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To: Butler, Clark, Darke, Mercer, Miami, and Preble County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Special Congressional Primary Election (Democratic Party Only) in Ohio's 8th
Congressional District

BACKGROUND

On July 25, 2016, the Butler County Board of Elections, most populous county in Ohio's 8th Congressional District, notified my office of a vacancy in Democratic nomination to the office of U.S. Representative for the 8th Congressional District. When a vacancy in party nomination for representative to Congress occurs more than ninety days before the general election, a special election must be held to fill the vacancy in that nomination.¹

In consultation with the Butler County Board of Elections, the Secretary of State's office has scheduled the Special Congressional Primary Election to fill the vacancy in Democratic nomination for Ohio's 8th Congressional District for September 13, 2016.

The costs associated with administering this special election will be paid by the State.²

FILING DEADLINE & PETITIONS

Declarations of candidacy and declarations of intent for write-ins must be filed with the Butler County Board of Elections no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016 (47 days before special primary).

The Butler County Board of Elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions on Friday, July 29, 2016 (46 days before special primary).

Protests against Democratic Party candidacies and write-in candidates, if any, must be filed with the Butler County Board of Elections by 2 p.m. on July 29, and the Butler County Board of Elections must also complete hearings on any protests of a partisan candidacy on that day.

¹ R.C. 3513.312.

² R.C. 3513.312(C).

The Butler County Board of Elections must certify names of candidates to all other boards within the 8th Congressional District no later than 4 p.m. on July 29, 2016 (46 days before special primary).

Persons seeking the nomination of a political party for representative to Congress for Ohio's 8th Congressional District must file [Form 2-E](#) (Declaration of Candidacy - Party Primary District Office - Representative to Congress).

Persons seeking to run as a write-in candidate for nomination of a political party for representative to Congress for Ohio's 8th Congressional District must file [Form 13-C](#) (Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for Office of U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative).

All petitions must be filed with the Butler County Board of Elections – the most populous county in the 8th Congressional District – no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016.

If a prospective candidate has additional questions regarding signature and petition requirements, you may refer him or her to the [2016 Candidate Requirement Guide](#), which is available on the Secretary of State's website.

BALLOT LAYOUT & CANVASS OF ELECTION

The format of the September 13, 2016 Special Congressional Primary Election (Democratic Party Only) ballot is as follows:

Official Democratic Party Special Congressional Primary Ballot
Special Primary Election – September 13, 2016

For Representative to Congress (8th District)
(Vote for not more than 1)

UOCAVA absentee ballots for the September 13, 2016 special primary election must be ready and issued on July 30, 2016 (45 days before special primary).³

The Secretary of State's office will provide additional instructions with an expedited special election calendar, including conducting the unofficial and official canvasses at a later date.

Thank you for your work in preparing for and conducting this special election. If you have questions, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,



Jon Husted

³ R.C. 3511.04(B); 52 U.S.C.A. §20302(a).