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## **HARDESTY COMMENT ON APPEAL**

**Lima, OH** - It's obvious Sharetta Smith's campaign is terrified of my candidacy since this is the third time they have tried to remove me from the ballot. Clearly, she and her supporters don't believe that she can win on her own merits. Why should they, with her long history of financial mismanagement, numerous lawsuits and evictions.

It's sad but should be no surprise: they will continue to use this failed strategy much in the same way they have failed in running our city.

I am confident that the court will see through my opponent's continued desperation and that there will be no change to the previous two decisions. Despite their efforts, none of this distracts my campaign as I continue to be overwhelmed by the support I have received from the great people of Lima.

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