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A copy of our report is for will be available from the IL State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois

May 2, 2005

Dear Precinct Committeeman:

House Republican Leader Tom Cross recently sent a letter seeking input on SB600. This legislation would change the way our State Central Committeemen are elected. Some of you have contacted me with your concerns over SB600 and I would like to share a couple of those concerns with all of you.

Today, one of your duties and privileges is to vote, along with your fellow precinct committeemen, for your Congressional District's Republican State Central Committeeman at our own DuPage County Convention.

SB600 would require direct election of Republican State Central Committeemen by the local voting public at the March Primary, instead of by you - the person they elected to represent them as their Republican Precinct Committeeman.

Some of you feel strongly that the proponents of this bill should remember that this is a Party position and that you are elected as precinct committeemen by the voters to represent them within the Republican Party. This measure would lesson your power as their representative.

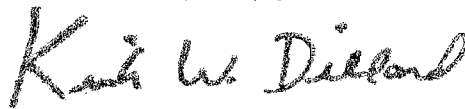
In addition, SB600 would limit who can be our Republican State Chairman by requiring the State Central Committee to elect one of themselves as chairman. For your information, this would mean that our newly elected State Party Chairman, Andy McKenna, would not be eligible to continue as Chairman since he is not a State Central Committeeman, and Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka would not have been able to serve had this change been in effect.

This proposed law could drain financial resources away from Republican candidates for local and state office (there once was a \$100,000 divisive race in DuPage under the old public election law.) Moreover, the State has made a concerted effort to have fewer races on the ballot, not more. For example, the election of U of I Trustees was taken off the ballot.

Several of our fellow Republican Committeemen in Chicago and Cook County have also expressed worry that this would allow the Democrats to "front" a candidate just to infiltrate the Republican State Party – a tactic often used in other races in the city to confuse voters.

This bill was rushed through the Senate with virtually no discussion. Now, House Leader Tom Cross and the new sponsor of the bill, Representative Skip Saviano, would like to hear from you before it is considered in the House. Please take a few moments to write them and let them know if you support or oppose SB600, and why.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirk W. Dillard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Senator Kirk W. Dillard
DuPage Republican Chairman

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