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November 1, 2007

Mr. Gene Zarwell
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Dear Mr. Zarwell:

Thank you for your letter regarding your interest in running for the Democratic Presidential Primary and the procedure involved to have your name placed on that ballot.

I am enclosing an information sheet regarding the 2008 Presidential Primary Election and the steps that must be taken to have your name placed on the ballot. As you can see from this document, (1) Your candidacy must be generally advocated or recognized in the news media throughout the United States or in Maryland; or (2) you must submit to the State Board of Elections a petition containing the signatures of not less than 400 registered voters from each Congressional district in Maryland.

I hope that this information is helpful to you in your endeavor to have your name placed on the ballot. If you have any questions, you may contact us at 410-260-3857 or you may review the filing procedures and forms available on the State Board of Elections' website at www.elections.state.md.us under "Petition."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Schnepfe".

Dennis Schnepfe
Interim Secretary of State

Enclosure

Statement Regarding the 2008 Presidential Primary Election

In Maryland, there are two ways that a U.S. Presidential candidate may have his or her name placed on the primary election ballot. The first method is a determination by the Secretary of State as provided by Election Law Article, §8-502 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. It specifically provides that "[t]he Secretary of State shall certify the name of a presidential candidate on the ballot when the Secretary has determined, in the Secretary's sole discretion and consistent with party rules, that the candidate's candidacy is generally advocated or recognized in the news media throughout the United States or in Maryland. . ."

As an initial determination, the Secretary of State will employ the following policy in selecting candidates for the primary ballot:

A candidate who is invited to and participates in any of the following presidential debates will appear as a candidate on the Maryland primary election ballot unless the candidate requests by affidavit that his or her name be withdrawn:

Democratic Party

September 26, 2007 – Hanover, New Hampshire

October 30, 2007 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 15, 2007 – Las Vegas, Nevada

Republican Party

October 14, 2007 – Manchester, New Hampshire

October 21, 2007 – Orlando, Florida

November 6, 2007 – Ames, Iowa

Other individuals who believe they should be added to the primary election ballot based on media recognition should provide the Secretary of State's Office sufficient documentation from multiple print and/or broadcast media outlets about their candidacy for U.S. President.

The second method for a U.S. Presidential candidate to be placed on the primary election ballot is through the petition process. This is for Presidential candidates who have not obtained a sufficient level of media recognition to be selected by the Secretary of State. The law states in Election Law Article, §8-502(b)(2) and (d)(1) that a candidate for the office of President shall submit to the State Board of Elections a petition containing the signatures of not less than 400 registered voters from each congressional district. An individual seeking to be placed on the primary election ballot by the petition process should review the filing procedures and forms available on the State Board of Elections' website (www.elections.state.md.us under "Petition").

GeneZarwell4President.us

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October 26, 2007

The Honorable Maryland. Secretary of State
Secretary of State - Maryland
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Secretary State;

This is a letter of intent to participate in Maryland's primary ballot process for nomination to The Office of The President of The United States of America. If not selected or nominated prior to the Maryland cut-off date, please exercise your discretionary option to allow my name, **Eugene Robert Zarwell**, to appear on your ballot if not through a caucus, convention, or other notification of candidacy.

FEC registry of candidacy is P80004633 and committee ID is C00438093
[\[GeneZarwell4President.us\]](http://GeneZarwell4President.us) filed on August 24, 2007.

Your action in this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Eugene R. (Gene) Zarwell
Republican candidate for Office of The President of The United States