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Statement of the Libertarian National Committee Regarding the Libertarian Party of Delaware

The Libertarian National Committee ("LNC") has received notice that on November 6, 2017, a political committee filed a Statement of Organization with the Delaware Commissioner of Elections under the name "The Libertarian Party of Delaware Inc.". The Commissioner of Elections apparently accepted this filing even though another political committee was already established and actively operating under the name "Libertarian Party of Delaware", pursuant to a Statement of Organization filed on December 5, 2005.

As the governing body of the Libertarian Party, the LNC hereby affirms that it recognizes the "Libertarian Party of Delaware", which was established pursuant to the December 5, 2005 Statement of Organization, as the Libertarian Party state affiliate for the state of Delaware ("LPDE"). The LNC does not recognize and is not affiliated with the entity calling itself "The Libertarian Party of Delaware Inc.", or any other statewide political committee in Delaware. Further, the LNC recognizes the sole and exclusive authority of LPDE, through its duly elected officers and in accordance with party by-laws and applicable state law, to recognize and affiliate with county-level political committees.

The Libertarian Party cannot have more than one statewide affiliate in any state, nor can it have more than one county-level affiliate in any county. The LNC has therefore requested that the Commissioner of Elections take prompt action to resolve this matter in accordance with Delaware law. Until such resolution is achieved, the LNC issues this statement in an effort to minimize confusion and provide clarity for voters who may wish to support the Libertarian Party.

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