



DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS PETITION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

All Candidates are responsible for the accuracy and sufficiency of their petitions. All Candidates are strongly encouraged to consult the Ohio Secretary of State's Candidate Guide for instructions on completing petitions.

The undersigned Petitioner acknowledges:

- Employees and members of the Board of Elections are prohibited from pre-checking petitions and acceptance of a petition filing is not a guarantee of certification;
- After filing, no petition can be supplemented and/or returned to a petitioner—even if the petitioner withdraws the petition;
- The Board checks petition signatures as soon as practicable upon receipt of a petition and petitions are checked in order of receipt;
- The Petitioner may inquire as to the number of valid signatures on a petition after the signatures have been checked and before petitions are given to the Board for its certification meeting; however, employees of the Board of Elections cannot guarantee any petition will be certified by the Board;
- Anyone who wishes to withdraw a petition must do so **in writing** before the petitions are reviewed by the Board of Elections for certification;
- **The Petitioner has reviewed:**
 - Statement of Candidacy** – including required unexpired term ending or full term commencing date (if applicable) and candidate signature dated prior to circulating the petition;
 - Nonpartisan Candidate Committee Designation** – optional;
 - Nominating Petition/Petition for Candidate** – Completed including unexpired term ending or full term commencing date (if applicable);
 - Petition Signers** – complete addresses and dates for all signors with sufficient number of valid signatures, but not more than 3 times the number required;
 - If office filed for encompasses more than one county, a separate petition has been used for each county;
 - Circulator Statement** – complete including the correct number of signatures witnessed on the part-petition, address, and signature of person who circulated the petition;

Signature _____ Date _____