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Libertarian National Committee  
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Re: ***Open LNC at-large position***

To the committee:

I am interested in joining the Libertarian National Committee as an at-large member, and I'm sending this in response to the Committee's emailing of October 5<sup>th</sup> detailing Mr. Root's resignation, and the committee's search for a successor. I am willing to commit to attending the meetings at my own expense.

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Your email notice asks for the year I joined the National LP, and honestly I can't say. I first became aware of the LP in college back in 1972 by way of an economics professor named Dominic Armentano, who turned me on to Walter Block ("*Defending the Undefendable*"), and from that start discovered many other writers for the Liberty Movement. I voted for Roger McBride. In the years since, I have contributed often to the National LP, but probably not every year. Many times, I have simply helped out state organizations or specific campaigns, giving what I can when I can.

I was the state chairman of the Ed Clark campaign for Hawaii back in 1980. I ran for state senate in Hawaii and was active with the state party at the time. I have a vague recollection of perhaps serving as an officer with the state party, but that was over thirty years ago, so it's a little hard to recall exactly.

I have at times dropped out from active work with the party to focus on my education, career, or family, but have been a persistent voter and supporter since my vote for Mr. McBride. (Actually, Nixon was the last major party candidate for whom I ever cast a ballot.)

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After getting a law degree from Vermont Law School, my wife and I landed in Washington State and bought a home in Tacoma. At some point, I connected with the state party in Washington, and was chair of at least one, maybe both of Harry Browne's campaigns here. I also served a term as chairman of the Washington State Libertarian Party during a time when it achieved "major party" status.

Ruth Bennett is a good person to talk to about me. She and I both served as officers of the Washington State Libertarian Party, and both she and I are named plaintiffs in the primary lawsuit litigation that worked its way through the courts in Western Washington for years, leading to the recent Supreme Court rejection of our latest petition for certiorari. Because, by profession, I'm a lawyer, I had a more than purely passive role in the litigation, although I wasn't the lawyer for the LP.

In connection with my activities in Washington State, I also ran for U.S. Senate and for Washington's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District at different times in the last several years, and was part of Bruce Guthrie's U. S. Senate campaign where we organized a loan from Bruce to his campaign sufficient to meet the criteria for getting Bruce into the televised Senate debates.

Most recently, I organized and litigated a case seeking to disqualify Mr. Romney from Washington's ballot. You can see the publicity by "googling" "Romney Washington Ballot," and you'll see that stories were not only all over local papers, but also picked up by the Washington Post and Politico. I think the point is that I sometimes come up with imaginative and unusual ways to promote the party.

I also served as a Washington delegate to the National Convention in Las Vegas this year, and have been a long-time vocal and financial supporter of Gary Johnson and the Libertarian Party. In addition, I've been working closely with Larry Nicholas the current chairman on a variety of projects, including the Romney lawsuit which involved my spending about a thousand dollars of which I received only \$125 from the state party pursuant to my agreement to pay all the costs except 1/2 of the filing fee. And, of course, I put up all of my legal fees for the case without charge to the party.

I bring to the committee a long-standing commitment to the Liberty Movement. I am an active member of the Washington State Bar, and am admitted to practice in all of Washington's state courts, the U.S. District Court for Western Washington and the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. I think Ruth will

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tell you that I have a pretty level headed, practical approach to politics and am neither a reformed Republican nor Democrat, but truly grew up as a Libertarian from the early days of my political activism, so I don't have a biased agenda. Most of you know that I've long been a (hopefully thoughtful) critic of Wayne Root, who is an interesting character, but quite obviously truly a Republican in his political philosophy.

Also, I think the board should know that I'm fairly capable with computers. Not expert by any means, but I've set up a bunch of simple wireless networks, and my laptops "dual boot" Windows and Linux (the "Ubuntu" flavor, although I've dabbled in Red Hat's "Fedora" and also some other versions), so I'm at home with email communication and other electronic forms of communication. Maybe that's helpful.

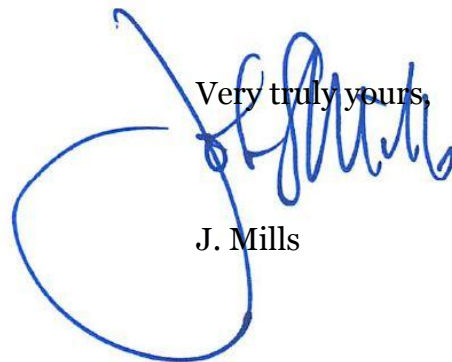
You should all know that I am a self-employed lawyer. That means it would probably be unusual for me to be unable to attend committee meetings.

The only other things I suppose you might want to know is that I'm kind of an easy-going personality, interested in a wide variety of activities. For fun, I race sailboats all over Puget Sound, and have been invited to crew on many yachts in many big races. I am a member of the Tacoma Yacht Club I grew up in Hawaii where my brother and I owned the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hobie 16 in the islands, which was my introduction to yacht racing. Years ago, I sailed in Hawaii's "round-the-state race, which is an off-shore race around Hawaii, which we did on a 33-foot sloop. And, in my spare time, I have done a fair amount of home-brewing.

I have no known conflicts of interest.

I am not, at this point, planning on attending the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, unless someone on the board thinks it is essential that I attend. I expect that you will receive a large number of applications from very qualified people connected with the party. If the Committee thinks it wants to add me to the group, let me know.

Very truly yours,



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