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LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

On June 23, 2008, at approximately 10 a.m. at the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring in Springfield, members of the Libertarian Party of Illinois will submit to the Illinois Elections Board signatures in support of placing the Libertarian Party's candidates for President, Vice President and U.S. Senate on the ballot for this November's election. We will be filing well over the 25,000 valid signatures required, which is five times the number required by the "established" political parties.

This will culminate a three month effort by volunteer and paid petitioners, generous donors and national, state and local Libertarian Party members and will provide voters in Illinois with more candidate choices and an opportunity to vote for real change.

Larry Stafford is our candidate for U.S. Senate. Larry is a truck driver, Army veteran, Libertarian activist and a father of six. He affiliates with hard working, middle class people because he is one. If elected, he would truly be a "citizen legislator" whose focus would be on reducing the size of the federal government and working with and on behalf of the citizens of Illinois, not on enriching himself, lobbyists or special interests. To learn more about Larry and his campaign, please visit: stafford4senate.com.

Recently, at the Libertarian National convention in Denver, delegates chose a ticket of Bob Barr as our Presidential candidate and Wayne A. Root for Vice President. Mr. Barr is a former Republican congressman from Georgia. Mr. Root is a small business owner from Las Vegas. In a recent press release, Mr. Barr confirmed that his campaign is committed to making history for the Libertarian Party and to make an impact for our core issues of peace, prosperity and freedom. You can learn more about the Barr for President campaign at: www.bobbarr2008.com.

In addition to Mr. Barr, Mike Gravel, a former Democratic senator from Alaska, recently switched to the Libertarian party and also sought the party's nomination for President. Both Mr. Barr and Mr. Gravel came to the realization that the Libertarian way is the best way to secure America's future. That these two prominent U.S. statesmen, one from the left and the other from the right, have left their respective parties and joined us, just goes to show that Libertarians occupy the sensible center of American politics on issues such as the economy, foreign policy, civil liberties, privacy rights and the separation of church and state.

As mentioned above, voting for Libertarian candidates is a vote for real change. Real change will only come when we address the root cause of the problem, when we get government out of the business of running our lives and instead have government focus on protecting us and our civil liberties.

If you are a small business owner, a parent who home schools their children, a gun owner, or just someone who values freedom and personal responsibility and is "fed up" with the government being in your wallet and in your bedroom, rest assured you have a home in the Libertarian Party. I invite readers to visit our website, LPillinois.org to learn more about the Libertarian Party of Illinois.