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APPENDIX 1

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Appendix 1: Ohio and Tristate Voter Registration Forms

In this appendix we present copies of the two voter registration forms that were distributed in the Welcome Kit packets. The first section (Section A) of this appendix provides the Ohio form, which was distributed in the Columbus and Cleveland markets (as described in Chapters 2 and 4 of the report). The second section of this appendix (Section B) provides what we have termed the “tri-state” form, which was distributed in the Cincinnati market (also discussed in Chapters 2 and 4 of this report).

Ohio Registration Form

HOW TO OBTAIN AN OHIO ABSENTEE BALLOT

You are entitled to vote by absentee ballot in Ohio without providing a reason. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from your county board of elections or from the Secretary of State at: www.sos.state.oh.us or by calling 1-877-767-6446.

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OHIO VOTER REGISTRATION

APPLICATION



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Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Use this form to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

NOTICE: This form must be received or postmarked by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice prior to Election Day, please contact your county board of elections.

Lines 1 and 2 below are required by law. You must answer both of the questions for your registration to be processed.

Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."

Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do not provide either a current Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, please enclose with your application a copy of one of the following forms of identification that shows your name and current address:

Current valid photo identification card, military identification, current (within one year) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (except board of elections notifications) showing your name and current address.

Your Signature

Your signature is required for your registration to be processed. On line 14, please affix your signature or mark, taking care that it does not touch surrounding lines or type so it can be effectively used to identify you. If your signature is a mark, include the name and address of the person who witnessed the mark beneath the signature line. If by reason of disability you are unable to physically sign, you may follow specific procedures found in Ohio law (R.C. 3501.382) to appoint an attorney-in-fact who may sign this form on your behalf at your direction and in your presence.

Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.

FOLD HERE

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No
 2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? Yes No
 If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.

3. Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name or Initial _____ Jr., II, etc. _____

4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed) _____ Apt. or Lot # _____ 5. City or Post Office _____ 6. ZIP Code _____

7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary) _____ 8. County where you live _____

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12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street _____

Previous City or Post Office _____ County _____ State _____

13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name _____ Former Signature _____

I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

14. Your Signature →

Date _____
 MO / DAY / YR

FOR BOARD USE ONLY
 SEC4010 (Rev. 9/07)
 City, Village, Twp. _____
 Ward _____
 Precinct _____
 School Dist. _____
 Cong. Dist. _____
 Senate Dist. _____
 House Dist. _____

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FOR BOARD USE ONLY
 SEC4010 (Rev. 9/07)
 City, Village, Twp. _____
 Ward _____
 Precinct _____
 School Dist. _____
 Cong. Dist. _____
 Senate Dist. _____
 House Dist. _____

Tri-state Registration Form

General Instructions

Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you may use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office,
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party, in some states.

Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, or if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office.

The remaining States that accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, you may be required to provide proof of identification the first time you vote.

Depending on the specific requirements of your State, you may avoid providing identification at the polls when you vote for the first time by mailing a copy of an identification document together with this application. The list of acceptable documents is included in the State Instructions.

How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions.

Note: All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election.

Also Note: You cannot be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.

Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and 8. Also refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

Do not include original documents with this application. Please read the accompanying State Instructions to determine the voter identification requirements for your State.

OHIO:

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INDIANA:

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I SIGN THIS STATEMENT KNOWING THAT IT IS NOT TRUE I AM COMMITTING PERJURY AND CAN BE FINED UP TO \$10,000, JAILED FOR UP TO THREE YEARS OR BOTH.

THIS FORM HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. 1973GG-4(A)(2) AND 42 U.S.C. 1973GG-7(B)(2) AND IS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARIES OF STATE OF OHIO, INDIANA AND KENTUCKY AND THE INDIANA ELECTION COMMISSION

Voter Registration Application

Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		This space for office use only.	
Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form. (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)	
1 (Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s) (Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
2	Home Address	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town State Zip Code
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above	City/Town	State Zip Code
4	Date of Birth / /	5 Telephone Number (optional)	6 ID Number - (See item 6 on reverse for instructions for your State)
7	Choice of Party (see item 7 on reverse for instructions for your State)	8	Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)
9		I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ I am a United States citizen ■ I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. ■ The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States. Please sign full name (or put mark) <input type="text"/>	
Date: / /		Month Day Year	

If you are registering to vote for the first time, please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a change of name, what was your name before you changed it?

A	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, what was your address where you were registered before?

B	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live.
 ■ Draw an X to show where you live.
 ■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.

C	Example	Route #2	Public School ●	Woodchuck Road	X	Grocery Store ●	NORTH ↑
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If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

Ohio Registration Form

Indiana	Kentucky	Ohio
<p>Registration Deadline - 29 days before the election.</p> <p>6. ID Number. Your state voter ID number is your ten digit Indiana issued driver's license number. If you do not possess an Indiana driver's license then provide the last four digits of your social security number. Please indicate which number was provided. (Indiana Code 3-7-13-13)</p> <p>7. Choice of Party. Leave blank.</p> <p>8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.</p> <p>9. Signature. To register in Indiana you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a citizen of the United States • have resided in the precinct at least 30 days before the next election • be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general election • not currently be in jail for a criminal conviction 	<p>Registration Deadline - 29 days before the election.</p> <p>6. ID Number. Your full social security number is required. It is used for administrative purposes only and is not released to the public. (KRS 118.155). No person shall be denied the right to register because of failure to include social security number.</p> <p>7. Choice of Party. You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.</p> <p>8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.</p> <p>9. Signature. To register in Kentucky you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a citizen of the United States • be a resident of Kentucky • be a resident of the county for at least 28 days prior to the election date • be 18 years of age on or before the next general election • not be a convicted felon or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights must have been restored by executive pardon • not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law • not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky 	<p>Registration Deadline - 30 days before the election.</p> <p>6. ID Number. This information allows the Board of Elections to verify your registration if necessary (O.R.C. 3503.14) [Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you may provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you don't have either number please write "NONE" on the form and provide a copy of one of the following forms of ID: Current valid photo identification card, military identification, current (within one year) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (except board of elections notifications) showing your name and current address.</p> <p>7. Choice of Party. Party affiliation is established by voting at a primary election. You may leave this section blank.</p> <p>8. Race or Ethnic Group. Leave blank.</p> <p>9. Signature. To register in Ohio you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a citizen of the United States • be a resident of Ohio • be 18 years old on or before election day. If you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election, you may vote in the primary election for candidates only • not be currently incarcerated on a felony conviction • not be found incompetent or disenfranchised by a court for voting purposes
<p>ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION WEB SITE: WWW.EAC.GOV</p>		
<p>Mailing address: INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 302 WEST WASHINGTON STREET ROOM E-204 INDIANAPOLIS IN 46204-2743</p>	<p>Mailing address: KENTUCKY STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 140 WALNUT STREET FRANKFORT KY 40601-3240</p>	<p>Mailing address: OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE OF OHIO JENNIFER BRUNNER PO BOX 2826 COLUMBUS OH 43216-2826</p>
<p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">Please open here for Instructions and Application(s)</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION</p> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">WHENEVER YOU MOVE, YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 2em;">For Approval Purposes Only, PLEASE DO NOT PRINT</p> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">FROM _____</p> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">ZIP _____</p> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">Postage Required Post Office will not deliver without proper postage</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Application Instructions</p>		
<p>Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before election day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.</p>		
<p>Box 1 — Name Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in Box A (on the bottom half of the form) your full name before you changed it.</p> <p>Box 2 — Home Address Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do not put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do not use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in Box B (on the bottom half of the form) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.</p>	<p>Box 7 — Choice of Party In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.</p> <p>If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.</p> <p>If you do not want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do not write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.</p>	
<p><i>Also Note:</i> If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in Box C (at the bottom of the form).</p> <p>Box 3 — Mailing Address If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If you have no address in Box 2, you must write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.</p> <p>Box 4 — Date of Birth Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. <i>Be careful not to use today's date!</i></p> <p>Box 5 — Telephone Number Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do not have to fill in this box.</p> <p>Box 6 — ID Number Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form.</p>	<p>Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:</p> <p>American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander Black, <i>not of</i> Hispanic Origin Hispanic Multi-racial White, <i>not of</i> Hispanic Origin Other</p> <p>Box 9 — Signature Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:</p> <p>(1) You meet your State's requirements, and (2) You understand all of Box 9.</p> <p>Finally, sign your full name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year. If the applicant is unable to sign, put in Box D the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.</p>	