

As a respondent to the appeal submitted by Andrew Chadderton to the Judicial Committee on November 18, 2022, I want to be clear about a few things. First, I fundamentally disagree with the claims Andrew sets forth in his appeal. I believe that both the officer elections and the motion of no confidence were in order and the results at the convention are valid. While I recognize that Andrew was attempting to bring order to the chaos generated by the sudden resignation of several officers on the Executive Committee including the Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, his seeming unwillingness to work with his colleagues to address the crisis and find ways to move forward was detrimental to any such efforts. Second, I believe that this appeal once again displays a gross misinterpretation and disregard for the will of his fellows, convention delegates, and members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. Members want a party and an Executive Committee that is functional, responsive, and focused on getting candidates on the ballot, elected, and moving the needle toward liberty. I like Andrew and believe he is a principled libertarian. In the nearly 3 years that I have known him, he has been an active participant in the county and state affiliates. He is a proven organizer and an enthusiastic supporter of direct and participatory action. Yet, with this appeal, as he did in the lead-up to the convention, he has also shown himself to be uninterested in consensual cooperation and dismissive of his colleague's concerns, and members' desire to have a functional party. Since the convention, he has retreated instead of supporting campaigns and candidate efforts or working with others to correct the deficiencies in the bylaws that sparked the crisis. Many of us continued the work and worked to build bridges. With this appeal, Andrew will only remind members of the divisions present in the lead-up to the resignations in June and destabilize the party. We need to learn to work through our issues, work with each other, and fight the illiberal state. We need leaders focused on the present and the future, and not the past. There is still work to be done and I look forward to doing it with Andrew and every member committed to the effort. I ask that you reject the appeal and uphold the will of the delegates.

Sincerely,  
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