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The Honorable Todd Huston
Speaker, Indiana House of Representatives
200 W. Washington Street
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The Honorable Rod Bray
President pro Tempore, Indiana Senate
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

I am professor of political science at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. I have taught at East Carolina University since 2007. From 1988 to 2007, I was an assistant and associate professor of political science at the University of Georgia. I have served as a consultant for the Advanced Placement Program, as an open-response question grader and a table leader with supervisory responsibility for other graders. Also, I have served as a presenter at the Robert Taft seminars on American government. I have reviewed several statistics books for Sage Press.

In 1988, I received my doctorate in political science from the University of Iowa. I received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Georgia in 1984. I have published over 30 peer-reviewed articles on elections and public opinion in political science journals and interdisciplinary journals, including the *American Journal of Political Research*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, and *Social Science Quarterly*. I authored *Do Voters Look to the Future? Economics and Elections* published by SUNY Press. I have published several book chapters, including two with Cambridge University Press.

MARION COUNTY

I have reviewed four elections consisting of races with a Black candidate in Marion County Indiana. The results from each of these ecological regressions strongly support the contention that there is considerable crossover voting, and therefore a lack of racially polarized voting.

I looked at the 2018 and 2020 House elections with Andre Carson as a candidate, the 2020 State House race (district 94) with Cherish Pryor as a candidate, and the 2012 presidential

race with Barack Obama as a candidate. In each case, I regressed the candidate's percentage of the two-party vote on the percentage of the population in the district that is Black. This procedure is typically referred to as ecological regression.

In each of these contests, there appears to be considerable crossover voting and an absence of racially polarized voting. This is discerned from the intercepts of these equations. In short, this set of equations strongly supports the argument that whites are willing to vote for a Black candidate and have voted for Black candidates in Marion County.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the above analysis, I find no evidence that racially polarized voting prerequisite of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is satisfied in Marion County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Lockerbie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Brad Lockerbie

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