

McClafferty Calls Ballot Disqualification Partisan, Says He May Sue or Seek Role With Another Campaign

Following a 7-2 vote upholding his removal from the Delegate to Congress ballot, Matthew McClafferty said the Board acted “on partisan grounds,” argued it ignored the law, and said he may seek a role with another campaign or sue to regain ballot access.

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Brett Matthew McClafferty

A brief statement from Matthew McClafferty acknowledged the Board of Election’s Wednesday decision to uphold his disqualification from the ballot.

He declared that the 7-2 vote against his candidacy as Delegate to Congress was taken “on partisan grounds.” Board members “completely ignored the law,” Mr. McClafferty argued. “It

is...obvious that should we challenge this disqualification in court, that we'd win.”

Elections Supervisor Caroline Fawkes invalidated Mr. McClafferty's candidacy after an [investigation by her office](#) in response to several complaints uncovered what she deemed to be sufficient irregularities to make his nomination suspect. Ms. Fawkes stood by her decision despite critique from two members of the Board of Elections who accused her of having [usurped the investigatory authority](#) of the board.

Now that the majority of the board has voted to uphold Ms. Fawkes' findings and decision-making, Mr. McClafferty says that he will be exploring other opportunities to participate in the electoral process. “We've reached out to a certain competitive campaign, and would love to have a discussion,” he wrote, without providing further details.

Despite these overtures, Mr. McClafferty says he's reserving his options. “If those conversations devolve, we'll simply sue and easily get back on the ballot because the law is clear.”

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