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RE: Presidential Commission on Election Administration

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for endeavoring to simplify the administration of our current elections process. It has become apparent that as a registered independent voter I have been relegated to a sub-level voter in the eyes of our current elections administrators. If we want to participate in the election process we must settle for voting in the general elections with no say in which candidate actually makes it to the general ballot. President Obama stated that, "The Commission is charged with developing recommendations based on the best information available for administrative practices that afford voters the opportunity to cast ballots without undue delay and improve their overall experience."

The current electorate you serve has greatly changed over the past several years and 40% of the electorate are registered as "independents" and with this in mind I implore you as a U.S. citizen, as a registered independent voter to carefully consider how independents have been impeded from exercising our rights to vote in all election cycles. The election administrative process should be nonpartisan, but unfortunately it has become quite partisan, even on voter registration forms there are is no acknowledgement of independents, only party affiliations. In President Obama's State of the Union pledge he promised to identify non-partisan ways to shorten lines at polling places, promote the efficient conduct of elections, and provide better access to the polls for all voters.

As a registered independent voter I strongly urge you to place independent (non-partisan) representation on your 10 member commission. Wouldn't it make sense to have non-partisan representation on the commission when 40% of the current electorate is comprised of registered independent voters?

Thank you for your attention and it is my hope that one day we will all be treated equally at the polling sites, on the voter registration cards, and in the elections process on a whole.

Sincerely,

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