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WEINZAPFEL URGES STATE TO JOIN FIGHT TO SAVE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Medicine, paychecks and ability to vote are at risk

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Calling it a critical service to keep Hoosiers and our democracy safe, today Jonathan Weinzapfel, Democratic nominee for Indiana Attorney General, urged Indiana to join the fight to save the United States Postal Service.

Weinzapfel's call comes a day after the Postmaster General testified before Congress and raised more questions than answers.

"States around the country are going to court to protect the post office, and Indiana should join them," said Weinzapfel. "Hoosiers, especially those in rural communities, depend on the postal service for the delivery of medicine, checks, and come this November, their right to vote. We can't allow it to be destroyed."

More than 20 states have filed lawsuits to reverse the federal government's efforts to slow the delivery of the mail, including removing mailboxes from public spaces, decommissioning mail sorting machines and cutting overtime for mail carriers.

"Like wearing a mask and ensuring all Hoosiers have access to health care in the middle of a global pandemic, this shouldn't be a partisan issue. This is just common sense," added Weinzapfel. "As we continue to confront COVID-19, the postal service is providing an essential link to vulnerable citizens and it's helping to keep our economy going. Undermining it to try to impact the outcome of an election is outrageous."

Two separate lawsuits have been filed challenging the changes at the postal service and their impact on the November election. One, led by the state of Washington, is supported by Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin. The second, filed by Pennsylvania, is joined by California, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, North Carolina and the District of Columbia. The Attorney Generals of New York and New Jersey are also considering action as well.

"On behalf of all the Hoosiers who depend on the postal service and to ensure their vote by mail counts this fall, I'm calling on Attorney General Curtis Hill to enter into these lawsuits as soon as possible," said Weinzapfel. "And, I'm also urging my Republican opponent, former Congressman

Todd Rokita, to stand with me and publicly denounce these blatantly political attacks on the postal service so we can protect every Hoosier's right to vote safely and securely.”

“Hoosiers need to know that they have someone who will fight for them in the Attorney General's Office, and that's something I am committed to doing. This isn't about politics. This is about doing what is right,” added Weinzapfel.

Jonathan Weinzapfel was elected mayor of Evansville in 2003 and re-elected in 2007. After his two terms as mayor, Weinzapfel served as chancellor of the Ivy Tech Evansville campus from 2014-2019. He also served in the Indiana General Assembly as a state representative from 1999-2003. He currently works as a partner at the law firm of Jones Wallace in Evansville. Jonathan and his wife Patricia reside in Evansville and have three children.

For more information on Jonathan or his campaign for Indiana Attorney General, please visit www.WeinzapfelForAG.com. To schedule an interview, email media@weinzapfelForAG.com.

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