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**TO:** Geoff Neale, Chair, Libertarian National Committee

 Ruth Bennett, Secretary, Libertarian National Committee

**FROM:** Drew G. Miller, Esq.

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 LP Member Number: 08-48619

**DATE:** October 7, 2012

**RE: Candidacy for the open LNC At-Large position**

Dear Mr. Neale and Ms. Bennett:

I am writing to inform you that I am seeking the open LNC At-Large position that occurred from Wayne Allyn Root’s resignation from the Libertarian National Committee. I understand that this will be a significant investment in both time and money and I will commit to attending all meetings at my own expense. I therefore respectfully ask that you please place my name in the nomination.

I have been a registered Libertarian voter for several years, but have been an official member of the Libertarian Party since 8/20/2012. My Member ID number is: 08-48619. It should be noted, however, that a review of my voter registration will show that I was registered Republican several times so that I could vote in Pennsylvania’s closed primaries.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None

**Libertarian Credentials/Experience:**

* Attorney, licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, Florida and the District of Columbia.
* Knowledgeable of the Constitution and U.S. Supreme Court cases.
* Worked three years as a staff attorney for Pennsylvania’s former Senate Majority Whip (government experience).
* Author of *“Ethical Considerations for Pennsylvania Attorneys Using Covert Online Advertising on Social Networking Sites”*
* Shared Libertarian views with friends, family and followers via social networking sites.

**Non-Libertarian Credentials:**

Education:

* Juris Doctor, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA
* B.S. in Broadcast Journalism, Syracuse University

Past and Present Leadership Positions:

* Board Member and Secretary of the Community Human Services Corp., Pittsburgh
* Former Vice President of the Autism Help Network, Pittsburgh
* Team Leader, Holland Services, WV

Current Attorney/Abstractor for large oil and gas companies. Knowledgeable about the importance of energy independence and the Marcellus/Utica Shale drilling.

I am a skilled orator.

**Statement:**

As the Libertarian Party approaches its 41st year of existence, a new generation of tech-savvy, liberty-minded individuals are poised to carry the message of the Libertarian Party well into the 21st century. The time has come to pass the torch to this next generation disillusioned by our government’s undeclared and unending wars and burdened by an insurmountable debt given to us by our parents and grandparents. I feel my qualifications and enthusiasm for Libertarian cause would make me the best suited to fill the At-Large position.

I first discovered I was a Libertarian in 2001 while attending an American Politics course at Syracuse University. I come from a long generation of Pittsburgh home builders and have witnessed how corrupt bureaucrats and needless government regulations stifle business growth and commerce. Washington has intruded into our personal and economic affairs – from the Defense of Marriage Act to the undeclared Iraq and Afghanistan Wars – and as a young attorney, I would like to do everything I can to fight these injustices and help create a more informed electorate. In simplest terms, I am fiscally conservative and socially liberal. I believe in gay marriage, the legalization of marijuana, and states’ rights and I also believe America needs to go back to the gold standard, end the Federal Reserve, and to only use war as a last option when all other attempts at negotiating have been exhausted – and if there is a decision to go to war, that a constitutional declaration of war be made.

I am an attorney who is currently performing title searches and preparing abstracts of title as an independent contractor for firms and large oil and gas companies. It is a position that allows flexibility with my schedule and causes me to recognize the benefits of hard work and free enterprise. I do not have “vacation” or “sick” days, so if I do not work, I do not get paid. The ability to set my own schedule is one attribute that would make me an excellent candidate. I also believe it would be beneficial to have someone on the Libertarian Committee who works in the energy industry and knows about the importance of energy independence that comes from the drilling of the Marcellus and Utica Shale.

Prior to working in the energy sector, I was a staff attorney for the former Majority Whip of the Pennsylvania Senate. There, I learned how to navigate the government and understood who to contact in order to get issues resolved for constituents. I believe this could be an invaluable skill since the Libertarian Party seeks to get its message across in government. It was in this position, however, where I witnessed government corruption first-hand and learned about partisan politics. I routinely saw lobbyists meeting with the senator and I realized that it was the lobbyists and large corporations who were writing the laws and not the elected officials. Near the end of my employment, I also worked with the District Attorney to put the senator in jail when it was discovered she was using tax-payer money for political purposes.

I am upset that independent voters are marginalized in Pennsylvania and that Republicans and Democrats continue to make sure the independent voters do not have a voice. My experience with Harrisburg caused me to officially change my voter registration to Libertarian in 2009.

I have been described as an efficient leader, who communicates effectively, listens to all sides of an argument and has a clear vision for an organization. As a young and tech-savvy member, I would like to further utilize social networking sites and sites like YouTube in order to convey the Libertarian platform and recruit and engage younger voters. In addition, I want to investigate who we need to contact and meet in order to effectuate change in the most expeditious manner. I have spent the last four years of my life giving a voice to the voiceless and I believe I am the candidate best suited and qualified to fill this vacant position.

If possible, I would like to speak to the Committee at the next meeting on November 17th. I can be reached at 412-760-3286 or drewgmiller@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your time, attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Drew G. Miller, Esq.