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John Bonifaz Volunteers Collect Over 10,000 Signatures

BOSTON – Volunteers for John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, have gathered more than 10,000 signatures from voters across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and have submitted more than 90% of them to city and town halls as of 5 p.m. today. Bonifaz needs 5,000 of those signatures to be certified to qualify for the ballot.

"Our campaign is focused on returning voters to power and, with this signature drive, we have demonstrated the growing grassroots support across the state for my candidacy," said Bonifaz. "We set the goal of 10,000 signatures - double the number we needed - and we met that goal, with people working from the Berkshires to Cape Cod."

"I am very thankful to everyone throughout the state who volunteered and worked so hard to help us reach this goal," Bonifaz continued. "We look forward to continue to build this grassroots energy as we head to the Massachusetts Democratic Party's convention in Worcester on June 2 and 3."

The Bonifaz campaign had more than 100 volunteers collecting signatures statewide.

"We have committed, experienced people on the ground in this state, and they are ready for a different kind of Democrat," Bonifaz said.

The first candidate to officially declare his candidacy for Secretary of State, Bonifaz launched his campaign last December. He founded the National Voting Rights Institute in 1994 and defended the Massachusetts Clean Elections Law, passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1998, against a Legislature that turned its back on the voters it represents and refused to fund the law.

For over a decade, Bonifaz has been a powerful voice and dedicated leader working with people throughout Massachusetts and across the country to protect the right to vote, demand a full recount in Ohio, overhaul the nation's campaign finance system and broaden citizen participation in the democratic process.

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