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To the Members of the Judicial Committee:

I would like to submit my concerns regarding the appeal presented to you by Andrew Chadderdon.

The technical reasons to deny this appeal were presented in a more formal document, signed by many new and long-term members, including myself.

This letter to you is not technical, but is from the heart. I am asking you to consider the view of a long time member and elected official who wants the party to succeed.

To start with, the kind of issues presented by Andrew are always interpretation based. Different lawyers and members have already expressed different opinions. I read Andrew's document and could be convinced, and then I read the opposing argument and I am convinced.

However, I come back to this: Regardless if he thinks he's technically right, why does Andrew want to be chair when the people have spoken? Doesn't he want what's right for the party? Leadership will not be effective if a committee overrules the will of the people.

Andrew told me that this was not about "power" but that his primary concerns were the vote of no-confidence as a mark on his record, and the fact that he feels the bylaws were violated.

If this is true, Andrew should be willing to offer a compromise to somehow reverse the vote of no confidence and fix the bylaws. But please forget about reversing all the elections and decisions that were made by the members. That's ludicrous.

Andrew is well aware that there has been precedent for the district rep elections and other business to be conducted during the convention. He never had an issue before.

As far as his technical challenges regarding notice, I was appalled to see that one of the Judicial Committee members denied an officer's request to give the membership notice.

Last but not least, no matter how carefully we rewrite our bylaws, another situation will come up which we never considered. In my real estate business, just when I rewrite my policies, another issue comes up in the very next deal. It's called life, and you have to be flexible in life.

In summary, please do not further damage and divide the party by granting Andrew's appeal and reversing the will of the members. Respect the votes that were cast by delegates at the convention.

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Elected Libertarian!