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Pledge Between to Libertarian Party of Colorado and Colorado GOP Candidates

Denver, Colorado, August 3, 2023 – Earlier this year, the Libertarian Party of Colorado and the Colorado GOP reached an unprecedented arrangement. The Libertarian Party of Colorado agreed not to run “spoiler candidates” in races where a GOP candidate pledged to uphold libertarian principles.

“If you were to ask the average republican voter what issues they believed the GOP stood for, most of them would list truly libertarian values. This could be support of the second amendment, lower taxes, parental rights, and school choice to name a few,” says Hannah Goodman, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. “However, many elected republicans fall short or abandon these values entirely.”

The pledge covers each of the issues outlined by Goodman above, as well as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), direct ballot access, an audit of the State Government and its use of tax money, government transparency, the Emergency Powers of the Governor, medical freedom, and more. The Libertarian party will continue to run candidates against any republican candidates who do not sign this pledge.

In races where the Libertarian party sees a true chance of being elected, they will continue to run libertarian candidates, but these candidates will be carefully chosen for races with a high probability of victory.

“We have chosen to put principle before party in this arrangement, while spending our fundraising dollars with surgical precision. We will carefully choose candidates for winnable races, while not running spoiler candidates against GOP candidates who will uphold the values outlined in the pledge,” says Eliseo Gonzales, Vice Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

“This was a strategic decision that we did not approach lightly. Our agreement with the Colorado GOP is the most effective way to fight for the liberty of Coloradans,” says Goodman.

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is the state chapter of the nationally Libertarian Party. Formed in 1971 in Colorado, the Libertarian Party is now the nation’s third largest political party. Libertarians advocate for the elimination of many government programs and the abolition of all unconstitutional laws.