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Concerned Citizens

By Email: pestinaj@gmail.com, eipigh@gmail.com, athiemartin@gmail.com, loftusdurand76@gmail.com

Dear Concerned Citizens,

Re: Registration of Electoral Candidates

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 22, 2021, with the above caption.

I wish to confirm that pursuant to the House of Assembly (Elections) Act, Chapter 2:01, Laws of the Commonwealth of Dominica, all three candidates in the Grand Bay byeelection were validly nominated.

Further, I can find no legal authority that empowers the Commission to investigate a candidate who has been validly nominated prior to a bye-election. The law is quite clear, that where the process has already started, as is the case with the Grand Bay bye-election; any claim against the legitimacy of a candidate has to be brought to the Court by way of petition.

For the record, the Chief Elections Officer was not a witness to the declaration signed by Mr. Vince Henderson, as a candidate for the Grand Bay bye-election.

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan Stowe

Chairman **Electoral Commission**