Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_:

I want to urge you to support congressional hearings on the second class status of independent voters. Independents are now 38% of the electorate. We are a new force in American politics but face structural barriers that block our full democratic participation.

Many states exclude independents from the crucial first round of voting, exclude independents from participation on election boards and as poll workers, and force independents to register as "undeclared," "unenrolled," or "other," rather than as independents, to name just a few barriers.

We believe this situation warrants immediate attention at the federal level and urge you to call for public hearings.

Sincerely,

Name