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Dear fellow Libertarian,

I have never written a letter such as this, but never have circumstances required it.

I am a delegate to the upcoming convention. I serve on the Libertarian Party's Platform Committee, am on the board of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, have been an officer with my local affiliate for 10 years, have assisted in numerous campaigns, and have donated money. I'm very much involved with the party and care about its future.

When you and I joined the Libertarian Party we proudly signed this statement:

"I certify that I oppose the initiation of force to achieve political or social goals."

Regretfully, there are a few who sign this oath and do not honor it. One of those few is a man running for Chair of our party: George Phillies.

Last year, George Phillies secretly filed a criminal complaint against the Libertarian National Committee, using as his weapon laws that Libertarians adamantly oppose – Federal Election Campaign Laws. That's right! – McCain-Feingold.

The authorship of the complaint remained secret until the FEC completed an investigation and dismissed the matter. It is now part of the public record and I provide it here as an attachment. I encourage you to view the entire file at www.fec.gov.

Prior to the complaint, George Phillies had Rachel Hawkrige, his ally on the LNC, demand and receive copies of party bank statements (which support the accuracy of the party's FEC filings). She was also presented with a letter for public dissemination from our outside auditors stating they found no errors with the party's FEC filings.

It was AFTER this evidence was presented showing there was not a problem that Phillies proceeded to file his criminal complaint with the FEC.

George Phillies begins his letter by emphasizing: *"This is a criminal complaint."*

He proceeds to defend the morality of McCain-Feingold by stating Americans are entitled to know the identity of campaign contributors. Later, he suggests the government use the so-called Bank Secrecy Act of 1970 to spy into the party's financial affairs.

Our party was required to expend resources to reply to the FEC complaint and the Treasurer was personally required to engage legal counsel in the event the Federal Government was going to use its unlimited resources to conduct a criminal prosecution against him. Until the government cleared him and the party of any wrong doing our Treasurer, Aaron Starr, was advised not to speak publicly on the matter.

Mr. Starr is a Certified Public Accountant and serves our party as a volunteer. He has dedicated 30 years of his life supporting the party as a candidate, successful campaign manager, county chairman, state chairman and now an officer of the national party.

Had Mr. Starr been found guilty of violating a provision of the onerous, complex and morally repugnant Federal Election Campaign law, not only would he be subjected to a prison sentence, but also the loss of his CPA certification and thus his future livelihood as an accountant. Thankfully, the FEC concluded the complaint had no merit.

The FEC will often use criminal complaints as an opportunity to go on fishing expeditions. Such an outcome would have caused our party to expend a great deal of time and expense simply to comply with FEC requests for information.

Phillies' act of invoking the force of the FEC upon our party to serve his personal political ambitions put our party at risk!

George Phillies does not deserve to become Chair after such an egregious and willful violation of our membership oath. I ask your help in solidly rejecting George Phillies in his bid to become Chairman of our party at the Convention in St. Louis.

One more matter deserves your attention. George Phillies in his pursuit of power has hand-selected a slate to run with him for the National Committee:

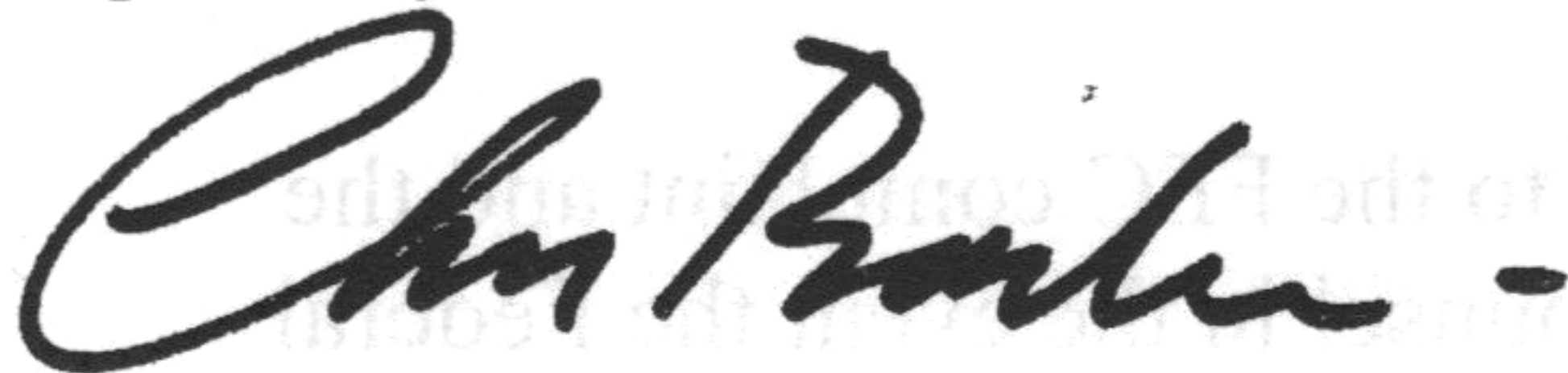
Carolyn Marbry – Vice Chair
James Oaksun – Treasurer
Rob Power – Secretary
Charles Wilhoit – At Large
Thomas Hill – At Large
Jim Remmert – Regional Representative
Rachel Hawkridge – Regional Representative
Jake Porter – Regional Representative
Scott Williamson – Regional Representative
Brad Ploeger – Regional Alternate

Hopefully, George Phillies simply kept these folks in the dark about his invoking un-libertarian laws against us. I hope they are not a party to this. Please join me in demanding they condemn George Phillies for this act in violation of our core principles.

Please bring this letter with you to the convention to know who to speak with.

If they offer even the slightest defense for his heinous act, be sure to keep this in mind when it comes time to cast votes for members of the Libertarian National Committee.

Regretfully,



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