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Esteemed members of the Libertarian National Committee:

The ongoing situation in New Hampshire has captured much attention lately. Regrettably, both action and inaction on the part of the parties involved, to include the LNC and its Executive Committee, have forced many to divert time and attention away from our important work in Ohio once more to face down a situation we should have never encountered on the national stage.

We all rely on the faithful, full, and neutral application of due process and procedure afforded by our governing documents at every level. Already, actions taken in the name of the Committee by some individuals and subordinate entities have flown in the face of this foundational need. The Bylaws are clear on the proper procedure and options available in the case the Committee take umbrage with an Affiliate or its agents' behavior. The Party is to promote the growth and activity of the Affiliates. Above all, none of this procedural, technical, and administrative jiggery-pokery has been demonstrative of good faith toward the Affiliate Parties, jointly, severally, or otherwise.

We empathize deeply with the challenges faced and frustrations experienced by our colleagues from New Hampshire, as do many of our peers throughout the country. To be sure, extremes of behavior from all those involved have reached truly shocking levels. However, the choice to deliberately set alight a dispute over the proper status of an Affiliate is an incredibly grave one. When the Party is willfully thrust into this position by its own officers, their act of having done so is utterly inexcusable.

It remains incumbent per the Bylaws upon the *entire* LNC to dispose of claims to affiliation. It is deeply distasteful to willfully force the hand of the National Committee in this way, but it is a far greater offense to try and circumvent this authority. The Affiliate in New Hampshire has already taken steps to investigate and hold to account those within their organization who took such subversive actions. It is time for the LNC to do the same.

The mandate in the bylaws for the Party to support its Affiliates is clear. The power of administrative decisions to grant and revoke access to the data which is the lifeblood of an Affiliate's operations cannot be understated. The decisions to remove this and other support, to include clear acknowledgement of the established Affiliate, even and especially in the face of conflict is absolutely absurd. To provide the whole of the most critical digital assets for a modern organization comes with a significant responsibility to

behave cautiously and conservatively with both the tools and their data. Until and unless the appropriate actions per the rules are taken by the entirety of the LNC, its agents and subordinates exercise no authority to arbitrarily cease support toward, let alone redirect it away from, a recognized Affiliate. There are no recognized mechanisms of cause provided for staff to act unilaterally per the Policy Manual in this respect.

Beyond the harm to the New Hampshire Affiliate as is presently recognized due to the action to eliminate critical support assets, the entire credibility of the LNC's affiliate support efforts are thrown into question without prompt action. These digital projects have been overwhelmingly funded by members and continue to be prioritized based on the specific directed generosity of members and the Affiliates themselves. The Committee ought not expect, nor should the membership afford, the trust and goodwill for such activities to continue without swift action to correct the overreaches which have stripped a duly recognized Affiliate of the ability to fulfill its purpose.

The extreme damage being caused by those elected, appointed, hired, or otherwise operating under the auspices of the LNC's authority must be stopped, and it is solely the power of the Committee itself to do so. Censure and reprimand should be seen as the ethical and moral minimum consequence for anyone demonstrating complicity, as should further action be taken against those who have acted capriciously.

For the LNC or its agents to openly play kingmaker within a state to control the viability of Affiliates is reprehensible. We stand on the edge of a potential violation of trust and faith in the LNC, the magnitude of which cannot be overstated, should the Committee fail to correct course, apply the rules as written, and work strictly within the frameworks that have been established. I strongly urge the entirety of the body to use all available means to correct the wrongs, mitigate the damage, hold to account those responsible, and thereby return order to our party so that we all may return to the eternally demanding work of liberty posthaste.

Sincerely,

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