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Monroe County Republican Party Supports Moving Ellettsville Reorganization Proposal to Public Referendum

The Monroe County Republican Party supports continued efforts to move the proposed governmental reorganization between the Town of Ellettsville and Richland Township to the ballot for public consideration.

Republicans have long supported efficient government, fiscal responsibility, accountability to taxpayers, and strong local control. This proposal reflects those principles by reducing duplication of government services and giving voters the chance to decide what kind of local government structure makes the most sense for their community.

At a time when taxpayers are asking harder questions about transparency, spending, and local decision-making, conversations about improving government should not be shut down before the public has a chance to weigh in.

What makes this proposal different is simple: it puts the decision where it belongs, with the voters.

People across Monroe County have seen plenty of decisions move forward even after residents show up, asked serious questions or expressed concerns, yet were handed decisions that failed to represent that. The reorganization process has incorporated public input from the beginning and addressed concerns, which is exactly why this process should be allowed to continue. The voters of Richland Township and Ellettsville deserve the opportunity to review the proposal and make the final decisions for themselves at the ballot box.

Allowing the proposal to move forward does not decide the outcome. It simply allows the public to make the decision instead of having it stopped by a small group of elected officials before voters ever get their say.

The Monroe County Republican Party encourages our elected officials to respect the process and allow the public to decide this issue at the ballot box.

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