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Dear Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General,

My name is Andrew Freund and I'm seeking to be a candidate for the republican nomination for the Hillsborough County Commissioner (District 3).

Since I moved to New Hampshire 2 years ago, I have been domiciled in county of Hillsborough, I have been a registered member of the Republican Party, and I have been domiciled in Manchester Ward 3. My current domicile resides in Hillsborough County Commissioner district 1. At the end of the month, my lease will be expiring at my current apartment and I will be moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> County Commissioner District in Hillsborough County, so that I can be closer to my work.

**Under New Hampshire Election Law 655:9 County Offices**, I assert that I am qualified to be a candidate for the republican nomination for the 3rd County Commissioner district. New Hampshire Election Law 655:9 County Offices states that "To hold the office of county commissioner, sheriff, county attorney, county treasurer, register of deeds, or register of probate, a person must have a domicile in the county for which he is chosen". I assert that since I have been domiciled in county of Hillsborough for the last two years, I currently meet this qualification. New Hampshire Election Law 655:9 County Offices also states that "In addition, to hold the office of county commissioner in the counties of Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and Carroll, a person must have a domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of his election.". I assert the current election law does not require that I be domiciled in the district that I'm declaring my candidacy for at the time of filing for office, but does require that I have a "domicile in the district from which he is elected at the time of his election". I also assert that the New Hampshire Legislature who passed this law provided specific guidelines around the qualification for districted county commissioner offices in Rockingham, Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire, Sullivan, Coos, and Carroll, which make their intent very clear. Given the New Hampshire legislator's specific guidelines and intent when writing them for the office that I'm seeking, I assert that there are no current barriers that would prevent the New Hampshire Secretary of State from certifying my candidacy for the republican nomination for the 3rd County Commissioner District of Hillsborough County.

**Under New Hampshire Election Law 655:17 Declaration of Candidacy**, I assert that the New Hampshire Secretary of State is qualified to accept and approve my Declaration of Candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of 3rd County Commissioner District of Hillsborough County.

New Hampshire Election Law 655:17 Declaration of Candidacy states "Declarations of candidacy shall be in the following form and signed by the candidate: I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am domiciled in Ward \_\_\_\_, in the city (or town or unincorporated place) of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of New Hampshire, and am a registered voter herein; that I am a registered member of the \_\_\_\_\_ party; that I am a candidate for nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ (or for delegate to the state convention) to be made at the primary election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_; and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official primary ballot of the party in which I am registered as a candidate for such nomination or election.

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I assert that this passage refers:

- The County, City, and Ward of where candidate is currently domiciled at the time of filing their Declaration of Candidacy.
- The Candidates Name
- The Political Party that the Candidate is registered with.
- The name of the office that the candidate is seeking the party nomination for.
- The Date of the primary election
- Request that the candidates name be printed in the official primary ballot

I assert that the passage referred to above is only collecting information on the candidate and is not a set of qualifications, since the last sentence in 655:17 Declaration states that “if elected, I will be qualified for and will assume the duties of said office”. I also assert that the Declaration of Candidacy contains no barriers that would prevent the New Hampshire Secretary of State from certifying my candidacy for the republican nomination for the 3rd County Commissioner District of Hillsborough County, since I wouldn’t need to be qualified unless I’m elected as the republican nominee for the 3rd County Commissioners District of Hillsborough County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andrew Freund