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Mr. John C. Whitbeck, Jr.
Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Chairman Whitbeck:

This letter is to formally notify you of my intention to appeal the July 1, 2016, Ruling of the Republican Party of Virginia's General Counsel regarding the determination of method of nominations.

I believe the Ruling must be vacated because:

- It is in direct conflict with the *Code of Virginia*;
- The *Party Plan* clearly states that methods of nomination must be conducted "under Virginia Law;"
- This matter has been previously litigated, with a court decision contradicting the Ruling being made as recently as 2015;
- From my reading, the Ruling is based on a resolution passed by the State Central Committee in 2015, not on an amendment to the *Party Plan* as would be required to facilitate this change; and
- Absent either a change in the *Code of Virginia* and/or an amendment to the *Party Plan*, the new holding should require the determination of method of nominations to be consistent with both.

I greatly appreciate your attention to this appeal, and look forward to hearing from you on how to proceed.

Sincerely yours,



Jeff Ryer
State Central Committee
2nd Congressional District Representative

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