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**RANDOM SAMPLING RESULTS FOR U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE NOMINATING PETITIONS**

**I. Introduction**

Starting in 2024, the Board of State Canvassers approved the use of random sampling to review nominating petitions for candidates for statewide office, who must submit a minimum of 15,000 valid signatures. For this election, candidates for statewide office in this category included only candidates for United States Senate. A total of eight candidates filed to run for U.S. Senate; one withdrew after the filing deadline. Bureau of Election staff conducted review of nominating petitions using the updated random sampling process for petitions submitted by each of the remaining candidates.

The results of the review using the random sampling process for each of the 7 remaining candidates is described below. This memo does not include random sampling for Peter Meijer, who withdrew from the race following the filing deadline. In addition to this memorandum, the Bureau has prepared staff memoranda and recommended motions for two candidates (Beydoun and Slotkin) whose nominating petitions were challenged and/or for whom the review and random sampling resulted in an insufficient number of valid signatures to recommend certification. The other five candidates (Amash, Harper, O'Donnell, Pensler, and Rogers) did not receive a challenge, and staff review indicated a sufficient number of valid signatures. Accordingly, these five candidates are included in the recommended motion to approve for the ballot the batch of unchallenged candidates with a sufficient number of valid signatures. The random sample results for all U.S. Senate candidates are included in this memorandum for reference.



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**II. Sample Results**

Justin Amash  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 23,868 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 471 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	95
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	49
Invalid address	<i>Less:</i>	3
Invalid city or township	<i>Less:</i>	26
Nonexistent county	<i>Less:</i>	2
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	12
Circulator information missing	<i>Less:</i>	3
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	2
Missing required element	<i>Less:</i>	2
Miscellaneous errors identified not provided above	<i>Less:</i>	3
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>553</b>
(registered signers; signatures verified)		



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Nasser Beydoun  
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 20,634 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 545 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Invalid heading (failure to include valid address)	<i>Less:</i>	750
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>0</b>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Determine petition insufficient.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See separate Beydoun staff report for more information.



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Hill Harper  
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 26,454 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 425 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	36
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	90
Duplicate signature	<i>Less:</i>	2
Invalid address	<i>Less:</i>	1
Invalid city or township	<i>Less:</i>	27
Nonexistent county	<i>Less:</i>	3
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	24
Circulator information missing	<i>Less:</i>	39
Invalid heading entry	<i>Less:</i>	1
Miscellaneous errors identified not provided above	<i>Less:</i>	10
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>517</b>
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Sherry O'Donnell  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 25,648 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 439 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	122
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	39
Invalid address	<i>Less:</i>	1
Invalid city or township	<i>Less:</i>	19
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	7
Circulator information missing	<i>Less:</i>	1
Invalid heading entry	<i>Less:</i>	6
Damaged	<i>Less:</i>	2
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	4
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>549</b>
(registered signers; signatures verified)		



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Sandy Pensler  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 29,999 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 375 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	87
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	60
Duplicate signature	<i>Less:</i>	2
Invalid address	<i>Less:</i>	2
Invalid city or township	<i>Less:</i>	8
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	14
Damaged	<i>Less:</i>	4
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	6
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>567</b>
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Mike Rogers  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 29,999 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 375 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Not registered	<i>Less:</i>	93
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	39
Invalid city or township	<i>Less:</i>	2
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	1
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	10
Miscellaneous errors identified not provided above	<i>Less:</i>	3
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>602</b>
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Elissa Slotkin  
Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 15,000 signatures.

**TOTAL FILING:** 29,992 signatures.

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN SAMPLE:** 375 signatures.

<b>Total number of sampled signatures</b>		<b>750</b>
<b>Total number of signatures determined to be invalid</b>		
Signer not registered to vote	<i>Less:</i>	35
Invalid signature	<i>Less:</i>	59
Invalid address	<i>Less:</i>	1
Outside district	<i>Less:</i>	1
Invalid date	<i>Less:</i>	8
Circulator information missing	<i>Less:</i>	15
Illegible	<i>Less:</i>	1
Miscellaneous errors not provided above	<i>Less:</i>	4
<b>Total number of valid signatures in sample</b>		<b>626</b>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Determine petition sufficient.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> See separate Slotkin staff report for more information.