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Mr. John Fillmore
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Re: Final Determination of Patriot Party of Az Statewide Political Party Status

Dear Mr. Fillmore:

The Secretary of State's Office has completed its final review in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-803(H) and issues the following findings:

- The Secretary of State's Office rejected 90 petition signatures pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-803(B).
- The Secretary of State's Office determined the remaining petition sheets contained 37,227 eligible signatures pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-803(B)(5).
- The Secretary of State's Office conducted a 20% random sample of eligible signatures on **October 30, 2023**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-803(C) and selected 7,446 total signatures for County Recorder verification.
- To qualify for the ballot, the County Recorders were required to validate at least 6825 total signatures, with at least a 91.67% validity rate.
- The County Recorders validated 6,386 signatures and disqualified 1,060 signatures, resulting in a 14.24% signature invalid failure rate with a validity rate of 85.76%
- The County Recorders certified the following results from the random sample pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-803(F):

<i>County</i>	<i>Number of Signatures Sampled</i>	<i>Number of Qualified Petition Signers</i>	<i>Number of Unqualified Petition Signers</i>
Apache	22	18	4
Cochise	24	21	3
Coconino	28	26	2
Gila	37	35	2
Graham	10	9	1
Greenlee	1	1	0
LaPaz	4	3	1
Maricopa	5276	4453	823
Mohave	246	212	34
Navajo	49	43	6
Pima	346	312	34
Pinal	359	309	50
Santa Cruz	5	4	1
Yavapai	1019	921	98
Yuma	20	20	0

- Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-803(H), the estimated total number of valid signatures is **31,018**, which fails to exceed the **34,127** minimum signatures required.
- The **Patriot Party of Az** fails to meet the minimum signature requirement and, therefore, **does not qualify** as a new political party for federal, statewide, or legislative recognition under Arizona law in 2024.

Very truly yours,

 Adrian Fontes
 Arizona Secretary of State