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VIA E-MAIL

Jonathan Lines, Chairman
Arizona Republican Party Headquarters
3501 North 24th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Re: Arizona Democratic Party, *et al.* v. Secretary Michelle Reagan, *et al.*

Dear Chairman Lines:

We have received the recent payment for legal services in the above matter. As we have discussed, the recent payment satisfies the outstanding balance from the preliminary injunction litigation related to the protection of HB2023, which prohibits the practice of ballot harvesting in Arizona, and Out of Precinct Voting, which protects the long history of integrity and importance of local elections by requiring voters to cast their ballots in assigned precincts.

As you know, the Democratic National Committee, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and the Arizona Democratic Party brought the preliminary injunction in an attempt to minimize election integrity controls and allow strangers to collect early mail-in ballots from voters in Arizona, with no controls as to whether the strangers actually provided the completed ballots to election officials. In addition, despite the negative impact on local elections involving city councils and educational bonds, these groups also sought to allow a voter to vote in any polling place, regardless of whether the voter was actually registered to vote in those local elections.

The Arizona Republican Party determined that, unlike other states that rolled over at even the threat of litigation, it was important to defend the sanctity of elections. The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled to allow Arizona's laws to remain in effect during the 2016 General Election.

The case is currently back before the U.S. District Court for an evidentiary trial scheduled in October 2017. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has already scheduled an *en banc* hearing for December 2017, which means that the majority of Ninth Circuit judges are already expecting

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the appeal of the District Court's decision. The precedent established in this litigation may have significant consequences on the integrity of the election system throughout the entire nation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Snell & Wilmer

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