



STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
State House, Second Floor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Mike Braun
Governor

October 27, 2026

Dear Mr. Ballard,

Thank you for writing to me about your concerns with the state's Election Commission. Indiana remains committed to secure elections and to ensuring that candidates across our state adhere to campaign finance regulations.

After reviewing your request, I must respectfully decline to grant it. As you know, Section 3-6-4.1-12 of the Indiana Code gives the Governor of Indiana the power to convene a meeting of the Commission (i) if the Commission fails to meet and discharge the duties imposed upon it by law; and (ii) the Governor considers a meeting to be necessary. Neither is the case here.

Since I appointed John Westercamp and Beth Boyce to the Election Commission, the Commission has met six times since September 2025, during which time the Commission has substantially reduced the backlog of several years' worth of complaints that were pending under the leadership of the previous Chair of the Commission, Paul Okeson, who is himself one of your supporters and former Chief of Staff.

Notably, in the last year, Indiana courts have not overturned a single decision of the Election Commission. While no process is ever perfect, I am satisfied that the Commission has managed the business of election law competently and efficiently.

As the Marion County Superior Court noted in its decision denying your motion for preliminary injunction, you have offered no evidence that the meeting scheduled for November 20 is insufficient to address any pending allegations of campaign finance violations. You have the incorrect impression that the Election Commission is required to meet each September. No such requirement exists in law.

Our state's Election Commission and Election Division have been working diligently to ensure voting is safe, secure, and accessible for all Hoosiers come November 3rd.

Sincerely,

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana