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Dear Republican Friend,

Many of you know me from my previous employment at the Republican Party of Minnesota and my work on numerous campaigns over the last twelve years. I am also a BPOU chair, state convention delegate, and state-central committee delegate.

Minnesota Republicans have a tremendous opportunity this election. We have an enormously popular governor in Tim Pawlenty leading our ticket. We have fantastic candidates up and down the ballot.

We have a campaign team comprised of the best and the brightest of the best and brightest in our state party leadership. Leaders like Ron Carey, Eric Hoplin, Tony Sutton, Ben Golnik and others have prepared us for victory. Each of them deserves our thanks and admiration.

What they don't need and don't deserve (and neither do any of us as activists in this party) is a self-promoting publicity stunt on our time by a member of a competing political party.

You may have heard that a rogue candidate of a different political party will seek to use our convention as a platform to stage a publicity stunt to kick start her failing campaign for governor.

Like you, I hold our convention process in high regard and don't wish to have any B-rate candidate, be it a Democrat, Green, or Libertarian, turn our party's convention into a side show.

The non-Republican I am referring to is Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Sue Jeffers. There will be an effort later this week by her and her campaign to crash our convention, borrow our stage, and spew her platform. Before she plays her silly games, let me tell you a little more about this candidate from a competing political party.

SUE JEFFERS AND THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

Ms. Jeffers now claims "I am a Republican", yet a month ago, Jeffers said "I will always be a Libertarian..." Ms. Jeffers' assertion of being a Republican should be treated as if Mike Hatch suddenly claimed he was a Republican.

Consider the facts about Ms. Jeffers:

- Ms. Jeffers filed to run for governor as a Libertarian.
- Ms. Jeffers sought and received the endorsement of the Libertarian Party.
- According to the bylaws of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, Ms. Jeffers couldn't have been endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Minnesota unless she was a member of their party.
- Ms. Jeffers wrote on her website that a "Republican is the worst of two evils."

- Ms. Jeffers' campaign website was registered by a Libertarian Party official.
- Ms. Jeffers gave money to a DFL candidate.
- Ms. Jeffers wrote on her website that she wants to work with Democrats to "protect our civil liberties."
- Officials with the Libertarian Party of Minnesota are organizing to get Ms. Jeffers' name on the ballot.
- Libertarian Party officials like chair Lee Brennise, and vice-chair Bob Odden spoke at Ms. Jeffers' campaign announcement.
- Ms. Jeffers' campaign is listed on the Libertarian Party of Minnesota's website under the headline "MINNESOTA CANDIDATES."



Above is a picture of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota's campaign office. As you can see, Ms. Jeffers' campaign signs are proudly displayed.

Remember, it was Ms. Jeffers who hired a Democrat operative from Tennessee, who ran for Congress as a Democrat in Florida, to manager her campaign. It was Ms. Jeffers who allowed this Democrat to send out emails attacking party activists' dedication to upholding the principles of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

Like the incendiary email from Jeffers' campaign manager and Jeffers' own desperate letters to media outlets, Ms. Jeffers would like to use our convention to earn an additional 15 minutes of fame for her failed campaign for governor.

SUE JEFFERS' ATTACKS ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

Since deciding to seek the GOP endorsement for governor (while still running as a Libertarian), Ms. Jeffers has attacked the leadership of the Republican Party of Minnesota and Governor Tim Pawlenty. Ms. Jeffers' campaign has spent more

time throwing mud at the hardworking members of the Republican Party of Minnesota than she has articulating to Minnesotans why she should be elected governor.

"Ron Carey still refuses to grant me the delegate lists even though other candidates, Harold Shudlick and John Uldrich, have finally been given the lists. I have just reiterated my request for the delegates list in writing, and am awaiting a reply from the state committee." Source: Sue Jeffers letter, May 12, 2006

Harold Shudlick and John Uldrich are both running as Republicans, while Sue Jeffers is running as a Libertarian. Ms. Jeffers sought and received the endorsement of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. Chairman Ron Carey has no responsibility to provide delegate lists to candidates running for office from other political parties. Using Ms. Jeffers' logic, Chairman Carey should provide delegate lists to Amy Klobuchar, Ford Bell, Mike Hatch, Becky Lourey, and Steve Kelley.

"It is not Ron Carey who chooses our next governor." Source: Sue Jeffers letter, May 12, 2006

Like every Minnesotan of legal voting age, Chairman Ron Carey has only one vote for governor. But as Chairman of the Republican Party of Minnesota, Carey and other party leaders have a responsibility to prevent our state convention from being used as a campaign prop for a candidate not even running as a Republican.

"I have formally requested the delegate lists, contacted the nominating committee and asked for access to the State Convention. I am waiting for a response. If the party refuses to allow me to attend, I would hope the party officials would explain the basis for an arbitrary exclusion of any viable candidate seeking their endorsement. I would hope they would welcome all conservative candidates to compete." Source: Sue Jeffers' e-mail, May 18, 2006

I feel almost silly for writing this again, but Ms. Jeffers sought and received the endorsement of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota. A candidate from another political party has no right to have access to the state convention and speak to delegates. Based on my review of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota's platform, I would strongly challenge Ms. Jeffers labeling herself as a "conservative" candidate.

Just as we would never allow Mike Hatch, Matt Entenza, or any other DFLer to steal our stage, we should not allow a Green, Independence Party, Libertarian, or Socialist candidate to play games with our process.

As I started with, we are fortunate to have leaders in our party like Ron Carey, Eric Holpin, Tony Sutton, Ben Golnik and others who have championed our shared conservative values. They have developed a campaign plan which I and many others believe will lead us to victory this November.

The key point in this is victory for the GOP.

SUE JEFFERS' ILLEGAL ACCESS TO REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA LISTS

The Republican Party of Minnesota has no responsibility to provide activists lists to candidates running for office from other political parties. Ms. Jeffers, who sought and received the endorsement of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota, has complained that she should have access to our party's lists.

Again, using Ms. Jeffers' logic the party should provide delegate lists to Amy Klobuchar, Ford Bell, Mike Hatch, Becky Lourey, and Steve Kelley.

But in the last few days, Ms. Jeffers' campaign was provided with access to lists of our party activists by Harold Shudlick's campaign. In the last few days you may have received a joint mailing from Mr. Shudlick and Ms. Jeffers, a mailing which unfortunately violated campaign finance laws.

The leadership of the Republican Party of Minnesota was justified in denying a candidate running for office from a different political party access to our party's lists. Ms. Jeffers once again showed her respect for our party by circumventing this directive and illegally gaining access to our lists.

I have also enclosed just a small example of why there is a difference between our values and those of the Libertarian Party.

Please join me this weekend in defense of our party, our values, and against Ms. Jeffers' grand standing, political posturing, and political stunts.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Respectfully,



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