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Fair-minded Commissioners,

The world is watching partisanship destroy democracy in this country. We need structural reforms. I am one of 1100 who signed on to a letter encouraging you to recognize disenfranchised voters. We, taxpayers, pay for our Ohio Primary. It should be open to all Ohio registered voters and Ohio voters should be able to vote for any qualified candidate, including winners of separate Primaries (if the PARTIES choose to PAY for separate Primaries). Other qualified partisan or non-partisan candidates should also appear on the same OPEN PRIMARY ballot. TOP TWO WINNERS of that Primary should go on to the General Election Ballot. Open primaries encourage winning candidates to legislate for the country and the state as a whole. It empowers them to resist power seeking partisan pressure. OPEN PRIMARIES should be allowed in all 50 states. . At the present time, many registered voters are disenfranchised. Independent voters and those registered as non-partisan can only vote on ISSUES in Ohio's Primary. If we had an Open Primary in Ohio, moderation and cooperation of the parties would become a real possibility. Today elected officials' jobs can be threatened by their own power seeking party and by privilege seeking corporations and the wealthy few, but if we the people can let our votes be our voice , we can still preserve our democracy. Some states already have open primaries. For now we in Ohio must raise our voices, send our letters to the Presidential Commission to let them know we want our voting rights to be secured, including initiative and referendum rights and independents representation on rulemaking bodies.

Expecting Fair-minded Consideration,  
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