

CERTIFICATION OF LAPORTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN IN SUPPORT  
OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I, Allen Stevens, as county chairman for the LaPorte County Republican party do hereby certify, pursuant to Indiana Code section 3-8-2-7, that if candidate John Rust established residency in LaPorte county, I would certify him as a member of the Republican party in good standing.

In fact, John Rust was in the process of transferring his residence to LaPorte County in December, 2023. It is my understanding that he obtained a home and bank account here and was planning to move when the trial court enjoined I.C. § 3-8-2-7. Because of that injunction, and because a decision on the state's request to stay the injunction was held in abeyance by the Indiana Supreme Court from December until February 15, 2024, John did not have to check a box certifying his party affiliation during the candidacy filing period which began on January 10, 2024 and ended on February 9, 2024.

Certified this 20 day of February, 2024.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Allen Stevens