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The GOP Can't Win on Ideas — So They're Suing Our Candidates Off the Ballot

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Fellow Libertarians,

If you're a Libertarian candidate in America right now, the Republican Party doesn't want to debate you. They want to sue you.

When Republicans know they can't win on ideas, they resort to their favorite tactic: suppressing voter choice.

Right now, GOP operatives are dragging our candidates into courtrooms in Florida, New Jersey, and Iowa. Not because our candidates did anything wrong, but because Republicans would rather clear the ballot than compete on it.

In Iowa, they went even further. Before filing their legal challenges, GOP operatives and even HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. personally contacted our candidates for Congress and offered them enticements to drop out. When they refused, they challenged their paperwork.

This is a coordinated national attack. And we will not stand for it.

Two of our candidates need your help right now:

Addison Patrick — Jacksonville City Council, Florida

Addison is the Libertarian candidate for Jacksonville City Council. Her Republican opponents filed a lawsuit to remove her from the ballot, weaponizing a brand-new Florida law that requires candidates to be registered with their party for 365 consecutive days before qualifying.

Addison has been a party member for a long time and was nominated by her county party. She did nothing wrong. The GOP is using this law to restrict ballot access in a state that was once considered safe for Libertarian candidates.

[Addison needs your support now >>>](#)

[Stand with Addison on X >>>](#)

Lana Leguía — U.S. House, New Jersey's 7th Congressional District

Lana filed her nominating petition with 755 valid signatures — three times the 250 required. The New Jersey Republican State Committee challenged her anyway, arguing that the volunteers who gathered those signatures were from out of state. Here's the problem with their argument: a federal court already ruled that banning out-of-state petition circulators is unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, the court in Lana's case said the prior ruling only applied to primary election petitioning and not general election petitions filed by independent and third-party candidates. The New Jersey Secretary of State disagreed, overturning the ruling and allowing Lana to remain on the ballot. But the GOP is now appealing that decision — trying to set a dangerous precedent that would make it even harder for third-party candidates to get on the ballot in New Jersey.

[Support Lana's legal defense >>>](#)

This is bigger than two candidates. If the Republican Party succeeds in removing Libertarians from the ballot through lawsuits and legal technicalities, they will do it again and again in every state where we pose a threat.

As national chair, I have dedicated time to helping raise resources to defend our candidates across the country. But Addison and Lana are in the *fight right now* — and they need your help today.

Donate. Post. Share. Speak out.

The major parties want fewer choices on your ballot. Let's show them that Libertarians fight back.

In Liberty,

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