



## Libertarian Party of New Hampshire

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Secretary Gardner,

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has been petitioning throughout the state since the beginning of January to collect the signatures required to be placed on the 2020 November general election ballot. Our petition effort has been cut short due to the unprecedented State of Emergency declared by President Trump and Governor Sununu.

On Monday, March 16, 2020, LPNH concluded the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus throughout New Hampshire in our efforts to collect petitions became too high, and the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire halted ballot access efforts effective immediately to protect voters, activists, and those who will eventually handle these petitions in municipal offices throughout the state. Without the opportunity to collect signatures, there is not a path to allow any petition-eligible candidates to become qualified to be on the ballot.

We are asking you to make an extraordinary decision in this unprecedented time to protect the democratic process and allow New Hampshire voters the choice they would have had if our petition efforts were able to continue.

We are asking you in your authority as Secretary of State to restore our ballot access conditions of the 2018 election cycle, such that all candidates who are now required to achieve ballot access through petitioning under RSA 655:40-45 be allowed the same access as a qualified candidate of a recognized party by paying the filing fee and filing a declaration of candidacy during the filing period. If you are unable to grant such a request, we ask you to express our concerns to Governor Sununu and the legislature to create a safe and healthy path towards ballot access during this State of Emergency.

In Liberty,

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