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Oregon GOP Voter Pamphlet Statement Court Hearing Postponed to Monday Due To Wildfires
Oregon Elections Division Admits Printing of Statement Can Wait Until As Late as Sept 17th

Salem, OR – The Oregon Republican Party released the following statement that the hearing for the Marion County Circuit Court to consider arguments on the request for summary judgment to include the Oregon Republican Party statement in the 2020 general election voter pamphlet has been postponed to Monday morning at 9:30 AM due to disruption caused by the wildfires raging across the state. (The notice of scheduled court appearance can be found here)

The hearing was initially scheduled to occur this morning, Friday, September 11th, the date that the Secretary of State's office had originally said the voter pamphlet would go to print. However, the Elections Division has disclosed to the court that they can wait until September 17 to ensure that it is printed in time to be received by every Oregon voter in mid-October.

The Oregon Republican Party is arguing that a good faith effort was made to file the state GOP's statement and, despite the Election Division's ORESTAR online filing system that day that didn't permit access to their account for several hours, that it was successfully filed by the 5 pm deadline. The state chairman was inexplicably informed a week later that the statement had been rejected because the Elections Division claimed that the payment receipt was generated 29 seconds late. (The full text of the statement is here)

"We believe we have developed a powerful case and that there is no reason legally that we will not prevail in this case," stated Chairman Bill Currier. "We are hopeful that the court will agree with us that it is in the voters' best interest to include the Republican statement so they can compare the principles and values of each party side by side before voting.."

"In our statement, we asked Oregon voters if they have 'Had enough?" said Currier. "Voters deserve to consider this simple question in a state plagued by so many challenges that decades of failed and increasing far-left leadership have made substantially worse. They deserve to hear our arguments for what would be a better vision for our state and our nation. They deserve the kind of leadership that will bring peace, safety, prosperity, and preserve fundamental freedoms for them and their families."

"It was disappointing but not surprising to hear the Democratic Party of Oregon's spokesperson <u>arguing for the silencing of the Republican perspective</u>. If anything, the DPO's abandonment of the best interest of voters has helped make even more clear the contrast between our two parties' visions and values."

"The voices of the people must not be silenced by bureaucrats, computer system glitches, COVID-19, the Democrat Party, or anything else."

The Oregon Republican Party is the state's arm of the Republican National Committee. Its Chairman and officers are dedicated to promoting Republican principles within the state of Oregon and to improving the lives and livelihoods of Oregon's working families through economic freedom and equal protection under the law.