

Members of the commission,

My name is John Quinn, I am the Broward County spokesperson for Florida IndependentVoting.org and represent the 2.6 million registered voters here in Florida that are not Democrats and Republicans. We don't have a vote in the primaries here – even though we are 22% of our electorate.

There are 18 other states in this country that don't allow independents to vote in the first round of voting, and there are several other states that require an independent voter to sign up with a party in order to vote in the primary. We are independent for a reason. We don't like the gridlock caused by the Democratic or Republican's inability to work together. We may have similar views to both parties, but we don't want to be controlled by a party. We are not loyal to a party but rather to America.

The President, in establishing this Commission has mandated you to operate in a non-partisan manner. In order to do that, I urge you to take a look at how 40% of the electorate nationwide are limited by the election process. We represent every race and we are growing in number.

Perhaps you chose Florida because of what happened in this states voting process in 2012. I would like to know from where I stand, what the commission is going to do about the inadequacies of the voting process as it applies to the 2.6 million registered voters who don't affiliate with a party. I'm sure that the independents in the 18 other states would like to know as well.