

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ARKANSAS



**Subject: Demand to Rescind the Invitation to President Biden and to Cancel Former President Trump's speaking arrangement at the Libertarian National Convention.**

To the Libertarian National Committee,

On behalf of the Libertarian Party of Arkansas, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the unilateral decision by the Chair to invite Non-Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates to the Libertarian National Convention. Both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump while in office have shown callous disregard to the people whose rights are being actively victimized by their atrocious policies. We see the invitation of these two Candidates as especially egregious. We demand that these invitations be rescinded immediately.

Among some of the most despicable policies these candidates have supported while in office are:

- Endorsement of expansive government spending and intervention in the economy
- Continued military engagements overseas without proper approval
- Advocated for restrictive gun control measures
- Illegally Expanded Executive Powers (Executive Orders)
- Supported Corporate Welfare (Industry bailouts)
- Infringed upon civil liberties for "public health" reasons (COVID-19 mandates, restrictions)
- Supported the expansion of government surveillance programs (Patriot Act, FISA)

While we recognize the need for and support open debate and dialogue, we affirm that inviting candidates whose policies not only oppose our own platform, but also cause immeasurable harm to individuals around the world to our convention does nothing to advance liberty, or our party. It is imperative that all speakers at the Libertarian National Convention embody the principles and values of libertarianism.

Our convention should serve as a platform to promote our party's ideals and highlight the strengths of our candidates, rather than providing a stage for individuals whose policies diverge from our core principles. Every speaker should contribute to advancing liberty and promoting the Libertarian Party's vision for a society founded on individual freedom, limited government, and civil liberties. By ensuring that all speakers align with libertarian values, we can maintain focus on our party's mission and avoid granting undue publicity to opposing candidates whose policies are antithetical to our beliefs.

We urge the LNC Chair to reconsider their decision and rescind the invitation to President Biden and cancel former President Trump's scheduled speaking arrangement at the Libertarian National Convention. Let us reaffirm our commitment to liberty, uphold the values of the Libertarian Party, maintain the integrity of our movement, and bring us back in line with Article 2 of our own bylaws, which states that we should be "functioning as a libertarian political entity **separate and distinct** from all other political parties or movements".

Sincerely,

The Libertarian Party of Arkansas, Executive Committee