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Date: 2/26/2018 6:37:22 AM
Subject: Re: Party Registration for Voters

Dear , thanks for your email. I simply believe that political parties should have their own primaries for their own voters. Nothing would prohibit a voter from changing their party affiliation, but registration would ensure that parties freely select their own candidates.

From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Danny Varat
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Please advise

Best Regards,
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From: SODERSTROM, DANIEL C [mailto:danielcs@email.sc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:49 PM
To: Lt. Governor's Office
Subject: Party Registration for Voters

The Honorable Lieutenant Governor,

Earlier this year you advocated for a requirement for party registration to vote in South Carolina primaries. Such legislation will prevent people like me, a Lexington County Libertarian, from having a fair vote. For instance, I voted in the 2016 Democratic Primary for President. I had no interest in the Republican candidates, and I did not want Hillary Clinton to win. Next week, however, I will vote in the Republican Primary for SC House District 69; there will be no Democratic Primary.

A law that forces voters to register with specific parties will ensure that I would not be able to vote for my own state Representative because candidates are often unopposed during the actual election. Voters cannot vote in more than one primary, so I am unsure of where the issue lies. I would be interested in voting for you for Governor later this year, but I would be unable to if your Party Registration was a law in effect.

Thank you for your time and thoughts,

Daniel Soderstrom