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### NELSON OVERCOMES LEGAL OBJECTION TO APPEAR ON PRIMARY BALLOT

**[LEBANON, ILLINOIS, 01/12]** – The State Board of Elections has overruled the legal objection to Nelson's nominating petition, and so maintaining candidate Preston Gabriel Nelson's name to appear on the Democratic Party's primary ballot in the election to occur on March 19, 2024.

Nelson represented himself through weeks of proceedings against a professional lawyer from Chicago who represented three Southern Illinoisan individuals that would never appear. In the end, the State Board of Elections determined that the legal challenge lacked evidence to uphold its claim that over one-hundred of Nelson's petition signatures were not genuine.

“This frivolous attempt to eliminate election competition is the latest example of the Establishment's disgrace to democracy. In a Nation where nearly half of the electorate does not take the time to cast votes, it only makes sense to allow more qualified candidates and ideas onto ballots in order to attract more voters and encourage more electoral participation. Democracy mandates that voters have options, but some party bosses find their own positions and power to be more important than their own party's namesake, even more important than the will of more than 600 registered voters residing in Southern Illinois who signed my petition, in hopes of seeing “Nelson” on the March 19 ballot.

“I want to take this opportunity to condemn all the on-going efforts across our nation to remove candidates of any party from any ballot. And to those names facing anti-democratic opposition: I encourage you to stay strong. Your message is important, obviously, as it threatens the political establishment that is bankrupting our nation.

“Now to the State Board of Elections, and to my supporters: Thank you. Here is to Democracy!”

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