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Petition #1 — (a) Suspension of an affiliate party

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Amicus brief on the disaffiliated Kauffman-era version of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire

The recently disaffiliated Libertarian Party of New Hampshire group around Jeremy Kauffman spent over five years causing damage to the national LP (as well as state and local affiliates) with outlandish social media content, as well as subservient collaboration with the Republican Party.

Their delegation's spectacularly bad behavior during and after the 2026 Libertarian National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, however, was the proverbial cherry on top: and it bears extra description, in light of their appeal to the Judicial Committee.

Long before arriving at the convention hall, their stands in the culture war were extremist beyond the point of satire, their white backlash politics were thinly veiled as "libertarian nationalism," and their desire to be a GOP satellite party was openly stated. Despite a strategy to attract attention with offensive clickbait, their electoral performance had remained flat compared to previous LPNH candidates and leadership.

All of that earlier behavior has been widely discussed and documented.

Their Kauffman-centered delegation reached a new low with misconduct at the convention hall.

It was already absurd enough that they were welcomed into the room, with Kauffman, Stephen Nass and Andrew Allgood campaigning for national chair, vice chair and treasurer, respectively, on a slate to "end the LP" and dissolve it with the expressed purpose of aiding Republican electoral candidates. (They were joined in this effort by Theodore Zalesiak of Florida, running for national secretary.)

Furthermore, Kauffman chose to trumpet this servitude while also berating the other attending delegates as frequently as possible, during his public remarks. It is noteworthy that he and his NH cronies were too thin-skinned to handle any negative audience reaction, despite their figurehead shouting obscene insults into the microphone during both his debate answers and his speech as candidate. NH delegate and LNC treasurer hopeful Allgood gave a "Roman"/fascist salute to Kauffman's remarks on stage, in a vivid demonstration of their political sensibilities. Kauffman's wife, Rachel Goldsmith (also a veteran demagogue with NH Moms for Liberty) introduced her husband with smug comments on how his "end the LP" platform and delegate-insulting messaging was simply him being honest, and how she hoped we would all learn how correct he was. Additionally, for a faction which liked to dish out such open hostility, they were absolute crybaby snowflakes about receiving any: which is telling. An organization with such problems accurately might be described as authoritarian, as neofascist, and as cult-like in its attitudes.

Immediately thereafter, the Kauffman circle discovered a crawl space beneath its all time low, with active physical intimidation and abuse of a female delegate from Illinois. On the unbelievable pretext of claiming "theft"—of free propaganda magazines, published by vice chair candidate Nass, to promote New Hampshire as a faux libertopia—several members of their delegation followed and badgered this dedicated LP Illinois activist (who also does extensive work for the national party and presidential campaigns). Goldsmith, as part of this cluster with Nazi-saluting treasurer aspirant Allgood, then encouraged the wannabe Brownshirt delegate to physically attack the much shorter Illinoisan woman, and celebrate it with glib contempt.

Inciting such a man, with an extensive record of criminal convictions, recidivism and multiple incarcerations, as well as his Sturmtrupp-style posturing, to commit physical violence over free literature (with which national delegates are flooded, routinely) that was supposedly being "stolen" was not only pathetically unconvincing as a rationale, but also evidence of obvious malice. Their group behavior warranted comparison to a criminal gang, a poser militia, and an overgrown clique of schoolyard bullies, along with their aforementioned blend of cult-like sense of identity and fascist-style organization.

In the aftermath of this shocking incident, for which assault delegate Allgood was arrested, the Kauffman group continued to add insult to injury. While repeatedly trying to whitewash the battery of the Illinoisan delegate with their ridiculous cover story of stopping free publications being "stolen," vice chair candidate Nass gave the Illinois delegation and others several times as many copies of his magazine than were involved in any imaginary "theft," whether we wanted them or not. He distributed them with maximal theatrics, delivering some to the tables in a manner which another IL delegate compared to throwing a ninja star, while huffing that now we didn't need to steal them. It does not stand to reason that this LPNH faction would attempt to do such mutually exclusive things at the same time, crying about magazine theft while giving away ever larger stacks of the same issue, but it was all of a piece. Kauffman, Nass and associates then attempted more than once to have the convention body eject the Illinois delegate whom Sturmtrupp Allgood attacked, on the pretense of "theft." Their victim blaming was less than persuasive, as I very vocally reminded Nass that we didn't want his surplus magazines, and that he should take them back. Justin O'Donnell graciously offered to convey the many copies I handed to him, as well as others he collected, and return them to Nass.

Perhaps inevitably, this gesture did not satisfy the Kauffman faction, as it continued to play at false martyrdom and demand revenge against their Illinoisan victim. In so doing, it quickly became apparent that this New Hampshire ensemble was aided by other LP figures: perhaps in part from a shared neo-reactionary affinity, but also very tangibly to disrupt convention business, as the room turned against their reprehensible antics. Their collaborators in the hall included disgraced former Libertarian National Committee chair Angela McArdle, whipping up a frenzy of feigned outrage and false moral equivalencies on social media on the day of the attack, as well as junior LNC officers like Andrew Chadderdon and Austin Martin, both of whom specialized in stalling tactics like dilatory motions on the floor. This utter nonsense continued well after Kauffman himself was ejected from the convention for obstructing business and refusing to come to order, in pursuit of the same goal: and even after the entire LPNH table had been vacated the final day, leaving them in the position of filibustering for a phantom delegation.

Upon the adjournment of the convention, the newly elected LNC finally disaffiliated the Kauffman-era LPNH from the party, opening yet another chapter of misbehavior by the now outcast group. Having failed to win over much support, their circle kept changing their story: revised fictional tales of huge stacks of free magazines being "stolen," instead of a single handful, did not gain enough traction, nor did trying to sell a persecution fantasy in which they imagined the Illinoisan woman had also stolen their delegation's

convention table signage and banner. Their toxic balderdash also seeped into the Libertarian Christian Caucus on its Discord server, where the same Nass who treated a stack of free magazines like a crime in progress which must be punished, while also promoting himself and more copies of the same free publication, added new modes of hypocrisy. The attention-seeking propaganda publisher pivoted to pleading for the LP membership to view NH bruiser Allgood with compassion, grace and "mentorship," and sympathy for a life of hardship: rather than doing the more logical and obvious, and seeing him as a repeat offender who was incited to commit violence by his confederates and his elders—the same discarded LPNH members who also knew his past and should have known better. For questioning this latest Nass narrative, yet another fellow Illinois delegate was expelled from their LP Christian Caucus Discord group.

The shenanigans of the Kauffman/Goldsmith/Nass circle were far from over, unsurprisingly. Sturmtrupp enforcer Allgood continues to show no remorse for his attack; self-publisher Nass continues to market his vision of NH as a haven for any neofascist settler seeking an escape from constitutional freedoms and equality before the law; wife Goldsmith continued her social media gaslighting to deflect from her Moms For Liberty mean girl incitement to assault and battery, and her NH faction's penchant for fascist iconography; and husband Kauffman continued to whine, boast and threaten on the podcast circuit as well. Especially contemptible is the disaffiliated faction's webpage, where a "save LPNH" fundraising campaign listed recent donors, mixing in the presumably real offerings with more than one fake contribution from the Illinois delegate hit by neo-Nazi Allgood, including a falsified memo claiming she wrote "thank you sir may I have another!!!", and another consisting of the applause emoji, as well as similar fake donations from new LNC chair Evan McMahon, and other critics within the LP, like former presidential nominee Chase Oliver and New Jersey activist Lana Leguía.

Before the 2026 national convention, it was already clear that the LPNH under the Kauffman circle's leadership was cultivating bigotry and authoritarianism as a political goal, and actively undermining the mission of the Libertarian Party, which almost culminated with their campaign to dissolve the LP as a whole: almost, but not quite—because the denouement revealed them also to be a depraved group, willing to incite violent crime on behalf of a lie, and once caught in the act, to then continue to wallow in their dishonesty and celebrate their brutality.

Words can scarcely describe how deserving they are of disaffiliation, to put it mildly. Their appeal should not be granted.

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