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Subject: Written Notice of Objection to the March 2, 2024 Caucus for the Bloomington City Council, District 5 Seat

Chair Henry,

With this notice, and in my capacity as the Vice Precinct Chairperson for Perry 03 and a member of the Monroe County Central Committee, and on behalf of Sarah Bauerle Danzman, the elected Precinct Committee Chairperson for Perry 19, I hereby raise the (also previously raised) objections below, and preserve these objections for future appeals, to the March 2, 2024 Caucus referenced above. These objections are raised pursuant to the Rules of the Indiana Democratic Party and Indiana state election law.

My objections are as follows. First, I raise an objection to proceeding with this caucus without the participation of the elected PC for Perry 21. Second, I raise an objection to the failure of the Monroe County Democratic Party Chair to respond to or address the concerns I and other PCs have previously raised regarding the Chair's repeated failures to follow applicable party and state election rules in the conduct of this caucus. Third, I raise an objection to the Monroe County Democratic Party Chair's intent to chair the above-referenced caucus, despite his documented conflicts of interest and inappropriate conduct. Should he cast an outcome determinative vote in this caucus, we preserve the right to challenge this vote.

The reasons that the Perry 21 elected PC should be able to participate in the March 2 caucus, even if simply to cast a provisional ballot, are set forth in the letter prepared with Indiana election attorney Bill Groth and previously sent to the Monroe County Democratic Party Chair. I note that while that letter addressed the failure to follow process, the bar against vacatur of an elected PC during a lock period, and other issues, the Chair failed to respond to these issues but instead circulated a "review" which purported to be of an entirely different issue, that is, whether there had been a forced resignation of PC. I note briefly here that the "review" appears to concede that no process was followed, fails to produce any evidence that the PC was provided with the correct applicable rules regarding vacatur prior to the Chair contacting the PC during the lock period, and the Chair stated both verbally and in writing that he had vacated the PC and not provided the PC with the applicable rules prior to their correspondence during the lock. Even if there was a subsequent resignation (of which no evidence has been provided), it would be nullified if the PC had not been provided with the correct applicable rules in advance.

The Chair's conduct in failing to follow applicable rules, then trying to sidestep the rules, as well as other inappropriate behavior with reference to this caucus, requires him to step aside from

chairing this Caucus. I note again, that while the Chair circulated a letter stating that no rule barred him from chairing the caucus absent a conflict, he and the MCDP executive committee have failed to inquire into what conflicts there are and have not followed up on requests to discuss these conflicts.

I am happy to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bauerle-Danzman & Chris Ravenna
Monroe County Central Committee Members