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Request Motion to Suspend LNC Chair Joe-Bishop Henchman

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TO: Joshua Smith, Caryn-Ann Harlos

CC: LPNH EC, Tucker Boburn, Rich Bowen

RE: Request to Make the Motion to Suspend LNC Chair,

Hi Joshua and Caryn-Ann,

Please see below (and attached) my formal letter to the LNC related to the recent “coup” here in New Hampshire. Please share my letter with whomever on the EC you wish. I have already made it a matter of public record.

Additionally, working in my capacity as At Large member of the Executive Committee for the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire (LPNH), I would like to **formally request** one of you make the following motion (or a revised one at your discretion) at your next LNC EC meeting:

I motion to suspend the Chair, Joe-Bishop Henchman, for reasons pertaining to malfeasance, executive overreach, and abuse of power germane to his office.

Following last night’s LNC meeting, the vast majority of LPNH members believe at this time that JBH did knowingly abuse his power for the purposes (intended or otherwise) of aiding and abetting theft of LPNH assets and staging a “coup” in our party—which was a flagrant breach of our bylaws, decorum, and due process (as well as a breach of LNC bylaws). His “letter” to Jillette effectively worked to involve himself in state party business and was explicitly used as a tool (in effect a “blank check” or a “permission slip”) for subjugating due process and LPNH bylaws.

This cannot stand. Please put forth this motion to effect justice and restore order to our party.

In Liberty,

Sean Dempsey, At Large LPNH

Lifetime Member, LPNH

Lifetime Member, LP National

P.S. Feel free to forward this email to the public list reflector.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Dempsey <sean@seandempsey.com>

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:02 AM

To: tucker.coburn@lp.org; Rich.bowen@lp.org; info@lp.org

Cc: carynannharlos@gmail.com; Chair@lp.org

Subject: Righteous Appeal from a LPNH Member here in NH

6/16/2021

Tucker and Rick,

Please forward this email to the public list to be made a matter of record - my letter to the LNC about last night's vote, speaking as a member of LPNH:

Members of the LNC,

I am a Lifetime member of the Libertarian Party. I live in NH (having moved here for the Free State Project) and am also a Lifetime member of the LPNH. I believe in freedom and justice and equity with every fiber of my being.

I am woefully dismayed and hurt by the lack of action last night by the LNC EC to restore owned assets back to the duly-elected LPNH executive committee.

The vote that transpired has recorded everyone who voted "nay" effectively vote to encourage and support THEFT of state party property! I was beyond confused and betrayed to see this happen before my eyes by people whom call themselves Libertarian.

I have emailed before in my capacity as an executive committee member of the LPNH. I am emailing again and I wish to again urge all of you to immediately restore assets (website access, member list data, email addresses etc.) back to the duly-elected LPNH executive committee.

Physical and non-tangible assets such as the bank account, the website, items in storage, etc belong to the LPNH. They are their rightful property. This is not even in dispute, which is what makes last night's vote so mind-boggling!

It is naked theft to withhold those items (which are currently in LNC control) such as the website and its member list data from their rightful and duly-elected owners/stewards.

Ms. Jarvis has admitted herself the new entity she created makes NO claim to the LPNH assets such as the bank account etc. Withholding its member list (via the website) is, too, an asset of the organization. It is no different. In fact it is far more valuable than the items in the LPNH's bank account.

Preventing the LPNH from being able to receive monies online (as has been done), is severely impacting the organization's ability to function, grow, and even exist.

Porcfest, the biggest libertarian event in the United States, is just around the corner and is being held here in NH. If the LPNH does not constructively have the ability to fundraise and receive new members during this event—an event which draws thousands of people from around the world—due to its website being illegally held hostage by the LNC and not in our control, then the liberty movement is severely hampered.

In short, your actions (through inaction and your vote last night) are cutting off our organization's ability to function. The Liberty movement is constructively impeded. The fire of the freedom movement is dwindled by these actions (inaction).

Why would you wish this upon us??

If you wish to vote on a future LNC motion to disassociate the LPNH for cause — while I would strongly disagree with such a motion — this is your right. But it is NOT your right to withhold state party assets from the state party. That is theft. That is immoral. That is anti-libertarian. That is WRONG.

Please do not conflate disassociation with return of owned assets. These are two separate issues and must be seen as such.

More so -

I believe that the actions of Ms. Jarvis (the suspended chair of LPNH) were outrageous.

Without the immediate action of the LNC to restore assets back to the duly-elected LPNH executive committee, this is likely to devolve into a drawn out and ugly legal battle, draining critical resources from the both the LPNH and the LNC that could be FAR FAR FAR better used in the fight the state—to fight for liberty and libertarian candidates!!

RE JBH:

Additionally, I would urge you all to immediately remove the LP Chair, Mr. Henchman. His actions in this matter have been beyond despicable and he has lost the confidence of thousands (if not tens of thousands) of Libertarians. He has assisted in willful malfeasance.

Please open an immediate investigation into his actions and his involvement in this situation.

This confidence can not be restored. His recent letter disparaging those in NH who were recently elected to the NH executive committee and other LPNH members is unforgivable.

We have been spending countless hours in NH building up the LP and working to fight for liberty. The libertarians involved in the LPNH are some of the most principled libertarians in the world.

Messaging:

A legitimate argument could be made as to whether the messaging from the LPNH is strategically the best approach. And I have mixed feelings about this topic and could be persuaded either way. However, to label the LPNH organization (as a whole) as not libertarian or as bigoted is completely inaccurate, exaggerated, and false. The LPNH Twitter account is not on trial here by the LNC; the entire organization is through discussion of disaffiliation. Please do not conflate the two.

I condemn bigotry as repugnant and evil.

But I also condemn THEFT of property as repugnant and evil.

I also condemn malfeasance as morally wrong; this current situation in the LPNH is a situation of the LNC's ****own making****—via the actions (i.e letters and written support for Jilletta's "coup") by JBH. He cannot "stay neutral" while willfully aiding and supporting one "side" of the situation. That, too, is outrageous and morally and legally dubious. The fact he cast a vote last night is ridiculous, as any ethical person would have recused themselves and/or voted to abstain.

Lastly -

It is obvious to me that these controversial twitter posts are the main motivation for moving to remove the duly elected LPNH executive committee (none of whom actually created said posts).

At all times during her tenure as active Chair of the LPNH, Ms. Jarvis was ultimately responsible to ensure that (a) proper procedure was followed for all votes (such as the vote to expel Jackie Perry from the party due to a NAP violation), as well as (b) her role to ensure the Twitter and other social media accounts were managed well (as she held the keys for both). And (c) it was also in her realm of responsibilities as chair to renew the party as a legal entity with the NH state. She told no one on the EC about this need—all of whom were new to the EC and unfamiliar with this logistical requirement. The EC minutes for April, May, and June prove there was no discussion of this topic at any time. And all members of the LPNH EC will attest, under oath, there was never such a request by Ms Jarvis to the Treasurer to perform this function. This assertion by Ms Jarvis (while ultimately irrelevant) is a boldfaced lie.

It is therefore inexcusable for Ms Jarvis to use any of the above excuses as the reason for abandoning her duties and/or creating her own separate entity.

The actions in recent days from the suspended LPNH chair and current LP national chair have been a slap in the face. And an abuse of power. It is sickening to those who strive to fight abuses of power—not to see it happen by allies of liberty.

Libertarians across the country are seeing how great libertarians are being treated and they are outraged. If the LNC does not act immediately and decisively to right this wrong, the Libertarian Party will be damaged for years to come.

Members of the LNC, you cannot allow the action of the suspended LPNH chair to stand. To allow a chair to unilaterally steal member data, steal party property, create new bylaws (increasing her own tenure in said organization from 1 year to 4 years—a naked power play), and require all current LP members to swear an oath of allegiance to these new bylaws, without vote or proper process, is outrageous.

What good are rules, principles, and bylaws if a chair can unilaterally disband them at any time?

Think of the chaos this is going to create in the other Libertarian Party affiliates throughout the country if the LNC fails to correct this injustice. Without your immediate action, confidence will be lost in not only the former LPNH chair and national LP chair, but the entirety of the LNC.

Please choose your path wisely. This is a pivotal moment for LP National to do the right thing and be on the side of justice, logic, and equity. Please don't let the wrongful and despicable actions of your chair color your own actions.

Cordially and respectfully,

Sean Dempsey

Lifetime Member, LPNH

Lifetime Member, LP National



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