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Fwd: Please give Massachusetts so grace as it finds itself.

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Thank you for what appears to be an amicus brief suggesting that the JC let the April MA Convention decide this issue. Please be aware that all such briefs are shared with all interested parties, which include the petitioners. Although the LNC was not specifically listed as an interested party, I include them as well since the petition asks for the JC to overturn an LNC ruling.

I don't know where other JC members stand at the moment, but I can tell you the question that arises in my mind in reading your brief. How can any decision that the convention makes be legitimate after so many members (46, according to the petitioners) have been "purged" and cannot vote? Normally, I would ask this question in the hearing for the petitioners. However, you have asked that the JC not consider this appeal in favor of the upcoming convention, so I feel the need to have an answer on this question from you ASAP. The petitioners claim not to have had due process as well, which is required by the MA bylaws.

Please explain how you feel that any convention decisions can be legitimate without the purged members getting a vote and what, if any, due process was used to purge them. If I have misunderstood or misrepresented the situation, please set me straight.

Thanks!

From: Tara DeSisto <tara.desisto@gmail.com>
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Subject: Please give Massachusetts so grace as it finds itself.

Good Morning Dr. Ruwart and other members of the Judicial Committee,

Thank you for reaching out to us. It is more than either our Regional Representative or our Regional Alternate have done since this group emerged, however those representatives have been extremely forthcoming in representing this rogue group.

We have materials that we have gathered documenting our process, harassment from factions in the lead up to the Chair's decision and in the aftermath. Derek, our Secretary has a perspective that is very important, unfortunately he had a family death that has taken his focus for the next few days. However we as a State Committee continue to believe that this is a state issue and will be resolved internally at our April 23 convention where the full body will have had an opportunity to weigh in. There are many opinions on this subject, as one would expect from Libertarians, but we know that many long time members of the party have been supported and insisted that everyone have a chance to speak on April 23 on the topic of: should these individuals have been expelled and what is a proper response from the body. I find it difficult to believe that individuals who joined the party the day of, and signed the petition the same day would be legitimate sources of information on who runs the state party, but you will for sure see some of that at play here.

It has been a tough year for LAMA, yet we elected a City Councillor and held two offices in town affairs. LAMA is the same organization that helped Dan Fishman for State Auditor earn Ballot Access in 2018 for 2020; received a 45% vote on a referendum to repeal the income tax in 2010; decriminalized marijuana that same year passed in our state with heavy Libertarian influence; We brought casinos into the state; Supported gay marriage on the front lines at City Hall in Cambridge in 2004 before the Supreme Court found it constitutional and before all other states with the exception of Vermont. There is history for our state party that is relevant, and no doubt the details of this episode will be well documented in them. We urge the JC to continue to respect the body that elected the last state committee who are patiently waiting to participate in a resolution.

Yesterday, per our bylaws, 2 weeks prior to convention, we sent a large mailing across the state to all dues paying members to identify changes to the constitution submitted by individuals outside the state committee as well as our Acting Chair Michael Burns, that would build a stronger fabric for Libertarians across the Commonwealth. We have sent several mailings to those members over the last 5 months in the lead up to this convention. The April 23rd Convention in Framingham is a date and location our members have known about; some of who may have no other knowledge of this group who have self identified as the new state affiliate. Many of our members are scholars and subject matter experts who do not find themselves on facebook chats often or at all. The State Committee members have one collective interest in mind, to pull the body together for the state convention as membership expected when they elected them for a peaceful transition into the new term. I say this, as an individual myself who gives more than is asked to this organization financially and through my time, **please support limited governance on this issue and give people on the ground affected the opportunity to figure this out.**

I would also say that I have personally reached out to several of those expelled who I had no prior relationship with to offer to make a motion of reinstatement of them as an individual. This rogue group is committed to an all or nothing strategy of reaffiliation and insistence of take over of the state committee. They can do that, however they will need to wait for the body to allow for that at our regular convention (which is a bylaw specific term in Mass) on April 23, to determine if they will get their desired outcome. As it stands, January 10th there was a ruling of the chair and that ruling was sustained by the elected committee members. It is worth mentioning that I was not present for that vote. Of the petitions that were submitted to you, how many came from Massachusetts? The process of opening the documents proved too cumbersome for my computer. I have also heard rumors that they are using businesses such as Crowds on Demand as recommended by Angela McArdle to increase turnouts for things such as petitions and hostile takeovers of conventions so I would ask that the committee spend some time vetting the membership of these petitioners against the national database before taking them into consideration.

Finally, Members of this rogue group have been threatening and harrassing to several members of LAMA for many months through email, spam texts, social media, and other means over the internet. They have brought on a "parliamentarian" by the name of Caryn Ann Harlos who continues to make podcasts from Colorado about Massachusetts and specifically naming and targeting State Committee members here. I wish to not have my personal thoughts or email shared with them as they will use it to continue to abuse members in the lead up to convention. I do not recognize their membership at this time and so will not be including Mr. Cordiero on my response addressees. Once again, I will reiterate that **this decision deserves to be decided by the dues paying members of the Libertarian Association of Massachusetts on April 23. I hope you will be receptive to that Libertarian concept and dismiss this complaint.**

Thank you to each member of the JC for your service to the national party.

Be Well and Be Free,

Tara DeSisto

Libertarian Association of Massachusetts

State Committee Member

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