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Kay Hayes, Chairman  
Fauquier County Republican Committee  
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VIA E-mail chairman@fauquiergop.com

Dear Chairman Hayes,

I noted the call for the September 10, 2015, meeting of the Fauquier County Republican Committee (hereinafter, "FCRC") included on its agenda "call for a new election for the committee and Chairman." As you know, the results of the March 22, 2014, party canvass held to elect the chairman and committee were the subject of a contest, appeals, and, until recently, a lawsuit, captioned *Russell v. RPV*.

Chairman Whitbeck asked me to review the various actions related to the Committee's membership and advise him on what decisions and orders apply to determination of the membership of the FCRC.

At its January 24, 2015, meeting, the State Central Committee adopted the following order: "that upon favorable resolution of [*Russell v. RPV*], the State Chairman appoint a committee to issue a call and conduct a canvass in Fauquier County to elect all members of the Republican Committee and a Chairman."

On September 4, 2015, the plaintiffs in *Russell v RPV* moved to nonsuit the action. The defendants have agreed to the plaintiffs' proposed order and the Court is expected to enter the order in the next several days.

As such, I have determined that the controlling authority is the January 24, 2015, order of the State Central Committee directing the State Chairman to appoint a committee to call and conduct a party canvass to elect a unit chairman and members.

Chairman Whitbeck's top priority is the election of Republican nominees in the November 3, 2015, election. He has asked me to advise you that he does not plan to

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appoint such a committee prior to that election. He appreciates the work the FCRC has already done to support our Party's nominees and asks that you continue to focus your energies on that shared priority as the Committee is currently constituted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris M. Marston", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher M. Marston,  
General Counsel