation of an election.

In my experience as a former candidate for Hammond City Council and State Senate it's my belief that a total absentee mail ballot election is a mistake and subject to a variety of problems such as authenticity of the voter since absentee ballots by-pass Indiana Voter ID laws. There are additional problems in recounts and delays in counting ballots.

Through executive orders the election has already been rescheduled, extended and now we're talking about having an all absentee mail election that, to me, is taking it to a unnecessary extreme. Even in the trying times we face it still comes down to one thing, Personal Responsibility.

The government can only do so much to protect the public. But, even then, it's up to the individual to make the decision to go out and vote publicly or by absentee ballot. I've seen political pundits from across the state ask that the governor issue a absentee ballot to every voter. Are we really going to try and force people to vote along with making them stay home? Again, it's up to the individual to decide to either vote absentee or go out in public.

I know these are uncertain times but I'm confident that the IEC will truly decide what the right approach is. I just ask that while we may be flexible we shouldn't be fearful of 'what if' scenario's.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Charles Kallas

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Sheila Kalman <sheilakalman@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting

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Mail in voting WILL PROMOTE FRAUD. Our voting need to be monitored through the showing of identification and in person.

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Susan Keirn Kester <keirnsusan@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Elections

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Please allow all voting by mail for the up coming election. It is uncaring, unchristian and unexplainable to ask persons to risk their health and possibly life to stand in line to vote. I do not know of any reason to not allow vote by mail by anyone who chooses this option. If the reason is political, then it is not valid. Every candidate should expect to win in a fair and safe election.

Rev. Susan Keirn Kester
9530 Tamar Trail
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825
Home Phone (260) 203-3126
Cell Phone (260) 445-5475

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Elizabeth Kinn <bethkinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Elections
Subject: All mail in voting

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Please allow an all mail in vote for this coming primary season as we don't know where we be as far as the corona virus pandemic. As most of the people who help at the polling places are retired and therefore in an at risk group, it would help to protect them as well as all who choose their democratic right to vote. Let us not be foolish like the state of Wisconsin!

Thanks,
Beth Kinn
Carmel, IN

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: samuelyesnik . <samuelyesnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Elections
Subject: signature gathering for ballot access and covid-19

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Hello, I am writing to request that you consider making an exception or adjustment to ballot access laws, because Covid-19 has made it much more difficult to meet those requirements. I am a member of a minor party, the American Solidarity Party, and am running for Orange county council. To get on the ballot with a minor party I need 133 valid signatures, which in normal times would not be too hard, but is much harder due to the need for social distancing. May I request that the signature requirements be greatly reduced or that e-signatures be accepted?

On behalf of minor parties I would also like to request for the future that the signature requirement for Secretary of State be reduced to less than 1000. I was disappointed when a measure to that effect failed to pass the senate in recent years.

Thank you,

Samuel Kinsey

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Phyllis Kriner <phyllis.kriner@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Elections
Subject: I support an all mail in vote this year in Indiana

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to ask the commission to support an all mail in election this year.

It is a very important issue that needs to be addressed for a successfully executed election in 2020.

Please do not let the voters in Indiana down this election year and allow an all mail in voting process.

Thank you.

Phyllis Kriner

Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on Voting During COVID19
Attachments: Public Comment on Indiana Voting Practices During COVID.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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From: James Krotz <jamesjkrotz@gmail.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 3:46:43 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Voting During COVID19

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Hello,

Attached you will find my comments on the decision facing the Indiana Election Commission on voting during the COVID-19 pandemic. I hope you will find it informative and well-reasoned.

Best,

--

James Krotz
Tippecanoe County Voter

Public Comment on Indiana Voting Practices During COVID-19

To the Indiana Election Commission,

I do not envy you your task. Balancing our fundamental right to vote with our fundamental need for safety and the safety of others is something few of us ever thought we would have to deal with in our country. However, that is where we are, and I wanted to offer my comments on the decision that you will soon make.

To make my partisan affiliation known, I am a Republican precinct committeeman living and working in Tippecanoe County. I am active in my county party, the advisor for the Purdue chapter of the Indiana College Republicans, have knocked doors and managed campaigns for Republican candidates, and will do so again when the virus has run its course. I believe voting is a cherished American right, and will fight for that right always. However, my wife is a nurse, and I have seen the dangers of this virus firsthand. Also, as I believe is my duty as an informed citizen of Indiana, I practice critical thinking on issues such as this, and therefore, some of my views on the current situation do not align with others in my party, and others do. For instance, I believe:

- I. In-person voting is preferable for a large segment of voters. I believe it should be preserved to the best extent possible, even in these unprecedented times.
- II. Election Day voting is needed and can be effectively carried out safely if the right training and resources are provided to our capable county election administrators.
- III. To the extent possible, our regular Election Day laws, rules, procedures, and plans should be followed.

And, most importantly:

- IV. Any potential changes in our primary election process due to this public health emergency, should not be construed to justify future election policy. Any long-term change must be considered by our legislature and be fully vetted outside of these unique circumstances. Changes should be made for the primary election ONLY, re-evaluated, and reinstated for the November election if necessary.

Now, if I may, I will dissent from others in my party by saying I am overwhelmingly in favor of a robust vote-by-mail effort during this public health crisis, and I hope the legislature will consider it afterwards. As a former resident of Kansas, their no-excuse vote-by-mail system has increased turnout in the primaries, which has led to positive public policy outcomes and acted as a counterweight to the influence of special interests. Voter fraud is a real issue, but it pales in comparison to the issue of voter suppression/disenfranchisement. Elected officials should not be able to choose who their voters are. Therefore, I believe:

- I. A mail ballot should be issued to every Hoosier registered to vote for the primary election, and re-issued for the general election IF NECESSARY. Our public health is at stake.
- II. This will hopefully increase turnout, thereby ensuring accurate representation of the whole electorate.

To sum up, I'll leave you with this; we have a temporary means to solve this problem with the widespread use of mail ballots. Taking all partisan considerations out of it, that is objectively the safest and smartest thing to do.

James Krotz, Tippecanoe County Voter

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Marty M. Lemert <MLemert@burtblee.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in ballots

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If you care at all about the safety of Hoosiers, you will ensure that both our primary election and the national election in November is conducted using mail-in ballots. We cannot risk Hoosier lives over this. Thank you.

Marty Lemert



Marty M. Lemert | Partner
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Victoria Lomont <valomont@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:19 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail option needed

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Hello,

I believe it's time for Indiana to follow election practices of other states. Vote by mail and same day voter registration should be employed to help our Hoosier citizens vote.

Keep hoosiers safe! Make vote by mail an option for EVERY election.

Victoria Lomont
12131 Maples Rd
Ft. Wayne, IN. 46816

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Abs voting

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Begin forwarded message:

From: ray lopez <raylopezsr6441@yahoo.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 2:48:18 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Abs voting

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Only in this primary election
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Voting by mail

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From: Katherine E Loser <keloser@mac.com>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 2:09:44 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Voting by mail

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Dear members of the Election board

I have some suggestions for you to consider during the upcoming April meeting concerning equal access for citizens in Indiana to the absentee voting application. At present those who have a computer, online access and a printer can easily request to vote by mail. Many of my neighbors as well as my elderly parents who still live on their own do not have computers or internet nor a printer.

So here are some ideas that could give them access to the application to vote by mail:

- 1 printed applications could be made available outside of each election central offices
- 2 neighborhoods that have free little libraries place copies there
- 3 place printed copies at all public libraries somewhere outside similarly like what realtors do for houses for sale
- 4 work with groups like churches neighborhood associations to designate people places for printed copies
- 5 place copies at post offices

There are so many ways to make it accessible to all of our citizens. Let us make sure the one way printed from the online site isn't the only way to give everyone their right to vote In Indiana's primary.

Sincerely,

Kathy Loser

An Indian voter who believes all have the right to vote!

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: MANUEL <Mangto70@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Abs ballot

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No mail in ballots!!!!!!

Sent from Xfinity Connect App

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Candidate petitioning in a world of social-distancing

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Craig Marolf <constitutionalcraig@yahoo.com>
Date: April 6, 2020 at 11:01:02 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Candidate petitioning in a world of social-distancing

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Good evening Honorable Members of the Election Commission,

My name is Craig Marolf and I am the Chairman of the Constitution Party of Indiana, which is one of the five bona fide parties in Indiana.

As a result of our current state of social-distancing, petitioning to obtain ballot access for candidates has become virtually impossible. Some states have radically altered the signature requirements or have outright eliminated it for the 2020 election. Recently, the Governor of Vermont waived the signature requirement for both primary candidates and general election candidates. (see story below)

I ask you to discuss the possibility of Indiana waiving the signature requirement for candidates of bona fide parties (according to Indiana Code 3-5-2-5.5) in light of our current fight with Covid-19.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Craig Marolf
Chairman
Constitution Party of Indiana

Vermont Waives Petition Requirements for 2020 Primary and General Elections

Posted on April 2, 2020 by Richard Winger

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On March 30, Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed HB 681, which eliminates all candidate petitions during 2020, both for candidates seeking a spot on a primary ballot, or the general election. [Here is the bill](#). Scroll down past the bill's original contents. As introduced originally, the bill had nothing to do with election law. Thanks to Ballotpedia for this news.

Without this bill, unqualified parties would have needed 1,000 signatures to place their presidential nominee on the November ballot. The only qualified parties besides the Democratic and Republican Parties are the Liberty Union, Progressive, Green Mountain, and Libertarian Parties. The Green Mountain Party is organized only in Vermont, has never participated in a presidential election, and has no connection to the Green Party.

Source: Ballot Access News

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jerri Martin <jmartinkoko@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail

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I would like to urge you, the Election Commission, to mandate vote by mail for the 2020 primary. Many of the poll workers are generally of retirement age. Either working the polls could put them at risk or there will be a shortage of poll workers. Both parties, as well as the Allen County Election Board, have expressed that a total vote by mail is the preferred method for the 2020 Primary. Please help everyone stay safe.

Jerri Martin
10609 Hickory Tree Road, Ft Wayne, IN

McClain, Joseph E

From: Rich & Barrie McClain <richmcclain@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Indiana election being all email

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I am opposed to all mail ballots for the election.

Every registered voter does not live at the address on file – some are not living.

Some live elsewhere.

SO, the ballot mailed to them – who gets it?

When Rich was in the Navy he voted absentee, but his signature had to be notarized so it was clear that he was the one who voted his ballot. That would be okay.

Rich's opinion and Barrie concurs.

Rich and Barrie McClain
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574-652-2895
574-870-4669 Rich cell/text
574-870-4683 cell/text

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Support voting by absentee ballot

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Rachel McNett <ramcnett@gmail.com>
Date: April 2, 2020 at 9:12:43 AM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Support voting by absentee ballot

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IN Election Commission:

Subject: Support voting by absentee ballot

I have helped fill poll positions in Allen County for the past decade for both the primary and general elections. The majority of poll workers are retirees, so it is not uncommon for a longtime worker to decline a position due to the rigors of working a 15-hour day. This year was a little different. A few people declined a position due to the outbreak of covid-19. I felt they were justified in making their decision.

I feel Governor Holcomb did the right thing to postpone the upcoming primary to June 2. Toward the middle of April, we will recall the workers to place them for the June 2 primary. Since the peak of covid-19 may come as we try to refill poll positions, I don't feel comfortable asking people to put themselves at a potential risk of contracting the virus while they are performing a valuable civic duty

Another risk I see is providing drivers to take voters to and from their polling place. Political parties provide this curtesy free of charge to anyone that requests a ride to their polling place. I find this as another potential risk for either or both the passenger and the driver. Individual parties could decide to not offer rides at the risk of losing the good will of their supporters.

I strongly encourage thoughtful consideration that the entire state use absentee ballots for all registered Hoosier voters in the upcoming primary.

Thank you,
Rachel McNett
1307 Three Rivers North

Fort Wayne, IN 46802
ramcnett@gmail.com

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-- Rachel

Light Tomorrow with today.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

*1307 Three Rivers North
Fort Wayne, IN . 46802-1337*

3rd Congressional District Democratic Party
Misti Meehan, Chairwoman
misti.meehan@gmail.com
260.403.2716

April 1, 2020

Indiana Election Commission:

Thank you for your time and due diligence regarding election modifications during a pandemic. Indiana Election Commission Order 2020-37 is commendable. These unprecedented times are fast moving and continuously changing.

Dr. Kristina Box, the state health commissioner, projects the virus to peak in mid to late April. Currently, early voting should start Tuesday, May 5. There is a high probability Hoosiers will be prohibited from gathering in large numbers at that time. Whether following other countries or other states or hearing from our own health commissioner, Indiana has not peaked yet and in the next several weeks the situation will continue to deteriorate. Indiana needs to move to an all mail-in primary now (ADA and confined voting considerations remaining).

There has been an Election Board Meeting in both Allen and Wells Counties since the last IEC meeting. Both felt they are in limbo until the April 22nd IEC Meeting due to additional changes likely to take place at that time. The municipalities are making plans but feel they're aiming at a moving target. They are preparing for an in-person election with the understanding that as the number of cases across the state increase, the likelihood of an all mail-in primary is looking to be the only way to keep communities safe.

Municipalities statewide are still creating plans for holding a postponed in-person election: securing locations and staffing poll workers for the June 2 date, sanitation processes for allowing people to vote under current CDC restrictions, securing enough PPE for poll workers. The challenges are tremendous. While performing all of these tasks, they are also creating plans for the logistics of an all mail-in election.

In Allen County, an Early Vote satellite location, which is also a polling location on Election Day, will not be available for the new dates. In Wells County, if any of their five vote centers are booked or become unavailable for any reason, there are no alternatives. The additional sanitation steps necessary between voters, besides abiding to only 10 people in a building at one time, will significantly increase the voting time per voter. When considering that a majority of poll workers belong to a high risk group, there is great concern about being able to staff polling locations for an in-person election.

During the Allen County Election Board (ACEB) Meeting, Director of Elections, Beth Dlug indicated an all mail-in primary provides a solid target and is the best option at this point. Currently, they are spending hours upon hours creating plans and rescheduling

both locations and workers which could end up being a grotesque waste of time. While an all mail-in primary is still a challenge, it is far less challenging than continuing forward with an in-person election that is tied to an unpredictable, deadly virus spread through in-person interactions.

The President has now extended the Stay at Home Order until April 30 which is 5 days before early voting is currently scheduled to start. It would seem with Indiana cases on the rise and Indianapolis projected to be the next hot spot, Hoosiers could very well still be under a Stay at Home Order when early voting is scheduled to begin. There are more and more states issuing Stay at Home or Shelter in Place Orders.

When negotiations regarding the primary election were happening, it made me physically sick that a discussion about moving an election was happening at all. As a Veteran, I questioned whether or not it was a betrayal. Was it a betrayal of everything I hold most dear and the very foundation of this country? No. It most certainly was not. An inability to adapt and overcome when faced with insurmountable obstacles would have been the betrayal.

Every one of us has a responsibility to contribute to the most equitable, accessible election possible. I have spoke with poll workers, poll watchers, election officials, county chairs, district chairs (both sides of the aisle), and elected officials. The only way we can insure a safe and effective election with the circumstances we are facing is with an all mail-in election.

If there is any additional information I can provide, please don't hesitate to ask. Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Misti Meehan

Chairwoman
ACDP/CD3
misti.meehan@gmail.com
260.403.2716

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kathryn Meyer <kbmeyer25@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote-By-Mail

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Dear Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

On April 7, along with many other Americans, I witnessed the nightmare of the Wisconsin Primary Elections, where voters were forced to choose between standing in long lines, risking their health, exposing themselves to Covidiot-19 and their right to vote. Hoosiers should NEVER be put in such a position.

My thanks goes out to Gov. Holcomb who made a wise decision to delay the Indiana Primary to June 2, and to make Vote-by-Mail available to all Hoosiers. I filled out my application for the absentee ballot today. In November, given the CDC's predictions of rolling waves of the virus in the fall and earlier winter, I would suggest you recommend the state continue Vote-by-Mail and simply mail the absentee ballots to all eligible voters eliminating the application requirement. This would streamline the process and make it more efficient plus save on election administration costs involved in an additional mailing.

Gov. Holcomb has conscientiously taken this essential step to protect the health of Hoosiers for the 2020 elections. I propose you recommend Vote-by-Mail be the new standard for all future elections in Indiana. The advantages of Vote-by-Mail are many giving people the time and safety to vote from home, saving taxpayer money on election administration and providing the additional security of paper ballots which avoid hacking concerns in the event of a recount. Furthermore, Mail-In voting makes it easier for seniors, like myself, working families, people with disabilities, those without transportation and younger voters to participate more fully in our democracy.

As we embrace these challenging days and "necessity becomes the mother of invention," let Vote-by-Mail be one of the unexpected blessings and part of new and improved voting practices for Hoosiers.

Thank you, for your time and consideration of my opinions and recommendations. Be well.

Respectfully,
Kathryn Meyer
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Valparaiso, IN 46383
kbmeyer25@aol.com

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Barb Moore <mooreb010@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Indiana voters

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I believe that everyone in Indiana should vote by mail to ensure the safety of the voters as well as the people manning the polls. This process should be easy so all people can and will vote. I believe the best way is to send all registered voters a ballot. If they get lost or are misplaced, there should be a way to negate duplicates. The right to vote is key to our democracy! Please protect us and our rights!

Barbara Moore

STATEMENT OF BILL MOREAU
CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
INDIANA CITIZEN EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

BEFORE THE INDIANA ELECTION COMMISSION
March 25, 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as you consider measures intended to maximize Hoosier voters' turnout for the upcoming primary election. All Hoosiers are grateful for your volunteer service at this important moment in our history

I am the co-founder and president of the Indiana Citizen Education Foundation (ICEF), a 501(c)(3), nonpartisan, nonprofit corporation formed by my wife Ann and me to work on our state's historically low levels of civic literacy and participation.

You will see that our board of directors and donors extend across the Hoosier political spectrum. <https://www.indianacitizen.org/about/> We like to say, "The Indiana Citizen is a scrupulously nonpartisan Indiana nonprofit with broad bipartisan support."

Our work is informed by the *Indiana Civic Health Index*, the fourth edition of which was released in November. <http://www.indianacitizen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019INCHI-final.pdf> You will recall that this important report has been supported by distinguished retired public servants Congressman Lee Hamilton, Chief Justice Randall Shepard and Attorney General Greg Zoeller. The *Index* uses survey research conducted by the Census Bureau to compare Indiana to the other 49 states and the District of Columbia on a wide range of metrics associated with civic health. The first three editions of the *Index* presented the rankings without making any recommendations in order to determine whether any trends could be determined.

The fourth edition of the *Indiana Civic Health Index* did show some distressing trends, so for the first time the report makes two recommendations aimed at improving civic literacy and participation.

Recommendation Number 1 called for the creation of a civics education task force to study ways to improve civic literacy and make recommendations by the end of 2020. That truly "blue ribbon" task force—led by Lt. Governor Crouch with participation by Supreme Court Chief Justice Rush, Secretary of State Lawson, a member from each of the four legislative caucuses, educators and other prominent citizens—will soon be holding its first meeting.

Recommendation Number 2 states: "As we head toward the 2020 elections, Indiana should aspire to increase voting turnout substantially, with the goal of moving from the Bottom 10 to the Top 10 of states." Our nonprofit is aggressively pursuing that recommendation, which we estimate will require a 20% increase in turnout in November.

We wholeheartedly support a decision to delay the primary election by four weeks—from May 5 to June 2--because it so closely aligns with our mission. With Indiana lagging the rest of the

country for voter registration and mired in the bottom 10 for turnout, delaying the primary should improve turnout for the primary election—or at least head off a decline in turnout--and serve as a model for improving turnout for the November 3 general election. As you move the primary election back by four weeks, presumably the pre-primary registration period will be extended from April 6th to May 4th and the deadline for a county clerk's receipt of an absentee ballot application from April 23rd to May 21st.

In addition, we strongly support the recommendation to allow absentee voting by any registered voter, sometimes referred to as “no fault absentee voting.” Regardless of the shorthand term, at its core is waiving the requirement that a voter fit into one of the several reasons Indiana law requires in order to qualify as an absentee voter. Accordingly, the form used for requesting an absentee ballot must be changed immediately so that Hoosiers understand that any registered voter may use it.

We also recommend the immediate development of a pathway to request an absentee ballot in a paperless, online method that accepts a digital signature. Currently, a voter must find the application form, fill it out, print it, sign it and mail it to the correct county clerk's office. By one estimate, 16 states—including Oklahoma and North Dakota—and the District of Columbia provide their voters an online pathway to request ballots online.

Finally, permit me to offer ICEF's resources to assist at this critical moment when a serious public health challenge can also seriously harm Indiana's civic health. We are prepared to devote our time, technical expertise and funding to help in any way.

Thank you again for your volunteer service as you put the interests of Hoosier voters first while considering these unprecedented challenges to Indiana's civic health.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Bill Morton <wcmorton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Elections
Cc: Ann Torpy; Randall Girod; Melissa Boggs
Subject: Comments regarding 2020 Primary Election

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To the Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

Paul Okeson
S. Anthony Long
Suzannah Wilson Overholt,
Zachary E. Klutz

I am a member of the Kosciusko County Election Board, and I am writing to submit comments on my own behalf. I understand that my County Clerk has also submitted comments on behalf of Kosciusko County.

I do not envision a scenario where in-person voting can be made safe for all Indiana voters for the 2020 Primary Election. I believe that it will be impossible to protect all voters from the possibility of infection while casting their ballot in a polling place. The voting experiences that have been observed in states such as Illinois and Wisconsin indicate that we should anticipate long lines, which may make it impossible for some voters to cast their ballot.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that you move to make the June 2, 2020 Primary Election a **vote by mail** election. By this, I mean that each County Election Board should be required to mail an absentee ballot to every registered voter in the County. In order to make it possible for disabled voters to cast their ballots, the Travel Boards must continue to operate. In-person absentee (Early) voting and Election Day voting should be cancelled. The public should be advised not to expect a tally until the election is certified on June 12.

In the event that the Commission does not move to eliminate in-person Early and/or Election Day voting, the Indiana Election Division must provide detailed guidelines for protecting voters and poll workers. I still recommend that an absentee ballot be mailed to every registered voter in order to reduce the number of in-person voters to an absolute minimum. I also recommend that **in-person voting be by paper ballot only**, as it may not be possible to sanitize DRE voting systems in between voters.

The State of Indiana should assist all counties in conducting the 2020 Primary Election by reimbursing the cost of the additional postage and the additional supplies purchased for ensuring a safe election (such as sanitizers, face masks, gloves, etc.).

Respectfully,

Bill Morton
Member, Kosciusko County Election Board
10599 N Lung Ln
Syracuse, IN 46567

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Curtis Nash <curtis.j.nash48@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Elections
Subject: mail-in voting

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Mail-in or absentee voting is the only safe way to proceed for this election, as long as voters can be individually identified.

Curtis Nash
Fort Wayne, IN
260-444-6883

Mclain, Joseph E

From: rcniemeyer <rcniemeyer@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment

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Elections Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to mail-in-ballots during this time of emergency. As a life long Lake County resident, I can pretty well guarantee that the patronage machine in place here would be using their local organizations to unlawfully influence the upcoming election. The opportunity to commit fraud with mail-in-ballots will be too tempting for some people to ignore. If this type of balloting is to be used now or in the future, a full scale security analysis must be completed prior to this happening. I respectfully express my opposition to this measure at this time.

Sincerely,

Randell C. Niemeyer
13610 Ivy St.
Cedar Lake, Indiana

Republican Precinct Commiteeman Cedar Lake 5

Chairman Cedar Lake/Hanover Township Republican Organization

President Cedar Lake Town Council

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Michael O'Brien <mobrien@1816inc.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Public Comment: Order 2020-37

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Members of the Indiana Election Commission,

The Indiana Election Commission is facing a serious question over election procedure given the current public health emergency. It is necessary to ask how a statewide election can be conducted in a safe and secure way for Hoosiers in these unprecedented circumstances. All reasonable options currently available should be considered, but I strongly believe that efforts to establish novel, untested election procedures, such as a vote-by-mail election, should not be pursued.

I have held senior party positions for over a decade and have extensive experience working at the county and state levels to help administer elections. As you know, these undertakings, vital to our democratic system, require substantial resources and significant numbers of volunteers. Local election officials work for months to follow long-established election rules. Changes in these procedures, such as the recent expansions of satellite voting and vote centers, have taken years to develop and implement to ensure they produce reliable and accurate outcomes.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, only five states currently allow all-mail elections - Colorado, Washington, Utah, Oregon, and Hawaii. In those states, the all-mail election process was phased in over extended periods of time.

Additionally, corporations and organizations across the state and nation are currently struggling to navigate similar issues. Several associations and companies I currently work with are trying to figure out how to function, including how to vote electronically or by mail for board meetings and other actions. These operations are considerably more narrow in scope and execution than a statewide election. It is simply unreasonable to expect Indiana officials to successfully pivot to an all-mail election in little more than 60 days and provide the same quality, reliability, and security that is necessary for something this important.

Questions over election security and accurate outcomes have persisted since 2016. More immediately, we debate on a daily basis what tasks are "essential" in order for society to function at basic levels, while providing maximum adherence to public health guidelines. We have all had to adapt quickly to follow new procedures to mitigate risk of exposure to the coronavirus. Casting a vote in-person surely meets the new standard of what is considered "essential" activity in American life.

With proper training and additional resources provided to our county election administrators, we can preserve regular election laws, rules, and processes. Moving the primary election to June helps extend the timeline of the election beyond what we hope is the peak of this

virus. Expanding existing absentee voting procedures also helps Hoosiers cast their vote in a historically safe and secure way. Other opportunities to reduce congregating at polling places, such as increasing the number of satellite locations and vote centers, should also be considered.

There is a worthwhile debate we all must have to decide how best to increase voter turnout in Indiana. But that requires robust discussion through the legislative process, where these laws are meant to be changed. Leveraging the current crisis to set election policy and move to an all-mail election is unnecessary and short-sighted. I ask the Indiana Election Commission to consider other lawful ways to ensure Hoosiers can safely and securely cast their vote on June 2.

Respectfully,

Michael R. O'Brien
Fourth Congressional District GOP Chairman
Former Chairman, Hendricks County Republican Party

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Julie Olthoff <julie.olthoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Elections
Subject: re: Public comment for Primary Election Decisions

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Dear Election Commission

Thank you for your work on making adjustments due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. I appreciate all of your efforts to make the Primary a safe and healthy election process. I will be praying for you.

I have been making calls on behalf of my campaign and the feedback I am getting is that many folks **want** to come to the polls, just like they always do. In order to accomplish this, I ask that you make sure our poll workers are cleaning areas that get touched.

I hear that an idea is on the table to make it all voting by mail. I really do not like this idea as it is slow to calculate, and many counties failed in this area during our last election, like Porter County. Besides that, voting by mail provides too many opportunities for fraud. People just cheat. We need to protect our system as much as possible, especially as we are voting for a new District 1 congressman, for the first time in like 30 years.

I also want to say that any changes you make for the primary should not be used for long-term changes because they have not been fully vetted.

Thank you for your consideration.
Julie Olthoff

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Robbie Ousley <rrousley@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Keep voters safe

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Please keep voters safe, vote for remote voting by mail and every way possible. Remote electronic voting should be available, especially for November.

Thank you,
Robbie Ousley
6118 Yellowstone Dr
Fort Wayne, IN 46818
(574) 371-7805

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Marcia and Dan Owens <madowens@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail-in voting

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Please institute mail-in voting state wide for all future elections. My wife and I have experienced long lines and very slow voting, sometimes standing in line over 2 hours.

This is unacceptable. The current system is stifling our right to free and open elections.

Thank you.

Robert D. Owens
Marcia A. Owens
1204 Timber Creek Ln.
Greenwood IN 46142

Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kelly Parker <kellysparker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:04 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Primary

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This year, the primary needs to be all mail-in. Keep us safe.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: AN HONORABLE PROFESSION R.G. PAUL <helpkidsreadmore@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Elections
Subject: 2020 Election

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To: Indiana Election Commission:

I am following up with you on my previous two emails concerning ballot access for 3rd Party candidates in the November 2020 election.

I am running for County Commissioner as a Green Party candidate in Monroe County. To get on the ballot, I need to obtain over 1000 signatures by the end of June. I have been active in politics for over 35 years and have managed ballot access initiatives several times over that period of time. I entered 2020 thinking that getting enough signatures to get on the Fall ballot would not be a problem.

Then things obviously changed. With the Stay at Home orders, businesses closed, Indiana University closed (The Green Parties main base of support) and practicing social distance of being 6 feet apart from each other, makes it all but impossible for me, or any 3rd party candidate from participating in the 2020 election. If a candidate does obtain that many signatures during this Pandemic, I would suspect they did not follow all the safety measures put into practice to safeguard the public. I believe political candidates need to be a role model to the public, especially if their actions put human lives at risk.

I am respectfully asking the Commission to allow online signatures on our petition for ballot access. I have thought a great deal about possible solutions to this problem, and it seems fair and consistent with current policy to make this change. If a voter can register to vote online, it seems reasonable to allow that same voter to sign a petition for ballot access. If a voter can pay taxes on line, then it also seems reasonable for that taxpayer to be able to sign a petition for ballot access online.

I truly hope that you will allow online signatures for 3rd Party candidates for ballot access. If you don't , then I honestly believe all 3rd Party candidates will essentially be blocked from the 2020 election.

We have lost so much time already, so swift action will be needed for many of us to get the required signatures. If possible, an extension of the June deadline into July would certainly help all 3rd Party candidates qualify in their petition drives.

If possible, I would like to talk with Commission members during your April 22nd meeting. I know the Commission is handling a lot of issues due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Randy G. Paul
Green Party candidate
Monroe County Commissioners

Helpkidsreadmore@yahoo.com

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Teresa Pierce <teresafpierce@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Elections
Subject: No vote by mail

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Teresa Pierce
Sent from my iPad

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Pribush, Bonnie <bpribush@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Voting by Mail

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Dear Members of the Indiana Elections Commission,

I am writing to request that you allow everyone to vote by mail in both the primary (now in June) and the general election in November.

I always vote and I have always voted in person on election day since I moved to Indiana 39 years ago because I love to be with other people sharing this fundamental responsibility of democracy. However, I am now in a high risk population and I am a caregiver for my 91 year old mother who is suffering from lung cancer. Both of us want to vote. But mail is the only safe way for us to do this.

In fact, I have read that there are some states which actually mail a ballot to every registered voter. That would be wonderful! Reportedly it has saved those states about \$6 per person - money that would certainly be useful in the hard financial times that we are entering.

In your April 22 meeting, please, please authorize vote by mail for any reason for both elections and please seriously consider going to a totally vote by mail election in November.

Bonita Pribush
4650 Ridgemere Circle
Greenwood, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Mimi Pruett <mlpruett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting.

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To keep our elections and our population safe I instituting a 100% mail out mail in election beginning this primary. At very least we need to have no excuse required mail in absentee voting

Mary L Pruett
Greensburg Indiana 47240

Mimi

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jack Pupillo <jpupillo@valpo.us>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Elections
Subject: NO to All Mail-In Voting

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To Whom it May Concern,

This email is to voice my opposition to an all mail-in voting process. I urge you to retain ALL forms of voting during this difficult time and beyond. In order to maintain public health, we should vote via absentee ballots. I fear that an all mail-in system would be fraught with opportunity for voter fraud and would put an extreme strain on our Elections and Registration Board.

Respectfully,

Jack Pupillo
City Councilman- District 4

Mobile: (219) 200-4074

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jackatvalpocitycouncil

Website: www.ci.valparaiso.in.us/181/City-Council



Mclain, Joseph E

From: YvonneandRick Ramsey <yvonneandrickramsey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Elections
Subject: absentee voting in the primary

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Please help Hoosiers stay healthy and safe during the 2020 primary by instituting all absentee ballot elections.

Thank you!

Yvonne Ramsey

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: June Election - Mail

Commission folder.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Rapp <cindyrapp27@att.net>
Date: April 2, 2020 at 3:53:53 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: June Election - Mail

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Indiana Election Commission,

Having served on the Johnson County Election board for fifteen years and having been involved with Johnson County elections for at least 25 years I have concerns with this election process. I recruit my party's workers for all positions associated with an election; absentee board, traveling board, provisional ballot counters, satellite and vote center election day workers.

Johnson County has been blessed to have competent, well trained workers and staff. Our party usually does not have trouble finding workers and we try to use 16 & 17 year old's also.

I feel an obligation to protect our workers from this virus and I urge you to move toward an all Vote by Mail election. These really are life or death decisions you will be making!

Johnson County is working with our absentee board to make sure they stay safe and follow CDC guidelines. I had recruited 8 workers for the absentee board and 2 decided they were not comfortable working at this time.

In my opinion, if this becomes a vote by mail election we will able to handle it. This is a primary, Hoosiers can figure it out and make it work.

Again, I urge you to make this a Vote by Mail Election. I believe our Indiana poll workers and voters deserve this!

Thank you,

Cindy Rapp
741 Primrose Ct.
Greenwood, IN. 46142
317-607-4471

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Cindy Rapp <cindyrap27@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote By Mail

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Indiana Election Commission,

Hoosiers do not feel safe from the Coronavirus and will not be comfortable voting in person by June 2nd.

This is the right time to start Vote by Mail. We have been doing this with absentee voting for years and it works!

I have recruited my party's poll workers for many years and most are having second thoughts about working. **We need to protect our workers and our voters on Election Day.**

Our Absentee Board is working hard processing absentee applications but they do not feel comfortable with many days of walk-in voting at the courthouse.

I hope you will consider allowing Vote by Mail. Working together we can get it done!

Sincerely,

Cindy Rapp
741 Primrose Ct.
Greenwood, In. 46142
Johnson County

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kristy Richardson <kjrern@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail

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Please help to keep Hoosiers safe and our democracy intact. Allow vote by mail in all elections.

From: [Nussmeyer, Angela M](#)
To: [Kochevar, Matthew R](#)
Subject: FW: Thank you!
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:12:01 PM

From: Stephanie Rockey <srockey@washingtoncounty.in.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

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IED,

First and foremost, thank you all for all you are doing on the frontlines! One question or major concern that is expressed to me several times a day, is in regards to Early Voting in-person. It was hard this year, prior to the pandemic, to put our absentee board in place. So, with this hourly changing pandemic... Could we not have an "Early Voting" by mail absentee voting period only? Even if we are half deemed better, voters are going to be very reluctant to come and vote in-person during this time. Possibly, get clearance to modify the hours, days, etc.

Still treading water,

Stephanie K. Rockey, **CLERK OF COURTS**
COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: James Rogers <therealjrogers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Elections
Cc: jrogers@cs.earlham.edu; James Rogers
Subject: Upcoming primary elections

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To the members of the commission:

I am writing about my concerns with regard to the upcoming primary election. Short version: **We cannot risk partially in-person voting both from a public health standpoint and from the standpoint of the integrity of the election.** As Michigan experience shows, the potential for false votes is vastly overwhelmed by the reality of the massive disenfranchisement of voters. **"Integrity" is not just a matter of avoiding fraudulent votes, it is primarily a matter of having an election in which every eligible voter has an opportunity to vote and has reason to believe that the count accurately represents their vote.**

I would like, at the outset, to remind you that the peak of virus transmission occurs only halfway through the epidemic. There will be just as many cases following the peak as there were before and they will take just as long to play out. So, if you want try to guess when we will no longer be vulnerable, you need to not only guess when the peak might occur, but then **calculate the time from the first occurrence to that peak and double it.**

Moreover, as we are starting to see in some of the earlier centers of infection, it is reasonable to expect that there will be **at least one more peak following the initial one.** It is up to us, as a community, to make sure that the subsequent peaks do not swamp what we thought was the initial one.

Given that, it is highly unlikely that we will be out of the woods any time in June.

Politics, unfortunately, is played as a high-stakes game in our country, but, although we have rarely been able to separate the two, elections should not be a part of the game. Leave the tactical maneuvering outside the actual election process.

For the safety of our citizens and the integrity of the process, we need to move to an **all absentee ballot election** and one in which every eligible voter that has not already submitted an absentee ballot should **automatically receive a ballot, not just an absentee ballot application.**

While this is far from an optimal process and presents many opportunities for small scale fraud, the information at the back end is sufficient to capture multiple votes and there are ways of detecting much of that potential for intercepted votes. (By, for instance, just notifying every absentee voter that a ballot was received from them and counting in whichever party's primary election and asking them to contact the Clerk if that is not what they expected.)

There will be a lot more work in the Clerks' offices, but we are all likely to live through it.

I am 67 year-old citizen of Richmond, Wayne Co., who has been an active poll worker in every election over the last few years. I am currently cross trained as a clerk and judge and have been designated to be a "floater",

who rotates in for clerks or judges so they can rotate out periodically. (This position was added to address the catastrophic experience of our Fall municipal election.)

Most, nearly all, of the poll workers in Wayne County are at least as old as I am. We are the ground troops of our election process but are a particularly vulnerable population.

I can testify from direct experience that there is a great deal of close contact in the registration and voting process. It will be extremely difficult to maintain anything like a six foot spacing between those waiting in line, voters must hand their ID to the clerk, clerks must hand their ticket to the voter, voters then hand these to the judge who then hands them the voting machine credential. Moreover, this takes place in a room that is full of people. That room is guaranteed to swimming with COVID-19 particles.

Consider that Georgia's current raging epidemic apparently started with a single infected person attending a single funeral. Then show that you care about all of us, not just poll workers, but the citizenry as a whole, and give us a way of making our voices heard without having to draw straws to see which of us will get sick and which of us will die.

Jim Rogers

James Rogers, Research Professor
Computer Science Department, Drawer #98
Earlham College
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Richmond, IN 47374
765-939-7340

Democracy is not just a matter of electing governments and holding elections.

[It is] not just procedures but a value, a daily exercise of equality of human beings. [After B.R. Ambedkar]

-- Gyan Praksh,

"Emergency Chronicles: Indira Ghandi and Democracy's Turning Point"

Mclain, Joseph E

From: STEVAN ROKNIC <mrokn1@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee ballots
Attachments: 308841BC-4861-4ADD-B442-881CEE04B120.jpeg

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To whomever this may concern my name is Stevan Roknic and I'm a resident of Hobart, Indiana! I'm 30 years old and I've been a Hobart Brickie all my life (Class of 2010). Let me just say I do not approve of mail in absentee ballot's. There's a lot of room for voter fraud and I would rather cast my vote in person instead of through the mail. I seriously hope the administration does not consider absentee ballots. If people are afraid to come to the polls because of the pandemic then you should have that option on the table if they do not want to cast their vote in person. I'm sure many others like myself want to do this in person and if we have to stand 6 feet apart from one another I am willing to do that. We do not stop our elections for anything I can understand delaying it for another month but we need to let freedom ring by casting our votes and electing our officials through a fair and standard process. Our elected officials work for us not the other way around and I am definitely looking forward to casting my vote in the Indiana primary and the 2020 General election. I wanted to voice my concern and I hope this email doesn't fall on deaf ears! God bless America and I hope to see everyone at the polls to see our constitutional republic process at work!!

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Ken Rolofson <kenrphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:03 AM
To: Elections
Subject: in-person voting

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I want to be able to keep voters safe during the primary with an all absentee ballot election.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Harry Schaufele <hfschafele@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Not in favor of mail in voting

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I am not in favor of all mail in voting. Every American should cherish the opportunity to cast their votes at a polling place.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kelley Jordan Schuyler <kelleyjordan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Elections

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Hello,

I wanted to express my support for an all mail in primary election. This is a very important step to keep Indiana citizens safe during this time.

Thank you
Kelley Schuyler

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Kelley J. Schuyler
[Skyler Creative](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kevin Sears <searsk13@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Elections
Subject: All-Mail Election?

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Good afternoon,

I have recently heard that there has been a push for an all-mail election this year. I just want to put my two sense in that I believe this is a very bad idea.

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3) Once I were to submit my ballot, **how would I be assured that my ballot was not lost, altered, destroyed in the mail?** Is there a system that will allow me to confirm that my vote was recieved and my vote was counted for the person i truly voted for?

If the worry about the Coronavirus is what is driving this idea, it is my opinion that appropriate measures can be in place for anyone worried about the spread, especially by June and November. Anyone who does not want to get out into public always has the ability to vote absentee. If someone wants to vote in person, polling locations can be set up for social distancing just as well and probably better than most essential businesses operating right now.

The ultimate goal of every election should be to be completely fair and accurate , I do not think that there is any way an all-mail election can achieve that. This would be a huge mistake for democracy.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kevin Sears <searsk13@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Elections
Subject: All-Mail Election?

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Dima Sergiyenko <ser.ddima@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:01 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee Mail Voting

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Hello,

I am concerned about the recent state of the Covid-19 outbreak and want to know why has Indiana not implemented absentee mail voting for the primary coming up? We will have these stay-at-home guidelines for several weeks, and we cannot risk showing up to vote during a virus outbreak.

Please institute absentee mail voting for all Indiana residents. Iowa has just announced it is doing the same. Surely, our fellow Midwesterners are doing something right. Let's follow in their lead.

Thank you

Dima Sergiyenko
Munster, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Mailing in votes

For comments folder.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: sheri962 <sheri962@yahoo.com>
Date: March 25, 2020 at 5:40:47 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Mailing in votes

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I am a citizen of Indiana and allowing voting by mail seems entirely insecure. Voter fraud could abound. The results of such an election I would find hard to accept. There is already every year absentee ballots found in car trunks that are used to affect an election when they are contested. Please normal voting is more secure. By June medications and a vaccine could make the virus less lethal. Early voting at locations can reduce the numbers of people at a time.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: 2020 Primary

Commission folder.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Shelton <dshelton@knoxcounty.in.gov>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 12:24:33 PM EDT
To: "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>, "Warycha, Valerie S" <VaWarycha@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: 2020 Primary

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Hello Brad and Valerie,

I wanted to touch base with you and let you know that Knox County will be prepared to hold an election on June 2nd. I anticipate that by next weeks end, I will have enough supplies on hand to conduct a mail only primary, up to a 75% voter turnout. While I am not a fan of a mail only election, my opinion is that as long as voters contact my office and go through the same application, then ballot process, we can safely handle the election and protect the integrity of the system. I do not want to see a blanket mailing of applications to all registered voters.

If we continue with a normal style election, Knox County is prepared for that, as well. Of our 28 individual voting locations, 9 of them are Fire Stations. With the current lock-down of those facilities, I cannot confirm their availability for June 2nd. As such, I have been successful in finding suitable alternate locations relatively close to the original locations. I have two precincts that would need to be combined at one location, but that new location would be vastly superior to the previous locations.

On the early voting front, myself and both Party Chairs have cut a radio PSA that is airing, letting the people know they can contact my office and request an absentee ballot without restriction. I am also doing social media videos that are having a good reaction from the public. If the early voting continues to be held at the courthouse, I have secured a large heavy duty tent from our National Park here. I will set up the tent on the courthouse lawn and move our four early voting machines and computers in and out each day. I have also secured a mobile handwashing station for use by the voters, as well as approved masks for the election workers. Proper wipes and hand sanitizer have been ordered. As a MicroVote county, it has been confirmed that a basic Q-tip is suitable to use to push buttons to cast votes on the machines.

In closing, please rest assured that Knox County is willing, ready, and able to hold an election on June 2nd, no matter what format the State sees fit to utilize.

David W. Shelton
Knox County Clerk
111 N. 7th Street, Suite 28
Vincennes, Indiana 47591
(812) 895-4927
dshelton@knoxcounty.in.gov

Mclain, Joseph E

From: pamel@appreciateyourlife.com
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Elections
Subject: primary mail in

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There's a pandemic raging and we really ought to keep it in mind as our country has surpassed all others in ignorantly managing it. Let's change that and make the primary ALL mail in.

Pamela Steinbach

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Neil Stout <neil.stout@live.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Elections
Subject: DO NOT INSTITUTE MAIL-IN VOTNG

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I understand that a proposal is under consideration to allow mail-in voting on a regular basis after this COVID-19 crisis.

This would be a HUGE mistake by allowing even more voter fraud.

I stead, please adopt a government-issued ID to allow voting (in person or absentee with verification).

We must be 100% certain all votes cast are legitimate.

Edwin Stout
2000 Wild Rose Trl
Portage, IN 46368

Sent from my phone, so please excuse typos.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Policy Adjustment in Gathering Signatures: Signing Permission by Phone

Commission folder.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Straw <andrew@andrewstraw.com>
Date: April 5, 2020 at 8:50:29 AM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Cc: Andrew Straw <andrew@andrewstraw.com>, George Wolfe <georgewolfe30@gmail.com>, "Jason Lee Straw, Captain, U.S. Air Force (ret)" <jason.straw@hotmail.com>, Richard Winger <richardwinger@yahoo.com>
Subject: Policy Adjustment in Gathering Signatures: Signing Permission by Phone

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Given Indiana and Virginia requires large numbers of signatures from voters in order for a candidate to get on the ballot, adjustments must be made to prevent virus infections.

I have been requesting for years that all a candidate should have to do is call a voter on the phone and get permission to sign for that voter. It even creates an audit trail that is impossible the traditional way.

Will you now agree to this **signing permission by phone method** both as a disability accommodation and a means to protect candidates, voters, and circulators from spreading the virus in the community?

It no longer just about disability, but also about health.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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<http://reform.andrewstraw.com>

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Pamela Sublett <pameliapam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote-By-Mail

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Good morning,

The election chaos in WI on Tuesday was a debacle, putting people's lives at risk to vote. This should not be happening. I was very saddened to see that. Many people were put in harms way. Other states have been and are successfully voting exclusively by mail and have done so for at least 5-6 years. The states that are successful at mail in voting have placed rigorous safeguards to prevent voter fraud. There are also higher voter turnout when people are able to vote from home! Why would anyone not want everyone to be able to safely vote? It boggles the mind! Anyway, I believe that Indiana should allow total vote by mail! Thank you!

Pamela j. Sublett, MSSW, LCSW

Mclain, Joseph E

From: mtanis5229@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Elections
Subject: ALL MAIL ABS

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To whom it may concern,

Absentee ballots are reserved for voters who are registered previously with a photo id. Requiring all Indiana voters to use absentees is the first step to voter fraud. In addition to our domestic issues we face Indiana fraud from governments and elements from out of our border. Several years ago we had an incident with a person attempting to deliver paper ballots to an Indiana poll center. The person did not realize they were in Indiana and not Illinois. Corruption is an option for entities to take over our democracy. Do not require absentee ballots for all Indiana votes. The Cares Act allows materials to keep our pollworkers and voter safe from the virus. Please do not allow!!!

Mary Tanis

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Retus Thomas <retus.thomas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail

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Hello: I would like to ask that you support mail-in voting. Thank you, Retus Thomas!

Mclain, Joseph E

From: jim@jimthompsonhomes.com
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Elections
Subject: No to mail-in voting

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I am extremely against mail-in voting. I feel our opponents are using the opportunity of a crisis to fundamentally change our method of voting. This is wrong. Rahm Emanuel said they should make use of every crisis.

I urge you to keep our voting system intact.

James Thompson
Portage, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Elections
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: FW: considerations for the IEC

Joseph E. McLain
Indiana Election Division
302 West Washington Street, E203
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317.233.1948
www.sos.in.gov/elections

If a person is unclear concerning election law provisions, the Election Division can serve as an interpretive source. However, where important legal rights are concerned, you must consult with your own attorney to be fully and properly advised.

From: Warycha, Valerie S
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: considerations for the IEC

Joe for the comment folder.

Thanks,

Valerie
Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Smith <msmith@tippecanoe.in.gov>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 5:43:01 PM EDT
To: "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>, "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "Clifton, Brandon" <BClifton@sos.IN.gov>
Cc: Julie Roush <jroush@tippecanoe.in.gov>, Kelli Stump <kstump@tippecanoe.in.gov>, Germany Harris <gharris@tippecanoe.in.gov>
Subject: considerations for the IEC

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Dear Co-Directors King & Nussmeyer:

As there is no publicly posted method of contact for the Indiana Election Commission, I respectfully request you furnish a copy of this e-mail to each Commissioner prior to tomorrow's meeting.

Thanking you in advance,

Mike Smith
Tippecanoe County Board of Elections Staff

Indiana Election Commission
Mr. Paul Okeson
Mr. Anthony Long
Ms. Suzannah Wilson Overholt
Mr. Zachary Klutz

Dear Commissioners:

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my input as you address the unprecedented circumstances we face together. In your deliberations of how to best meet the needs of the hour, it may be suggested that a “no fault” absentee approach should be used. We strongly disagree with a “no fault” or “no excuse” approach. Many counties, like ours, are not prepared to handle and process the volume that approach would generate, much less do not own the scanning equipment suitable and necessary for the volume that would drive. Our staff level and appropriations are already stretched this year, and operations hamstrung by the responses to the health emergency. A “no fault” approach would be a tremendous, laborious, and costly burden on many counties.

We heartily agree with the courtesy criteria allowing absentee application from those in high risk groups, but would urge that the Commission not go beyond that already very expansive allowance.

In my 35 years as an election worker, I have seen many different challenges. I would say this particular set of circumstances is the most daunting I have encountered in all my years of service. Speaking from that experience, I urge the most conservative approach practical, to avoid inundating the system and jeopardizing timeliness of results. I certainly believe we should judiciously allocate our resources to take care of the most vulnerable, but we must avoid breaking the process with unnecessary allowances. Please weigh these things as you make your decisions Wednesday.

Thank you for your service to the people of Indiana and for your consideration of my remarks.

On behalf the Tippecanoe County Board of Elections Staff,

Very respectfully yours,

Mike Smith

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jerry Tippy <jerrytippy@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Elections
Subject: All Mail in Voting

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Please allow Indiana residents the option of voting at the polls on Primary Election Day.

Thank you,

Jerry Tippy

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Comments regarding 2020 Primary Election

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ann Torpy <atorpy@kcgov.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 9:29:59 AM EDT
To: Bill Morton <wcmorton@gmail.com>
Cc: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>, Randall Girod <randthai@aol.com>, Melissa Boggs <mboggs@kcgov.com>
Subject: Re: Comments regarding 2020 Primary Election

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This is great, thank you! Well said.

Ann M. Torpy

Kosciusko Clerk of Circuit and Superior Courts

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Warsaw, IN 46580

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The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.

Kobe Bryant

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On Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 3:18 PM Bill Morton <wcmorton@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

Paul Okeson

S. Anthony Long

Suzannah Wilson Overholt,

Zachary E. Klutz

I am a member of the Kosciusko County Election Board, and I am writing to submit comments on my own behalf. I understand that my County Clerk has also submitted comments on behalf of Kosciusko County.

I do not envision a scenario where in-person voting can be made safe for all Indiana voters for the 2020 Primary Election. I believe that it will be impossible to protect all voters from the possibility of infection while casting their ballot in a polling place. The voting experiences that have been observed in states such as Illinois and Wisconsin indicate that we should anticipate long lines, which may make it impossible for some voters to cast their ballot.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that you move to make the June 2, 2020 Primary Election a **vote by mail** election. By this, I mean that each County Election Board should be required to mail an absentee ballot to every registered voter in the County. In order to make it possible for disabled voters to cast their ballots, the Travel Boards must continue to operate. In-person absentee (Early) voting and Election Day voting should be cancelled. The public should be advised not to expect a tally until the election is certified on June 12.

In the event that the Commission does not move to eliminate in-person Early and/or Election Day voting, the Indiana Election Division must provide detailed guidelines for protecting voters and poll workers. I still recommend that an absentee ballot be mailed to every registered voter in order to reduce the number of in-person voters to an absolute minimum. I also recommend that **in-person voting be by paper ballot only**, as it may not be possible to sanitize DRE voting systems in between voters.

The State of Indiana should assist all counties in conducting the 2020 Primary Election by reimbursing the cost of the additional postage and the additional supplies purchased for ensuring a safe election (such as sanitizers, face masks, gloves, etc.).

Respectfully,

Bill Morton

Member, Kosciusko County Election Board

10599 N Lung Ln

Syracuse, IN 46567

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kevin Tracy <kevintracy@ktracy.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:16 AM
To: Elections
Subject: No to mail in voting

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Greetings!

I'm a voter in Burns Harbor, IN (Porter County) and it has come to my attention that there was discussion of the possibility of turning Indiana into an all mail-in ballot state. I understand that might be the prudent thing to do at this exact moment with the COVID-19 crisis at its peak. However, this should only be an emergency tool used in dire circumstances, such as we find ourselves in now.

It is much easier and therefore more tempting for individuals to try and commit voter fraud in mail in systems; which is obviously detrimental to our communities, our state, and our country. Not only by undermining our right to be counted equally, but by undermining our confidence in the democratic processes of government.

The State of Indiana has made enormous strides in recent years by requiring identification to vote and cleaning the voter rolls of deceased and former residents. Please don't take a step backwards by moving Indiana to an all mail in system.

Thanks for your time!

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Kevin J. Tracy

Pixel Perfect Solutions, L.L.C. - Owner

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Phone: 219-921-4073

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Jeff Trout <Jeff@troutglass.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Elections
Subject: NO to all Mail; Voting

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All Mail Voting will only make election less reliable and more open to voter fraud than what we struggle with now. The USPS is one of the least reliable services and should NOT be in charge of delivering any more ballots than the already handle. Let Wisconsin be used as a reason why NOT to do this. Plastic bins of ballots found after the election results were tabulated. Voter ID must be required!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd:
Attachments: VBM letter to IEC 04-03-2020.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Email and letter for Commission folder.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Tully <barbtullyinvbm@gmail.com>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 2:37:58 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>

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Chairman Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

Please see the attached letter from Indiana Vote By Mail about specific resources we are recommending to the IEC regarding successful mailed balloting. We have conducted, and continue to conduct, extensive research into the intricate details of mailed balloting and offer our thoughts in this regard.

We appreciate the work the IEC is doing, but we feel there is more work to be done to ensure the confidence of Hoosier voters remains high.

Thank you for allowing us to provide input to the IEC.

Respectfully,

Barbara Tully
Indiana Vote By Mail
317-408-3222



April 3, 2020

Indiana Election Commission
Mr. Paul Okeson, Chairman
elections@iec.in.gov

Dear Chairman Okeson and Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

The Indiana Election Commission has taken the initial steps necessary to ensure elections are run smoothly this year during the current upheaval, helping to give Hoosier voters and election administrators confidence in the face of unprecedented challenges this election year. For this Indiana Vote By Mail gives sincere thanks.

Historically, Indiana has not invested in the critical infrastructure necessary for comprehensive mailed elections, in which most ballots are returned by mail. This changes in 2020 with the public health crisis upon us, and Indiana leadership is needed now, more than ever, to secure this most fundamental of element of democracy – the right to vote.

Much more needs to be done to assist County Clerks throughout Indiana in ensuring our elections are conducted in the safest and most efficient ways possible while dealing with extraordinary volumes of mailed ballots. Counties must balance these needs with the work required to educate voters and minimize confusion about this new way to vote.

Absentee voting in greater volume may be expected in the coming years, so now is the time to take steps to make processing those votes more efficient.

Facts about Indiana's electorate:

- 4.5M registered voters in Indiana
- 20 counties hold 68% of Indiana's voters
- 42 counties have 20,000 or less voters

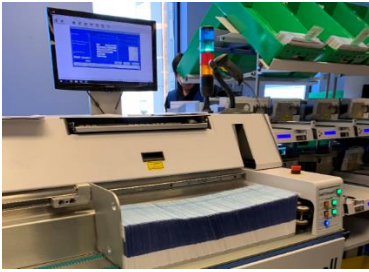
The IEC should do all that it can to learn and to provide the correct framework for mailed elections. The resources listed below are *some* of those available for the IEC to review.

It would not be necessary to deploy all the technologies below in each Indiana county; the twenty counties with most of Indiana's voters might use all this equipment and resources. The *great number* of Indiana's counties could use much less than the full complement of equipment and resources, yet still conduct their elections in a safe and efficient manner.

- USPS standards for design of ballot packages to voters, including using bar-code technology for ballot envelope tracking (<https://about.usps.com/gov-services/election-mail/>);
- USPS Election Mail Kit (<https://about.usps.com/election-mail/election-mail-resources.htm>) to ensure standardization and efficient processing through the U.S. mail system;
- Standard outbound and inbound envelope design to provide voters with easy-to-understand information about how to fill out and return their ballots (<https://civicdesign.org/fieldguides/104-designing-vote-at-home-envelopes/>);



- Sorters to capture images of ballot envelopes with voter signatures.



- Software to display to staff other examples of voters' signatures on file with signatures from returned ballot envelopes;
- Training in signature comparison, including how voters' signatures change over time;
 - o <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/docs/SignatureVerificationGuide.pdf>
 - o https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/documents/vbm_manual.pdf

- Slitters for opening large volumes of returned ballot envelopes;



- Ballot tracking resources for election staff and voters to help keep confidence high;
 - o <https://www.ballottrax.com/>
 - o <https://www.democracy.works/ballot-scout>

Indiana needs to do all it can to expeditiously and thoroughly vet these and other resources to determine how best to serve Indiana voters using mailed ballots.

Numerous studies have shown that voter confidence is negatively affected by poorly run elections. We cannot take such a risk in Indiana. The IEC must do all it can to ensure that voter confidence in our election administrators and our election processes remain high. Indiana needs to make sure Hoosier voters here have confidence that all votes will be counted.

Indiana Vote By Mail supports rigorous, secure and economical mailed balloting reforms to bring every Hoosier voter peace of mind.

Sincerely,



Barbara Tully, President

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Dominic Tumminello <dtumminello99@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by mail plea

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Dear Election Commission.

I understand you will be discussing vote by mail for the primary and, I hope, November elections.

Our election process is an issue that cannot be politicized. The step to allow no excuse voting by mail in the primary was clearly the right one and in the best interest of public health.

We cannot require citizens to choose between their health (and the health of their family members that may be compromised- think grand parents, parents) and exercising their right to vote. Especially in Indiana where we have a higher degree of citizens with co-morbidities than many states. This is not just a issue of seniors many Hoosiers.

What occurred in Wisconsin was absolutely horrifying- never in my lifetime did I expect to see the fundamental rights of U.S. citizens compromised in such a blatant and, frankly, dangerous manner.

In all likelihood, in November, we will still be dealing with health risks from COVID-19. Health experts are predicting a second wave in the late summer early autumn. We know that election process changes take time and preparation so unfortunately waiting until September to see if the predictions are occurring is too late.

I know the Election Commission is meeting to work out the details of how primary vote by mail will work. Please, please ensure that this right will be available to all registered voters. Also, I beg you to look ahead and plan for vote by mail in November. I know this is a difficult task and Indiana must get started now to be successful. You've shown the desire to get in front of issues created by this pandemic, and setting up no-excuse vote by mail for the November election is another opportunity to do the same. If you wait Indiana may have a Wisconsin-type situation on its hands.

I ask you to please:

- Ensure the vote-by-mail option is accessible to all Hoosiers, in addition to safe in-person voting.
 - All Hoosier voters should be mailed, at State expense, an application for an absentee ballot
 - The deadline for absentee ballot applications should be 8 days before the election
 - Any absentee ballot postmarked by election day should be counted

Please act now to put safe and secure processes in place for the primary AND general election.

Dominic Tumminello

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: beverly turnquist <turnquistbeverly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Elections
Subject: All-Absentee Voting

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As a regular voter and poll worker for 3 decades, I want you to know how strongly I feel that we need to keep everyone safe. As a senior citizen, like most poll workers, I would not feel safe staying at the polls all day. How are you going to run a fair election if you can't find workers?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Patti Van Leuven <lakers3465@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Indiana primary

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Please allow Hoosier voters to submit their ballot via mail. We don't need a situation like Wisconsin—make this an all mail ballot primary. This is important and reasonable!

Patricia Van Leuven
Albion, IN 46701

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Amanda Vance <vancie917@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Election safety

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I am writing today to request that the Election Commission institute a Vote by Mail system for the 2020 elections in order to keep our residents safe and allow all voters the opportunity to vote without worry.

Wisconsin made it clear that we cannot move forward with business as usual. Indiana has not hit the top of the curve and we do not know when it will. Once it does, a mass of people may only serve to reignite the issues we are currently facing.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amanda Vance
Fort Wayne, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: lgft1013@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Keep Hoosiers safe

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Voting in June primary should be done by ALL main in ballots, Please let's not do to Hoosiers that was done to the people of Minnesota .

Care enough to KEEP HOOSIERS SAFE!

Thank you
Charlotte Vance
Fort Wayne, In
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Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: 2020 Indiana Primary Election

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From: Nate Walter <nawalter27@gmail.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 3:09:13 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: 2020 Indiana Primary Election

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my opinion and concerns regarding the primary election in November. Some wish for the election to be "by mail" and I think that is imprudent.

First, I would note that the primary election is set for November 3, 2020. The "peak" for COVID-19 in Indiana is predicted by experts to be April 17th. I live in Marion County and the current stay at home order expires on May 1st. This is not to say that stay at home orders will not be extended, but to imply that in November voters will be unable to report to the polls is wrong.

Second, the right to vote in person is one that many Hoosiers take pride in. I would note that in 1918, during the Spanish Flu pandemic and the United States's involvement in World War I, in-person elections were not suspended.

Lastly, by mail voting is unacceptably susceptible to vote tampering. Not all elections are perfect but a by mail election will necessarily entail a severe curtailment of oversight by all political parties and an absolute inability to ensure that votes are coming from the individual voter.

We don't know what November holds but a return to normalcy is on the horizon and an extreme response requiring by mail voting at this time is imprudent and the costs severely outweigh the benefits.

Thank you,

Nate Walter
2715 E. Northgate St.
Indianapolis, IN 46220
765.438.0651

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tom And Kay <tweather@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Elections
Cc: ethan_manning@yahoo.com; Bill & Ann Friend; Lisa Swaim
Subject: Voter registration, voter I.D. / versus ALL mail in voting debate.

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To whom it may concern and our Indiana State Election Commission

Having served for four years in our House of Representatives, and twenty as our State Senator, I have witnessed many attempts by our friends across the aisle to do away with any or all voter I.D. Procedures.

I was a part of Indian's voter I.D. Law , which is a model for our country , and has passed our Supreme Court legal challenges. In fact, I do not understand why more states are not modeling our law for that very reason.

NO , I am not in favor of write in OR MAIL IN ballots , totally too easy to create fraud in many ways.

NO proof of voter I.D. , no protection against duplicate voting , no verification of who the person is, where they are registered just to name a few critical points.

Absentee voting is completely not verifiable or any answer .Voter harvesting, buying votes , are just two fraudulent ways this system does not work. One huge violation is the ability of NON U.S. residents to vote, completely outside our constitution .

VOTER I.D. Is the only way to eliminate voting fraud and abuse. The debate against this proven process is so weak it makes no sense. You need to show your I.D. To buy or rent a movie . The better question is: Why would you NOT want to show your I.D. To vote? The answer is not one the DEMOCRATS can answer. It is a straw man's argument.

Thomas K Weatherwax 765-432-9858

3012 Woodland Drive

Logansport , In 46947

Retired State Senator 1988 to 2008

Retired Indiana State Representative 1984 to 1988 Retired Chairman of Indiana Horse Racing Commission Sagamore of Wabash recipient Outstanding National Republican legislator 1995 Outstanding freshman legislator Indiana 1984-85 Indiana Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Legislator 1995

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: mohar <mohar@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Elections
Subject: absentee voting

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To: IEC
From Monica Wehrle
April 10, 2020
re: mail in voting in Indiana

Please approve mail- in voting for all in Indiana. Mailing in the votes automatically creates a paper trail which I think is important. It allows shut ins to vote as well as anyone who has a hard time getting to polling locations. It makes the county election process less expensive from the standpoint of paying so many poll workers who are vulnerable people for the most part anyway. Not to mention the long 12 hour or more shifts they work. I say this as a many year former poll worker, when I was not in the vulnerable population due to age.

What is the rationale for NOT approving mail in voting? Is this becoming a partisan issue also? If so, drop it. Set it aside and let us all vote - let us mail our votes in due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year and let us test the efficacy of doing it for all future years.

Monica Wehrle
4119 Highwood Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

From: [Joe Weingarten](#)
To: [King, Brad](#); nussmeyer@iec.in.gov
Cc: [Warycha, Valerie S](#); [Kochevar, Matthew R](#); ido5thcd@gmail.com; jzody@indems.org; info@indiana.gop
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:19:57 PM

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It is my understanding that the Indiana Election Commission is going to consider a total vote by mail for the June 2nd primary I wish to provide the following information and proposals to the commission:

While some of the effects of the COVID-19 virus may appear to be over it will be far from over at that point and for a considerable time in the future. I have and request the following article be provided to members of the commission. This article is not Democratic or Republican but rather from one of most prestigious institutions in our nation, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Some of the key elements of this paper are that the virus will not go away until "the pandemic needs to last, at a low level, until either enough people have had Covid-19 to leave most immune (assuming immunity lasts for years, which [we don't know](#)) or there's a vaccine."

<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/615370/coronavirus-pandemic-social-distancing-18-months/>

The odds of even COVID-19 virus being at low level by June I believe will be rather slim. Voting in person may put a large number of people at risk as outlined in the MIT paper.

I would also like to provide to the commission what I am starting to see at the county level. The vast majority of poll workers are retired and many are telling us they will not work the polls even in June out of fear. This could cause polling locations not being able to function. Further, the delay of the vote is also resulting in polling locations not being able to house the poll on the new date or what if they are not able to open due to the COVID-19 becoming active again as outlined in the MIT paper. The County Election office must notify the voters of a move of their polling location. Instead why not just supply a mail in ballot. How will the County office comply when a polling site is all of a sudden closed.

I would like to propose that the Election Commission:

1. Direct all County Election Offices institute a total Vote by Mail system. That the state provide assistance if the county needs it with technical assistants and equipment such as optical readers.
2. That the counties establish a few vote centers where voters can still vote in person. With the number of colleges closed it should be easy to find college students to run these locations. Providing you can find locations that will be open.

Joe Weingarten
Chair Hamilton County Democratic Party
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317-598-1026

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: June 2nd Election

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joe Weingarten <mrmac@aol.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 7:10:38 PM EDT
To: "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Cc: "idp5thcd@gmail.com" <idp5thcd@gmail.com>, Kathy Williams <kathy.williams@hamiltoncounty.in.gov>, "gpurvis46037@gmail.com" <gpurvis46037@gmail.com>, "ray@noblesvilleattorney.com" <ray@noblesvilleattorney.com>, "jzody@indems.org" <jzody@indems.org>
Subject: June 2nd Election
Reply-To: Joe Weingarten <mrmac@aol.com>

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Dear
Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

I
know that your received requests to alter the election for June 2nd but I feel that these comments did not provide a blunt statements as what will happen if you allow the elections to proceed with open polling places and not accomplish this totally by vote by mail.

To
be very bunt if you proceed with in person voting you will cause deaths to poll workers, voters and others they come in contact with over several weeks.

As
much as some people want this to be over it will not and letting people to go to the polls you will allow the virus to infect another entire group of people. Are you going to wash down every driver license before it is put into a reader and then clean the reader each time or for polling places with poll books did they wash down that license and very single ID documentation. Very doubtful and the virus can transmit from one to another.

Are

you going to totally wash down the poll booths not just the flat voting panel but the entire booth between voters, if not you are going to allow the virus to maybe jump from one voter everyone who uses that voting booth.

If

people line up are you going to insure a six foot spacing or are the lines going to look like Wisconsin? I am willing to bet like Wisconsin.

Then

if you tell people it is fine to go vote they will believe it is fine to go out to do everything. Do you want to be responsible for opening that door. If you proceed with in person voting you will be.

Are

you going to have enough poll workers? What are you going to do if at the last minute a polling site informs you it is now closed?

Right

now my 100 year old uncle is in a Carmel nursing home has the virus and my former brother in law who is a New York doctor is fighting for his life in a New York hospital. My son and a nephew are both doctors working on the front lines in hospitals. I want to see them home again.

So

for how many lives are you willing you take responsibility? How many people are you willing to let die so they can exercise their right to vote. How many more people are you willing to get the virus for another round as a result of voting in person. It will happen.

Or

are you going to look at the overall picture and put aside the state politics and enact voting by mail to protect the citizens of the State of Indiana.

Respectfully,

Joe Weingarten
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317-598-1026

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Amy Whitaker <azandarski14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Keep Hoosiers safe!

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Please do mail in voting! We do not want to be in danger by going to vote.

Amy Whitaker

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: Tom Wichlinski <griffithgop@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail In Voting = Fraud

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When we welcome mail-in we welcome fraud. It has been proven time and again this is how cheating and ballot harvesting can occur. This proposal must be rejected. One person one LEGAL vote with ID required.

https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/04/09/eric-eggert-trump-mail-in-vote-fraud/amp/?__twitter_impression=true

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Dustin Wicker <dusty31188@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Elections
Subject: IED Order 2020-37

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to your request for public comment regarding voting by mail in this Election, and in further Elections.

As a director in the Hancock County Republican Party, Vice Chairman of the Hancock County Young Republicans, a former Deputy Clerk in Hancock County, and a current Trainer & Software Support Specialist working with County Clerks all around Indiana - I am well versed in Elections and other Clerk related matters.

I have spoken with several Clerks who just want a decision to be made - and for it to happen sooner rather than later. As you are aware, there are 92 Counties in Indiana and there are 92+ ways to do/handle things. Clerks have a massive responsibility in ensuring that the Elections are planned appropriately and the COVID-19 pandemic has caused headaches for all 92 Counties. Whatever decision is made is going to cause all 92 Counties to revisit their Election plan.

I am an advocate for allowing options for voting. I know there has been several voter fraud cases related to mail in voting - but I think if the voter chooses to vote by mail, they should be able to do so.

I urge the Indiana Election Division (and all parties involved in making a decision about the 2020 Primary) to come to a conclusion for the 2020 Primary ASAP. Making a decision on April 22nd (or after) leaves, at best, 9 days for Clerks to alter their plans. For the good of everyone - please make a decision sooner rather than later.

Regards,

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Dustin Wicker
Dusty31188@gmail.com
317-586-1373

Mclain, Joseph E

From: sandra wilcox <wilcoxskw@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 11:46 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Voting by mail

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I am not in favor of voting by mail because of to much corruption and we have enough of corruption already the mail votes they say are lost or some insane reason look what happen in Iowa I SAY NO

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Ken Williams <kenwilliams@mccolly.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Elections
Subject: NO EMAIL VOTING

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Email voting is rife with the potential for fraud. Do not approve it in Indiana.

Kenneth P. Williams

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Thank you.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Securing safe elections in 2020 due to C-19

Commission folder

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Torri W <torri.tw@gmail.com>
Date: April 13, 2020 at 3:00:15 PM EDT
To: "Nussmeyer, Angela M" <ANussmeyer@iec.IN.gov>, "King, Brad" <bking@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Securing safe elections in 2020 due to C-19

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Dear Chairman Okeson & Members of the Indiana Election Commission:

As it stands, Election Day voting is reserved only for in-person and we feel this puts Hoosiers lives at risk.

We urge you in light of this unprecedented pandemic to lessen the restrictions on Hoosiers who wish to vote by mail (absentee) during this time of health crisis by taking the following steps:

- 1) Provide resources to counties so that they can send all registered voters an absentee application by mail, with a stamped return envelope (rather than requiring all voters to seek out the absentee ballot application, postage stamp and envelope to mail it back), as Marion County has pledged to do; not every voter has access to a computer;
- 2) Allow absentee ballots to be accepted up to three (3) days after the election if postmarked by Election Day, and allow drive-by drop off sites through the close of business on Election Day so voters who received their absentee ballots too late to put them in the mail are still able to safely cast their ballots;
- 3) Provide CDC guidelines and training on how to conduct safe elections and provide resources to counties to secure PPE equipment to be used to protect all persons who work at polling places during early voting, Election Day, or during vote counting; and
- 4) Eliminate the uncertainty surrounding November's election by extending the "no-excuse" absentee voting and these other measures to all Hoosiers through the 2020 general election.

Respectfully,
Torri William's,
Grant County, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Deborah J Willig <dwillig3@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote by Mail

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I want to be able to vote safely from home and not come in contact with the population. Please approve VOTE BY MAIL.

Thank you, Deborah J Willig

Mclain, Joseph E

From: pastorphil <pastorphil@hcc3d.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:54 AM
To: Elections
Subject: No

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Election Division I do NOT want an ALL Mail In system.

Sent from my iPad
Making Everyday Count
Dr. Phil Willingham

hcc3d.com
219-462-4500

Mclain, Joseph E

From: King, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Mclain, Joseph E
Subject: Fwd: Mail-In Ballots - June 2nd

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim Wilson <whitetailproductionsinc@gmail.com>
Date: April 8, 2020 at 1:16:47 PM EDT
To: Elections <elections@iec.IN.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Mail-In Ballots - June 2nd

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To the Indiana Elections Committee,

Please accept this note as a protest of any consideration to move Indiana's elections to an All Mail-In Ballot. The Polls must remain open!

Sincerely,
Tim Wilson
Lowell, In

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Darlyne Winn <words2winn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Absentee balloting June 2 primary

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Please allow the June 2 primary to be held through all-mail ballots this year. This pandemic calls for extraordinary measures. The CDC indicates that things will not be getting back to normal until well into the summer, & even then social distancing guidelines will have to be maintained.

If GermanFest & Three Rivers Festival are cancelling or making major changes, surely it is appropriate to adjust the procedures for the most important right voters will be exercising this year. If not at a time like this, then when?

I urge you to move to an all-absentee ballot & to send ballots to all registered voters. We don't need to endanger the lives of poll workers and voters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Evangeline Darlyne Winn
2808 Waynewood Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: christine withers <cwithers66@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting

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I beg you to have mail-in-voting-only for the upcoming primary election. PLEASE!!!!!!

Christine Withers

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Geneva Wolfe <jandgcockers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Elections
Subject: All Mail In Voting

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To Whom It May Concern.

I would like to voice my opinion that I feel an All Mail In Voting situation is fraught with the opportunity for fraud, it would put undue strain on our elections and registrations board, and it would allow the less interested voters even more reason not to vote. I do realize that with the quarantine situation still occurring during the June 2nd Primary that we should vote Absentee, switching to an All Mail Voting system is NOT the answer going forward. Thank you for your attention.

Geneva Wolfe

Mclain, Joseph E

From: police_chief <police_chief@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Elections
Cc: Will Miller; Grimes Doug; Dana Dumezich; LeAnn ANGERMAN; Douglas Wright
Subject: Protest All Mail ABS

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The Gary (Indiana) GOP Central Committee hereby protests ALL MAIL ABS.

Chief Douglas Wright, Chairman

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S10.

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Kimberly Zakutansky <fernlane@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Vote no!

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No to all mail voting!!!!!!

This is the most ridiculous thing that anyone has come up with !!

Thank you,
Kimberly Zakutansky
Hobart, IN

Mclain, Joseph E

From: Donna Zavesky <donna.zavesky@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Not in favor of mail in voting

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Mclain, Joseph E

From: rwzimmerman@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Elections
Subject: Mail in voting

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I am in favor of this process and hope that this is passed. Please contact me if you have any questions.

An additional more up to date e-mail is Kayzimmerman52@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.
Kay Zimmerman
4256 Zachary Lane
Westfield, IN 46062