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Doug Skaff Files Pre-candidacy Papers to Run for Secretary of State

(Charleston, W.Va.) Doug Skaff Jr., a businessman and former state delegate, today filed pre-candidacy paperwork to explore running for West Virginia Secretary of State in the 2024 Republican primary election.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of this state as a delegate, and I look forward to using my past experiences and leadership style in government and business as Secretary of State," he said. "As Secretary of State, I will protect our freedom and fundamental right to vote. We must maintain Secure, Accessible and Fair Elections (SAFE) for all West Virginians. I will continue and expand on the many reforms implemented by the Secretary of State's Office and the Legislature to instill confidence, accessibility, and integrity in everything the office does."

Further, Skaff said, "Our county clerks and their staffs understand what needs to be done to run elections. As Secretary of State, I will empower them and provide all election officials and poll workers with the resources they need to maintain the efficient and safe elections all West Virginians expect and deserve."

The Secretary of State not only serves as the state's chief election officer but also assists businesses as the chief registrar of corporate filings, oversees charities and serves as the keeper of the state seal.

"As an owner of businesses of all sizes, I know how to share the type of vision that would support and promote economic growth, facilitate business registration, and provide resources for entrepreneurs," Skaff said. "I will run the office as a business, treating all West Virginians as customers and providing them with the most reliable, timely, and effective services they need to be successful."

After graduating in 1995 from South Charleston High School, Skaff went on to earn a bachelor's degree in marketing in 2000 and a master's degree in industrial relations and business management in 2002 from the West Virginia University School of Business. In May 2013, West Virginia State University awarded him an honorary degree in public service.

Skaff began his career working at Owens Corning, first as a district sales manager and then as a human resources generalist who supported and traveled with the company's North American sales team. In 2007, Skaff moved back to West Virginia to oversee business operations for the Owens Corning building material distribution centers.

Currently, Skaff serves as president of HD Media, where he oversees business operations, the multimedia division, and marketing. HD Media owns the Charleston Gazette-Mail, the Huntington Herald-Dispatch and eleven weekly newspapers in West Virginia and Virginia. He also owns various small businesses and enjoys working closely with his father in commercial and residential development across West Virginia.

"I am passionate about serving the people of West Virginia and remain dedicated to upholding West Virginia's hardworking and conservative principles," Skaff said. "I possess the necessary skills and experience to excel in this role."



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