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Press Statement

I am very disappointed at the decision of the PEC to reject my application for a certificate of eligibility.

My legal and financial team submitted a very strong case detailing my experience and performance managing five companies which met the shareholders' equity and profitability criteria. I was the most senior executive in each of these companies.

The PEC rejected our argument that my experience in these companies was equivalent to that of a CEO running a single company, and took a very narrow interpretation of the requirements without explaining the rationale behind its decision.

This decision has deprived Singaporeans of a wider choice to select who the next President will be.

It is a setback not just for me but for Singapore.

I am saddened, but I am heartened by the support shown to me by many Singaporeans over the past few weeks and I would like to thank all of them for their support.