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***Group Representing Independents to Picket Polling Sites
on Primary Day in PA and Nationally***

**Protest of Closed Primary System that Excludes
over 1 Million Pennsylvanian Voters**

**“I paid for the primary elections and I can’t vote,” says
Independent Pennsylvanians founder Jenn Bullock**

For immediate release – April 22, 2014 - Members and supporters of Independent Pennsylvanians, a state based association representing the voting rights of unaffiliated voters, will hold informational pickets at poll sites around the state on primary day, May 20, 2014, to dramatize Pennsylvania’s closed primary system -- a state run and taxpayer funded system.

“I am one of over a million voters in PA who will help pay for the cost of holding these very important first round of elections,” said Jenn Bullock, director of Independent Pennsylvanians. “But I am banned from voting. This is because Pennsylvania is a closed primary state, where independents are not permitted to vote.”

Independent Pennsylvanians has lobbied for independent voter rights since 2000. Several bills in the PA legislature have received their backing. In 2013, members testified before President Obama’s Commission on Election Administration and highlighted the voting rights issues faced by residents of the state.

Their informational protests will kick off at the Warwick Hotel polling place at 17th and Locust Streets In Philadelphia from 8:00 am until 10:00 am

Independent Pennsylvanians is an activist network working to strengthen the voice and power of independents