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COMES NOW the affiant, Doug Curtis, Saline County Clerk, having been duly sworn and under oath does state:

1. My name is Doug Curtis, and I am the current duly elected Saline County Clerk.
2. On Tuesday August 6, 2024, around 4:00 pm, an initiative petition was filed in my office by Stephanie Johnson and two other individuals, and Mrs. Johnson provided her contact information and requested to be the representative of the group.
3. I delegated to Mrs. Allison Cain, the Election Coordinator in my office, to lead the effort of counting eligible signatures to determine if the petitioners met the minimum number of signatures required.
4. In the last general election, 37,268 votes were cast for the office of Circuit Clerk.
5. Therefore, the total number of legal signatures needed for an initiative petition is 5,590.
6. Filed along with the petition was a letter from Attorney Clinton Lancaster, explaining that a mistake had been made by certain canvassers who were confused when they listed their address in their canvasser verification statements.
7. The letter included affidavits from eighteen individuals that were all identical, and all stated that they were actually residents of 820 Bill Dean Dr., Conway, Arkansas 72032, a Hilton Home2Suites hotel address.
8. Upon conferring with counsel, Mrs. Cain proceeded to count signatures without counting signatures collected by non-resident canvassers.
9. The count resulted in 3,875 signatures counted as legally valid signatures.
10. A facial count of the signatures collected by non-resident canvassers resulted in approximately 2,372 signatures, although those signatures have not been "counted" and verified, and there are likely some signatures in that number that cannot be legally counted due to the requirements in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-126.
11. Approximately 128 signatures were collected prior to June 18, the date on which Mr. Lancaster provided his attorney certification as required under Ark. Code Ann. 14-14-915(a)(3), and as a result, those signatures were not legally counted and verified.
12. Finally, included with the petition was approximately 10-20 pages that only contained the signatures of individuals who claimed to be qualified electors in White County, Arkansas, and as a result, the signatures were not legally counted and verified.

Further affiant sayeth not.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, Doug Curtis, do hereby state, under oath, that the facts and information set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Doug Curtis
Saline County Clerk

State of Arkansas)
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County of Saline)

On this 27th day of August, 2024, personally appeared Doug Curtis, known well to me or satisfactorily proved by identification documents to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes contained therein, and that I personally witnessed their signature.

Notary: Vicki L. Hopkins

My Commission Expires: 12-31-2024

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