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AG HILL ARGUES FOR END OF ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SENIORS

Weinzapfel calls on Rokita to join him in protecting Hoosiers' right to vote

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Following the news that Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is seeking to eliminate Indiana seniors' ability to vote absentee, today, Jonathan Weinzapfel weighed in.

On Sept. 9, [Hill filed a brief](#) with the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals arguing, in part, for an end to Indiana's long-standing practice of allowing voters 65 years of age or older to automatically qualify to vote absentee. In *Tully v. Okeson*, plaintiffs argue that, in the midst of a global pandemic, all Hoosiers, regardless of age, should be entitled to vote absentee.

Attorney General Hill, representing Republican Secretary of State Connie Lawson and the Republicans on the Indiana Elections Commission, is urging the court to totally eliminate the exemption for seniors, rather than extend the same opportunity to all Hoosiers (page 27).

"What Curtis Hill is advocating for in this brief is short-sighted, purely political and dangerous," said Weinzapfel. "In the middle of a global public health crisis, he would rather deny thousands of seniors their ability to vote safely and throw our entire election into chaos, than allow all Hoosiers to vote absentee. It's unbelievable."

Indiana is one of just six states that is not allowing citizens to use the COVID-19 pandemic as a basis to vote by mail using the absentee process. Weinzapfel has long advocated allowing all Hoosiers to vote by mail, as they were allowed to do in the primary election this past spring, a right that voters in 44 other states already have.

"As we continue to face down the coronavirus, every public official and every citizen should be working on ways to make voting easier, not harder," added Weinzapfel. "We can't allow people like Curtis Hill to force Hoosiers, especially seniors, into choosing between risking their health and exercising their constitutional right to vote."

"This shouldn't be a partisan issue either," added Weinzapfel. "That's why I'm asking my opponent, Todd Rokita, who is a former Secretary of State and has voted absentee in multiple elections, to join me in opposing Curtis Hill on this. This is wrong and Republicans, Democrats and Independents need to say so."

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.

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