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Yinka Faleti Calls on State of Missouri to Decrease COVID-19 Risks by Offering Emergency Vote-By-Mail

(St. Louis, MO)...On March 12, 2020, Yinka Faleti, Democratic Candidate for Missouri Secretary of State, called on the State of Missouri to offer an option for voters to mail in or drop off a hand-marked paper ballot for all elections if the governor declares a state of emergency due to COVID-19 or any other outbreak of infectious disease or natural disaster.

“As anxiety over COVID-19 mounts across the country, I’m concerned that participation in our state’s municipal, primary, and general election may suffer as some Missourians could opt to stay home for concern of infection” said Faleti. “The State of Missouri has an opportunity to show leadership during this challenging time while protecting the sacred right of every eligible Missourian to vote without increasing the risk of contraction for themselves or their communities.”

Twelve states have so far declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19, and 34 states allow no-excuse vote by mail. Currently, Missouri voters do not have the choice of no-excuse vote by mail.

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