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FOR PRESIDENT 2020

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**Re: Matthew J. Matern Republican Presidential Primary Ballot Nomination Request**

Dear Chairman Whatley,

On behalf of **Matthew John Matern**, the undersigned legal counsel for his federal campaign committee respectfully requests that Mr. Matern be included among the list of presidential candidates to be submitted by you as the State Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party for inclusion on the March 3, 2020 North Carolina Presidential Preference Primary Election Ballot as a “generally advocated for or recognized candidate” to be nominated by the North Carolina State Board of Elections pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 163-213.4.

Mr. Matern is a natural-born citizen of the United States, at least 35 years of age, a resident of the United States for at least 14 years, and is a registered voter affiliated with the Republican Party in his home state of California. A copy of Mr. Matern’s current voter registration verification from the California Secretary of State is attached. Mr. Matern meets the qualifications as a Republican candidate for President of the United States pursuant to Art. II § 1 of the United States Constitution and the applicable Rules of the Republican Party whose candidacy is generally advocated and has been recognized in the news media throughout the United States and in North Carolina.

Attached please also find:

1. A copy of information regarding the candidate’s authorized campaign committee registered with the Federal Election Commission for the office of President of the United States, including printouts from the website of the Federal Election Commission showing the candidate’s statement of candidacy and committee registration and copies of FEC Form 1 (committee registration form, FEC ID: C00726893) and FEC Form 2 (statement of candidacy, FEC ID: P00014340) as filed.
2. Documentation demonstrating that Mr. Matern has qualified for and has been certified to the Republican presidential primary ballot in the State of New Hampshire’s First in the Nation Primary in the current presidential election cycle, including a copy of the candidate’s Declaration of Candidacy as filed on November 12, 2019, with the New Hampshire Department of State and acknowledgement of receipt of the required filing fee and ballot certification from the New Hampshire Secretary of State.

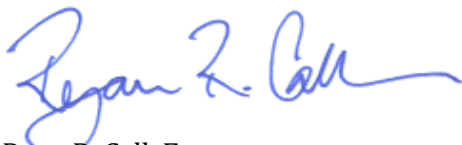
3. Correspondence demonstrating that Mr. Matern's "Proof of Generally Advocated for or Recognized Candidate Form" and documentation was accepted by the California Secretary of State on November 25, 2019, to qualify him to participate in the 2020 Republican Presidential Preference Election in the State of California, which employs the same "generally advocated for or recognized candidate" standard for presidential primary ballot access pursuant to §§ 6000.11 and 6000.2 of the California Elections Code as North Carolina does pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 163-213.4.
4. In addition to securing primary election ballot access in New Hampshire and California on November 12th and November 25th, respectively, earlier this week Mr. Matern's campaign also submitted the required candidate forms, political party affidavits, and filing fees to qualify him to participate in presidential primary elections in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, and Idaho, and will continue the process of securing ballot access in a significant number of additional states over the coming weeks.

In addition, also included are printouts of the candidate's official campaign website ([www.Matern2020.com](http://www.Matern2020.com)) and a copy of recent news coverage from November 16, 2019 by Holly Ramer of the *Associated Press* regarding Mr. Matern's candidacy and filing in New Hampshire (<https://apnews.com/d08f37341d2346ffba210f0b955749d2>), also appearing in the *New York Times* (<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/11/16/us/ap-us-election-2020-new-hampshire-primary.html>), and numerous other papers and news publications around the country, including in North Carolina (see, e.g., the *Winston-Salem Journal*: [https://www.journalnow.com/news/national/new-hampshire-primary-filing-chaos-comes-to-a-close/article\\_a350af22-d1b7-5c23-a28f-9f08e1cc779f.html](https://www.journalnow.com/news/national/new-hampshire-primary-filing-chaos-comes-to-a-close/article_a350af22-d1b7-5c23-a28f-9f08e1cc779f.html)).

His candidacy has also been recently covered by both *Spectrum 1 News* in California (at <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/politics/2019/11/20/longshot-candidate-looks-to-challenge-trump-for-gop-nomination>), video from in-person studio interview available at <https://vimeo.com/374478312>) and the *Portsmouth Herald* in New Hampshire (available at: <https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20191123/no-federal-income-tax-little-known-gop-candidate-touts-idea>).

If you have any additional questions, or require additional documentation to substantiate Mr. Matern's status as a "generally advocated for or recognized candidate" and his eligibility and qualifications to participate as a candidate in the 2020 North Carolina Republican Presidential Primary Election, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,



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