



**Republican Party of Virginia**

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June 12, 2020

Robert H. Brink, Chairman  
John O'Bannon, Vice-Chair  
Jamilah D. LeCruise, Secretary  
State Board of Elections  
1100 Bank St Fl 1  
Richmond VA 23219

Via E-mail

Dear Chairman Brink, Vice-Chair O'Bannon, and Secretary LeCruise:

I write to request that you use your authority under Section 24.2-503 of the Code of Virginia to extend the deadline for filing required statements of qualification and economic interests for all candidates whose filing deadline was “7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in June.”

As you know, the second Tuesday in June is ordinarily the day on which Virginia holds its primary election, but, this year, Gov. Northam postponed that election until June 23 (the fourth Tuesday in June). Because of the way the statute is drafted, the postponement of the election did not also postpone the many deadlines relating to the November election that fall on the same day.

Some deadlines have been extended by court order. The deadline for the Republican Party to nominate its candidates by a non-primary method, also set by the Code for the second Tuesday in June, has been extended to July 28 in order to allow for the holding of Conventions, despite the pandemic. I understand that other courts have either extended deadlines or reduced the number of signatures required for ballot access in several localities. The Board's charge to “obtain uniformity” should lead you to conclude that an extension is appropriate. *See* § 24.2-103(A).

Additionally, despite the language of the Code, candidates—whether Democratic, Republican, or Independent—have widely considered “Primary Day” to be the deadline for the filing of forms relating to the November General Election. You should also consider this general consensus in your decision on granting an extension.

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For foregoing reasons, on behalf of the Republican Party of Virginia, I respectfully request that when you next meet on July 7 you grant an extension for the filing of these required statements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Marston,  
General Counsel

Cc: Christopher E. Piper, Commissioner of Elections