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WEINZAPFEL CONDEMNS STATE'S ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT ABSENTEE VOTING

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Jonathan Weinzapfel, Democratic nominee for Indiana Attorney General, issued the following statement today condemning the state's attempt to use the courts to block the expansion of no excuse absentee voting in the upcoming election.

"It is absolutely unfathomable to me that the Attorney General's Office is fighting in court to keep Hoosiers from voting safely this November. The Indiana Election Division is playing politics with our right to vote. They could call a meeting this week and allow people to vote by mail, just like they did during the Primary Election. Instead, they are hiding behind legal arguments that even the courts aren't buying.

In the coming days, Indiana will likely top 100,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Who knows what the number of cases will be come Election Day. We shouldn't have to choose between our health and our right to vote. But, that's what Indiana Republicans want us to do. It's shameful.

Our campaign has been advocating for Hoosiers to have more opportunities to vote by mail for months. I promise you this: if elected, I won't play politics with Hoosiers' right to vote. I'll do everything I can to protect your rights and make sure your vote counts in an election that is fair and secure."

The statement comes following a 7th Circuit Court of Appeals order yesterday accelerating a lawsuit designed to force the state to allow Hoosiers to vote by absentee without an excuse.

Weinzapfel is the only candidate for Attorney General calling for the expansion of voting rights. His opponent, former Congressman Todd Rokita has remained silent, despite his experience as Indiana's Secretary of State, his previous support for voting by mail and the fact that he has voted absentee 10 out of the last 13 elections.

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.