Libertarian Party of New Hampshire



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Dear esteemed members of the LNC,

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is writing to you today in regards to financial help with ballot access. Like many other states, we are in the middle of obtaining the required signatures to make sure our candidates will make the ballot in this upcoming election. As if this effort isn't a daunting enough task in and of itself, we have other forces working against us here in New Hampshire. There is a certain member who has considerable out-of-state support who is running "libertarian" candidates in direct opposition to our endorsed candidates in ballot-access races. One can only surmise that this blatant attempt to split our vote is to thwart our chances for obtaining ballot access for the upcoming presidential election cycle. This is something that we would expect from other parties, and to see it occurring within our own party is very disheartening.

The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is seeking to obtain 5000 signatures, 2500 from each congressional district. We have had the odds stacked against us from the very beginning of this task, since the congressional districts were being reworked. We had no idea how to focus our efforts to maximize our petitioning efforts, but we moved forward regardless of this hurdle. Fortunately, the district map has now been cemented, and we now know where the districts are. The party and campaigns have been organizing volunteer petitioning drives every weekend to obtain the required signatures. In addition we have utilized paid petitioners to help reach our goals. We currently have 1350 signatures in CD1 and 844 in CD2, for a total close to 2200 signatures. LPNH has just authorized the hiring of petitioners to obtain 1700 more signatures, as well as scheduling and running volunteer petition drives every week to meet our goals. It is our hope that we will soon be at the 4000 mark between all efforts. We are seeking the sum of \$5000 to help obtain the remaining 1000 signatures. This will help solidify our ballot access and allow us to redirect our efforts towards campaigning. We will need more time and effort to not only promote our candidates, but also deal with the undermining from bad actors. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts in all of these endeavors. Thank you for considering our request.

In Liberty,

Nolan Pelletier, Chair LPNH