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C. MIA PETTUS CONDEMNS CALLS FOR POLITICAL ASSASSINATION AND CALLS ON LPMI TO REAFFIRM ITS OPPOSITION TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE

Libertarian Candidate for Congress: “These Statements Are Antithetical to Everything I Stand For”

MICHIGAN — C. Mia Pettus, Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Michigan's 8th Congressional District, today unequivocally disavows and condemns the social-media statements attributed to the organization operating as the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire (LPNH), including its public statement supporting the assassination of elected Democrats in New Hampshire.

I condemn all forms of violence. I condemn threats of violence. I condemn calls for assassination. I condemn incitement to violence. And I unequivocally disavow these statements.

These statements are antithetical to everything I stand for as a candidate for Congress and as a Libertarian.

LPNH DOES NOT SPEAK FOR OR REPRESENT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY

It is important to make a clear organizational distinction.

The organization operating as LPNH is no longer affiliated with the Libertarian Party at the national level.

The Libertarian National Committee revoked LPNH's affiliate status in May 2026. That decision was subsequently appealed, and the Libertarian Party Judicial Committee affirmed the revocation by a 7–0 vote on August 17, 2026.

The national Libertarian Party has also publicly condemned the recent statements and made clear that LPNH does not represent the national party.

Accordingly, the statements made by LPNH do not speak for or represent the Libertarian Party, its national organization, or its recognized New Hampshire affiliate.

I welcome the national Libertarian Party's condemnation.

I also recognize the separate Granite State Libertarian Party's public condemnation of the LPNH statements.

But that does not diminish the seriousness of what was posted.

I CALL ON THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN TO REAFFIRM ITS POSITION

I am calling on the Libertarian Party of Michigan to immediately issue a clear and unequivocal statement condemning these statements and reaffirming its opposition to political violence.

This is not a new principle for the LPMI. The party has previously stated its opposition to political violence and the use of force or intimidation to resolve political disputes.

I am asking the LPMI to reaffirm that principle now.

FREE SPEECH AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE ARE NOT THE SAME THING

I believe deeply in the First Amendment.

Americans have the right to criticize elected officials, challenge government policies, advocate political change, protest, organize, campaign, and express even deeply unpopular or offensive political opinions.

That is protected political speech.

But there is a fundamental difference between political expression and threats or advocacy of violence.

The Supreme Court has recognized constitutional limits involving true threats and incitement to imminent lawless action.

That distinction matters.

We can say:

"I oppose this politician."

We can say:

"I believe this politician's policies are dangerous."

We can campaign against that politician.

We can organize against that politician.

We can vote against that politician.

We can demand that politician's resignation.

But political assassination is not political debate.

Threatening violence is not political persuasion.

Incitement to violence is not something I will excuse.

I am not making a judicial determination regarding the specific LPNH post. Whether particular conduct violates a criminal statute or falls within an unprotected category of speech is ultimately a matter for the appropriate authorities and courts.

But as a candidate, I can make my position absolutely clear:

I condemn it.

THE PRINCIPLE MUST APPLY TO EVERYONE

If violence is threatened against Democrats, **I condemn it.**

If violence is threatened against Republicans, **I condemn it.**

If violence is threatened against Libertarians, **I condemn it.**

If violence is threatened against Independents or anyone else, **I condemn it.**

Political violence does not become acceptable because we agree with the political objective of the person advocating it.

My campaign is about advancing liberty through peaceful political participation, constitutional government, individual rights, and the rule of law.

I will defend the First Amendment.

I will defend the right to dissent.

I will defend the right to challenge those in power.

And I will unequivocally condemn threats, assassination, and political violence.

We defeat political ideas with better ideas. We defeat candidates at the ballot box. We resolve our disagreements through peaceful political participation—not threats, intimidation, or violence.

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