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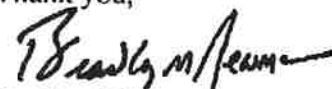
43RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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To the Vigo County Commissioners:

The Clerk's Office comes before you to ask that you place supervision of the Vigo County Voter Registration Office under the Clerk. In Indiana, there are currently only seven counties, including Vigo, that have a separate board of registration. The other six counties are Madison, Allen, LaPorte, Marion, St. Joseph, and Vanderburgh. We believe that having voter registration fall under the clerk umbrella will greatly increase the accountability and efficiency of the voter experience in our county. Currently, voter registration employees are appointed by the Vigo County Republican and Democratic party chairs; however, for almost a year the full-time Republican seat has remained empty which has greatly reduced the office's ability to preform their duties. Under clerk supervision, there would be no more partisan influence over appointing our voter registration officials, there would be no empty seats, and election workflow could be streamlined as election duties would fall under one office. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Thank you,



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