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Fwd: Letter from Bill Gelineau

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Has the time come to burn it all down?

Libertarians know that public policy isn't easy. But, when driven by principles, WE know that the right answer cannot be found without asking the right questions. We know this to be true intuitively. We have high standards rooted in principle *and* we should hold ourselves and our PARTY to a high standard, too.

Unless you're plugged into the moving parts of the Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee, the other group insinuating themselves into the LPM, or the National Party, you don't have the details to understand what is happening in our party currently.

WELL, you are not alone. This motivates me to ask for your help today.

The Caucus (whose name I won't allow to soil the name of the learned economist they supposedly revere) and their minions have done something of a true shame. Were you in Holland? After a year of controversy, the LPM met in Holland and nominated many candidates. We had a GREAT turnout.

Many of you helped put our DELEGATE system in place, a system that protects affiliates around the state from having ANY region dominate a convention. And all parts of our state were well represented in Holland.

While there were certainly disagreements in Holland, nominating Mary Buzuma as our candidate for Governor in 2022 certainly wasn't one of them. In FACT, Mary was nominated by acclamation. It's likely you were there and joined in this vote. If you're like me, you also voted for Mary in November. Win, lose, or draw, we all owe Mary thanks for her sacrifice of time and energy.

The Caucus – whose allies at the National LP decided Mary’s efforts were not endorsed – would substitute their judgment for your decision. Our founders are rolling in their graves. When did we become a ‘top-down’ institution controlled by the LNC?

If you don’t know, Mary Buzuma and other individuals on the board, those that you elected at the convention in Lansing on April 1st, 2023 are being sued – PERSONALLY – for misuse of Libertarian symbols. Can you imagine? A duly nominated candidate for Governor and your elected board are being told by National that they can’t use the symbols of the Party!! Makes you wonder who they were supporting.

Don’t let this outrage stand. We’re part of the team of people fighting this in court. And while we expect to win, legal battles are never easy. And they’re not free. Honor the great leaders of our history: James Hudler, Brian Wright, Barb Goushaw, Bill Hall, Ben Bachrach, Tim O’Brien, Emily Salvette, and many others – who have stood in the gap again and again. Support your board members that continue to do the work that they were elected by you to do.

Our legal team requires \$10,000 to ensure that Mary and the others are protected from this unprecedented attack on our members in this current phase of the fight. While we may not agree on everything, we agree that YOUR CHOICE must be honored. The legal team is on track to correct this wrong.

Many of us in leadership have pledged to match funds to ensure Mary and the others are not abandoned. A small group of party activists have pledged to match \$5000 from our fundraising team. **What can you pledge toward the \$5000 goal?**

Remember to ask the right question. Why have the National LP and the Caucus invested so much to stop the Michigan Executive Committee? Because they know that their entire success is based on breaking our will. NOW – as much as at any time over the past 50 years – **we need you to stand with us**. You can go here and help us reach our goal: michiganlp.net/donate/donatelpmid

Bill Gelineau, former Chairman (2003, 2016)

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Wow this is a lie. No one said anything about her actions not being endorsed or for merely "using symbols." I will save this for future evidence.

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