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From: **Libertarian Party of Michigan** <info@michiganlp.org>

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**LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN**
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Members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan,

Upon sending the communication regarding Party goals for the upcoming months last week, we had hoped all of us could enjoy the holiday with our families uninterrupted by further Party business. As many of you no doubt noticed, that was not the case.

The email correspondence concerning petitions and motions for special conventions recently sent to some members was not authorized by the Libertarian Party of Michigan. The messages were sent via an address list drawn from our secure database contrary to the terms of active non-disclosure agreements. Not only is this a breach of contract, but also a breach of members' trust in the Party to secure their information. The responsible parties' access to our data management systems was duly revoked. Additional training and processes are under consideration to ensure that such a breach is never repeated.

None of this is to say that our members may not call a special convention; far from it. We have a right to call special conventions per our Bylaws, and that is not in dispute. With that said, please be aware of the following information which the offending parties may not have shared with you:

Our Bylaws and parliamentary procedure provide alternate means to fill current vacancies on the LEC without expending the time and resources to hold a convention (which must occur in-person). Our bylaws do not use the terms "meeting" and "convention" interchangeably, thus online conventions are not permissible. This reflects a change which was implemented by our membership during our 2021 convention.

Please consider the goals and purpose of our organization:

"The purpose of this organization is to further the principles of individual liberty as expressed in the Statement of Principles of the National Libertarian Party by nominating and working to elect candidates for political office and by entering into political information activities and affiliating with the National Libertarian Party."

To call for the diversion of limited human resources to plan a special convention will all but remove the possibility to actively support any candidate hoping to run in a spring local election. It will furthermore divert these resources away from thoroughly planning the regular 2023 convention, which will occur within months regardless of any special convention. The last regular convention (in 2021) raised approximately \$10,000 for the Party, largely due to the level of effort put into its planning. That funding enabled far greater expenditure in support of our candidates in this year's campaign season than any other in memory. All Party offices are up for election during the regular convention, which will put an end to any and all questions regarding leadership of our Party regardless of any actions taken in the coming few months.

The Judicial Committee Chair has issued a concurring opinion as an addendum to the recent JC decision, which addresses (and refutes) several claims presented in the petitions distributed. This is available [here](#).

It is for these reasons that I encourage any concerned members to contact myself or other Party leaders with any questions, concerns, or requests prior to signing a petition for a special convention. I believe that a satisfactory interim solution to fill vacant offices may be reached without the expenditure of so many resources, and will greatly benefit all of us. Regardless of your decision, I will continue to stand by our Party's Bylaws, and execute the role to which you elected me to the utmost of my ability throughout my term.

In Liberty,

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