Keep Michigan Wolves Protected: Rules for Gathering Signatures

Be sure to review these instructions thoroughly before signature gathering:

Thank you for volunteering to help protect Michigan’s wolves! Your dedication is crucial to our success. To ensure that your valuable time and effort is not wasted, please familiarize yourself with the following rules for collecting signatures.

- To gather signatures one must be a **qualified Michigander Circulator.**
  
  **To be considered a qualified Michigan Circulator one must:**
  - Be at least 18 years of age
  - Have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days
  - Be a United States citizen

- To sign the petition one must be a **registered Michigan voter.**
  
  **To be considered a registered Michigan voter one must:**
  - Be at least 18 years of age
  - Be registered to vote in Michigan
  - Have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days
  - Be a United States citizen

- Petitions must remain in the physical possession of ONE qualified Michigan circulator. Do not leave your petitions on a counter unattended—you must personally witness each signature you collect. **YOU MAY NOT SHARE A PETITION WITH ANOTHER CIRCULATOR.**

- Pay close attention to the first signature you receive on each petition. If the first signature is printed/signed neatly others will follow suit. Make sure that each signer fills in all of the requested information. **No ditto marks or abbreviations, please!**

- **A petition signer must write their name and address as it appears on their voter registration card.** They must sign where they are registered at that time, even if they’ve just moved from another county and are still registered at an old address.

- **The signer must indicate the city or township** in which they are registered to vote and clearly indicate whether he or she lives in a city or township by checking the correct box.

- **All signatures on a single sheet must be residents of the same county.** (In short, each county must have a separate sheet.) Please write the designated county name in the top middle section of petition sheet.

- The back page must be signed by the circulator before submission. No signature may be added to the petition after it has been signed by the circulator. Signatures dated after the circulator’s signature date will be deemed invalid.

- Each signer must fill in the **date** that he or she signs the petition. Please check that the signer is putting the date and not his or her birth date.

- Have all signers use a blue or black ink pen. **Signatures made in pencil will not count.**
Each person can sign the petition only once. If someone cannot remember if they have signed already, ask them to go ahead and sign, but to be aware that they cannot sign this petition again. It is illegal for anyone to knowingly sign the petition more than once, or to sign for another person.

Never make copies of the blank petition pages. Each petition page is an official legal document. Only originals are acceptable. If you need additional petitions, please contact our office at 517-993-5201 and we will happily send you some right away.

Only fill in specified information fields. Do not write anywhere else on petition sheet, make any unnecessary marks, or cut the petition.

Do not use white out! If there is a mistake, draw a single line through it, but do not black it out completely. Please do not alter, correct, clarify, or obscure any information that a signer writes on a petition, unless the signer initials the changes made.

If you recruit your friends/family to help gather signatures (and we love it when you do!) PLEASE BE SURE THEY ARE QUALIFIED MICHIGAN CIRCULATORS. Also, PLEASE ask that they fill out a volunteer card or sign up at www.keepwolvesprotected.com so we can keep them updated.

Be sure to alert the campaign staff if you need to report any behavior that could be seen as harassment by opponents of voting rights.

Common Reasons for Signatures to Be Deemed Invalid (these signatures are not counted by the Secretary of State):

- Petitions are incomplete or signers failure to sign and date petitions.
- There are signers from more than one county on each petition.
- Signatures are dated after circulator has signed.
- The information is insufficient, illegible, or ambiguous and therefore cannot be verified.
- Petitions are marked up or defaced or have white out on them.
- Signer is not a registered Michigan voter.

Turning Petitions in:

- Make sure to sign and date the certification at the bottom of the petition sheets before sending in the petitions.

- Send the petition pages to us weekly if you have 3 OR MORE SIGNATURES on a page so we can keep an accurate count of how many we have collected. Please send the SIGNATURE SUBMISSION SHEET with every submission. Once we receive your completed petitions, we will send you more blank petition pages.

Mail your petitions every week to:
ALL Petitions MUST be returned by MARCH 20TH
Keep Michigan Wolves Protected
PO Box 81096, Lansing MI 48908
517-993-5201

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