

# Liz Terwilliger for Congress

## Because we need Representatives, not Politicians.



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### It's a Process



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The past few weeks have been a mad dash to meet the signature requirement for ballot access in Pennsylvania. Ballot access means that my name will appear on the General Election ballot in November. You may have seen me stalking Farmers Markets around the District or pacing the Troy Fairgrounds for hours on end. COVID19, and Governor Wolf's response to it, created the mad dash.

My window to collect signatures opened on March 8<sup>th</sup> when I was officially nominated by the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. March 17<sup>th</sup> Governor Wolf shut down the state. Then the April 28<sup>th</sup> Primary, usually a great day for signature collection, was postponed. May 29<sup>th</sup> Bradford County was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> counties to "go green" and reopen ending the 10 week shut down, although restrictions remain in place.

If I were running as a Democrat or Republican, with "qualified party" status, I would need to collect 1000 signatures from members of my party and win in the spring primary election. The window to collect signatures for Democrats and Republicans closed on February 18<sup>th</sup>, before the COVID pandemic took hold.

Because the Libertarian Party did not receive 2% of the statewide vote in the last election, we are considered a "minor party" or "political body." As such, I had to receive the nomination of my Party and then collect signatures to get my name on the General Election ballot. In Pennsylvania, those running for the US House of Representatives must get signatures from registered voters in their district equal to "2% of the largest vote cast for a candidate in the district in the last election."

The last election in the 12<sup>th</sup> District was a special election so there were fewer votes cast than usual. Therefore I had to get 1800 signatures. While that is almost twice the number required by my opponents, it is the least of any PA Congressional District this election cycle. The signature requirement ranges from 1,800 in the 12<sup>th</sup> to 5,753 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. That's more signatures than the Presidential nominee had to get.

On Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we filed our petitions with the PA Department of State.

It should not be "easy" to get on the ballot, but it should be the same for all candidates. Until the laws in Pennsylvania change, this is the process.

This week has been a waiting game. Waiting to see if my name will be on the ballot. Waiting to see if my signatures get challenged, dragging me in to court to defend my right to ballot access. We will know, one way or the other by the close of business on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch our Facebook page or join us in the Tea Garden outside the Mad Hatter Café in Athens, PA Monday at 6pm to find out what's next for our campaign.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in this process! Thank you!

-Liz Terwilliger

### Share Your Thoughts

As I've traveled around the 12<sup>th</sup> District collecting the signatures I need to get my name on the November ballot. I've also been having interesting discussions with people I've met. I really enjoy engaging with people on topics that fire them up.

At the Lewisburg Farmers Market, I met a man passionate about ending human trafficking. At the Sayre Farmers Market, I met a man frustrated with corruption in county government. At Summer Concert in Lock Haven, I met a woman enthusiastic about veterans' issues.

We need to engage more in conversations about complex issues. We need to listen to more people and hear their perspectives and experiences. We need to plan together to move forward.

To move beyond conversations, I have started building an Issues Team as part of my campaign committee. This is a team of people, each passionate about their own topic, diving deeper to move from conversations to action.

If there's an issue that moves you. If you want to find out more about our Issues Team, contact us!

Visit our Issues page to share your thoughts on our Issues of Concern survey.

<http://lizterwilligerforcongress.org/issues.htm>



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