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To: The State Board of Elections

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I respectfully implore you, the members of this Special Committee of Virginia's Electoral Board, to create uniform, statewide voting rules allowing only bona fide residents to vote in local elections. Please allow authentic residents to retain political power in our own communities, rather than giving away that decision-making ability to powerful special interests.

As you are likely aware, Liberty University launched a massive student voter registration last fall. According to local reports, some 3000 students were registered. While I take no issue with these students exercising their right to vote in the Presidential race, (as long as there is no fraud involved), I'm DEEPLY concerned that your (errant) decision on this issue will, in effect, cede overwhelming and undeserved political control of our City to the LU/TRBC "machine". The Falwell family has a long history of misusing tax-exempt institutions for political ends. You don't have to take my word for it, read the following article recently published in ***Church and State***, the monthly magazine from Americans United for Separation of Church and State:

<http://www.au.org/media/church-and-state/archives/2009/07/partisan-power-play.html>

Other examples of politically partisan shenanigans by LU/TRBC can be found by searching the AU website, at:
<http://www.au.org/about/>

Just type "Liberty University" into the search box.

At a recent, (June 25th), meeting of our local AU Chapter, our guest speaker was Dr. Pete Warren, former Lynchburg City Mayor, and recently retired, three-time Chaplain at Lynchburg College. We asked him, at the meeting, if he is concerned about the possibility of LU control of our regional representatives, City Council, School Board, and Planning Commission. His answer was an emphatic, "YES"! When asked what we should do to voice our collective concern, he said, (and I paraphrase): "The entire decision regarding voting rules lies with the Board of Elections. You MUST contact this Board, and express your opinions in no uncertain terms. Only RESIDENTS should be able to vote in local elections"!

So, that's what I'm trying to do: express my deep-felt concern. PLEASE hear me. Please think very carefully about what is at stake with your final decision on this matter. It's your job. Please do what's right.

Respectfully,

Mr. N. J. Kilby, III

Co-Signers:

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