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To: ADMcomment
Subject: Re: Written Comments for September 18 Supreme Court Administrative Hearing
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Thank you for your prompt and helpful reply. I would be interested in offering a written comment on this issue, if it is still possible:

2024-05 Proposed Amendment of MCR 7.306
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Issue: Whether to adopt a proposed amendment of MCR 7.306 that would establish a procedure for two new original actions in the Supreme Court related to presidential elections in conformity with MCL 168.46 (as amended by 2023 PA 269) and MCL 168.845a (as adopted by 2023 PA 255).

In particular, I would like to offer the following comment.

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I would like to ask and urge the Justices to protect the individual and collective rights -- derived from the Federal or state Constitution -- of voters who support candidates of any party on the ballot in Michigan as well as of voters who do not support any party, or who split or mix their support among various candidates or parties.

I would encourage the Justices to revise the proposed amendment of MCR 7.306 to provide for notice of any action, under either MCL 168.46 or MCL 168.845a, to each political party and each ticket represented on the Michigan ballot in the race for President or Vice President in the election covered by the action. The notice should be given at the same time as the notice to the parties named in Paragraphs D(3)(c) and D(3)(d) and to the potential intervenors listed in Section (H). These additional recipients of notice should have the right to offer amicus briefs, and possibly to be able to request intervenor status at the Court's discretion.

I believe these changes would better represent the provisions in the 1963 Michigan Constitution that all political power is inherent in the people, and that the government is directed to protect the purity of elections and provide equal protection of the political rights of all.

(I recognize that this may be a step too far for some, but I would personally prefer that notice of such actions also go to any person who has qualified per state law and procedure as a write-in candidate for President and/or Vice President. They too have made legally significant effort to achieve their participation status for the election, and they too should be able to receive the full and fair benefits of that effort.)
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I hope this comment can be accepted for the record and included in the Court's considerations, but I will understand if you tell me that is not possible at this point. Again, my thanks for your time and attention to my inquiry.

(NOTE: The information in my signature block may be used to identify me
individually, as appropriate, but is not offered to suggest or authorize
my comment as speaking for any entity but myself.)

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Social Justice
Ecological Wisdom
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