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Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I have signed the letter to invite you to seek the nomination of the Libertarian Party because I believe in free speech and free will, but before you accept the invitation I would like for you to consider a few things. The endorsement granted by the delegates at the Libertarian National Convention is an honor meant only for the individual who can carry the Libertarian message best through the opportunity a presidential campaign provides. Our message offers an alternative to the statist atmosphere Americans were born under and is meant to confront the indoctrination that has often criminalized a life that does not ask permission from the government for embracing the responsibility of our own future and individuality. No other political party brings a message even close as to what we offer.

The Libertarian Party not only stands up against an abusive and oppressive government, but against the military industrial complex, the forever wars, the corruption, the political oligarchy, and the dissolution of the autonomy of the individual and their sovereign rights. I urge you to critically examine your own positions, some of which may conflict with the basis of our beliefs and platform, and use this opportunity to grow, embracing Libertarian principles. Principles that are necessary to keep people free from a government that might do them personal harm. If in good faith and good conscience you can align with beliefs such as ours, then seek the endorsement. But only if you are willing to adapt to our principles based on individual freedom and free market economics without expecting us to conform to yours. You'll find that conformity is not something that Libertarians are very good at.

The endorsement should not be used as a tool to get on the ballot with the resources the Libertarian Party has spent decades building. If that is what you are seeking and only that, then I urge you to decline the invitation. People come and go, but the principles and ideas like ours are timeless and will be carried on by others long after we are gone.

I know the delegates in Minnesota. They are all principled people willing to confront ideas antithetical to liberty, and I trust their judgment.

For a future of peace and prosperity,

Rebecca Whiting
Chair, Libertarian Party of Minnesota