



# Libertarian Party of New York

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## VIA EMAIL

Mr. William Redpath  
Libertarian National Committee

### New York State Petition Drive

Dear Bill:

I am writing regarding the Libertarian National Committee encumbrance for the New York LP petition drive this summer; please convey this letter to the other LNC members.

As you are aware, New York Election Law is unusual in that it looks to the total votes received for Governor as the sole criterion for whether or not an independent political body obtains party status and ballot access for four years. If we are successful in obtaining 50,000 votes for Governor, that obviates the necessity for an expensive petitioning process for the four years thereafter.

In both 2010 and 2014, we submitted almost 35,000 signatures to guaranty that our petition would be challenge-proof. That could not have been done without the generous assistance of the National Libertarian Party in both those years.

You may recall that in 2010 we had a strong ticket headed by Albany attorney Warren Redlich for Governor and almost achieved the 50,000 vote total required for ballot access. (Warren received 48,386 votes.)

This year, we again have a stellar candidate: Larry Sharpe who has a strong following both in New York and nationally. We are very optimistic about Larry's ability to break the 50,000 vote barrier to achieve ballot access for the LPNY for the next four years.

The upcoming New York petition season runs from July 10 through August 21. While the minimum number of required signatures is 15,000 for state-wide candidates, we hope to submit at least 30,000 signatures this year as we did in both 2010 and 2014.

We anticipate that the LPNY will obtain approximately 15,000 volunteer signatures this summer requiring us to use paid petitioners to obtain at least 15,000 further signatures. The LPNY Petitioning Committee currently has approximately \$8,000 on hand and a pledge of \$10,000. While we will engage in further fundraising efforts throughout the drive, such funds will not be sufficient. Accordingly, we request that the LNC encumber \$30,000 to be paid directly to LPNY Petitioning Committee in four equal installments.

Please share this letter with all members of the LNC as well as any other persons you believe should receive it. Our newly-elected Chair Jim Rosenbeck and I are available to discuss this and any other matters with LNC members either by telephone or email at their convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of the request herein.

In liberty,



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