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Dear State Central Committee Member,

I have thought and researched a good deal about the proposed change in Delegate selection to our Illinois process. My conclusion is what I feel is best for the Republican Party of Illinois. The proposed Delegate change is NOT better for our party than the structure we use now.

When we elect Delegates in our Primary, they are not 'bound' delegates; they have a 'preference.' It is clear in Illinois law that Delegates are elected on an advisory basis and not 'bound.' Our current system does not require a change according to the RNC.

I truly believe we are better as a Party in Illinois if we have Delegate candidates on the ballot. It adds more people vested in the process, to be advocates at our Lincoln Day Dinners, party rallies and forums on behalf of their 'preference' for President. Having hundreds and hundreds of party faithful on the ballot, committed, and engaged is only good.

Perhaps the loudest argument I have heard for changing from what we have today is the difficulty in getting petition signatures to put Delegates and Alternates on the ballot.

Petition circulating is a challenge. I know because I have been through it many times. But, my contention is that if one wants to be the President of the United States and leader of the free world, organizing an effort to have ones' supporters gather signatures to get their Delegates on the ballot is not too high a threshold to meet.

I urge our State Central Committee to keep the current system for Delegate selection.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan".

Dan Rutherford  
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