

As if these procedural hurdles were not enough, we also face significant political roadblocks in Florida as well. Many of the Florida politicians who you would expect to be on our side, like Republican Governor Jeb Bush, have cowered to the politically correct proponents of preferences and refuse to support this important initiative.

In fact, after I met with Governor Bush earlier this year, he told the press that preferences were not a problem in Florida. This was an amazing statement considering that the spokesman of the Florida Board of Regents was quoted as saying that: "There are race-conscious policies in the state university system and it's something we're proud of."

Maybe some of the Florida politicians have gotten so used to institutionalized discrimination that they no longer see anything wrong with it. Plus, they seem to not be in touch with the 83% of Florida voters who support our initiative.

Notwithstanding the shortsightedness of some, there are others, like Congressman Charles Canady, who remain stalwart allies.

For instance, in a recent letter to me, Congressman Canady said: "The work you are doing now through state initiatives and otherwise will help hasten the day when all Americans are treated as individuals who are equal in the eyes of the law."

Our efforts in Florida require urgent action. Florida's State Supreme Court review can take up to a year, so it is essential to that we get the 44,000 signatures as soon as possible.

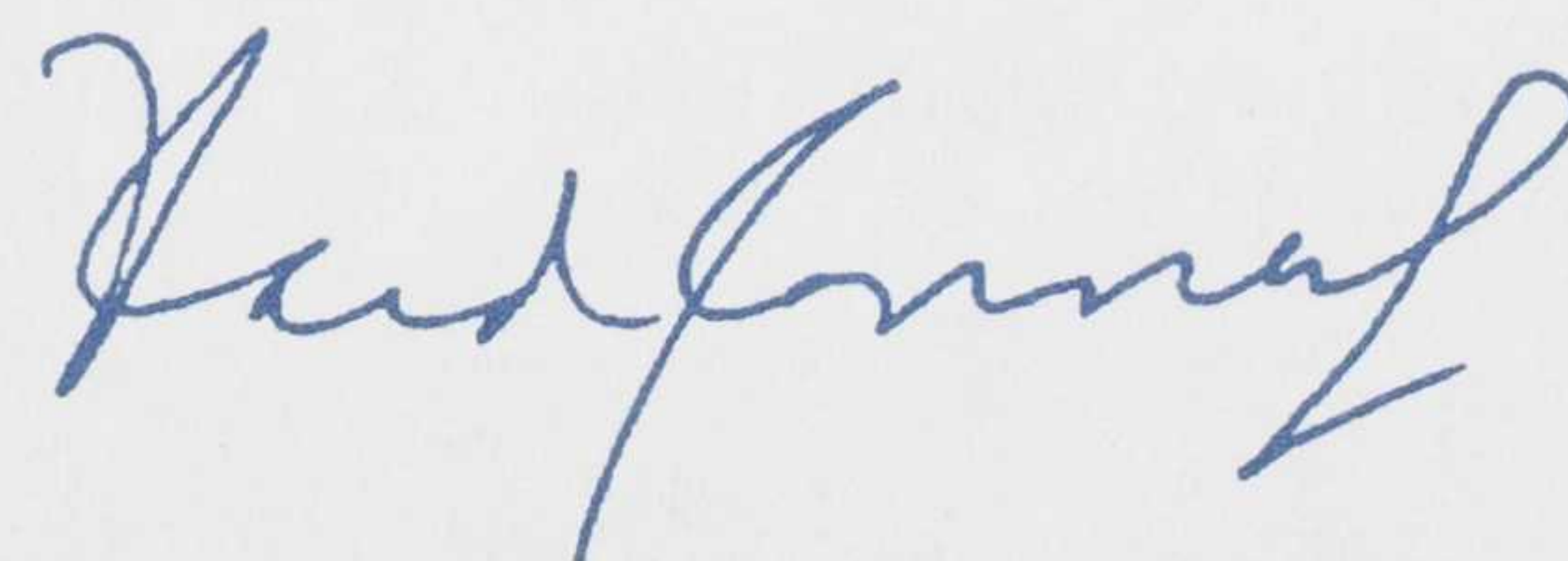
For this reason, I am asking that you continue to stand by me and make a contribution to ACRC.

Your contribution is critical to our ability to strike another blow against racial preferences by quickly gathering the needed signatures.

We have determined that to obtain the 44,000 signatures needed to allow the Florida Supreme Court to begin their review it will cost nearly \$100,000. Although this is a significant sum of money, a generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, or more will go a long way toward meeting this goal.

Together we have made history. Please send your contribution today in order that we can continue our unprecedented successes. Thank you.

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ward Connerly", written in a cursive style.

Ward Connerly
Chairman