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Subject: Please forward this to the steering committee members regarding agenda item #3

Dear Steering Committee Members:

As one who cares about small -d democratic process, political integrity and the foundational values of the Green Party, I am deeply disturbed about the removal of Samantha Raye from the GCCC. The reasons given for her removal are very vague but are somehow related to by- law violations. My concern is that there are NO specific violations mentioned, just vague , subjective issues such as associating with a member of an other committee; using her knowledge of a complicated federal agency (FEC) in order to explain and understand it for all involved; and having a disagreement with another member of the GCCC. No procedural violations or anything like that. Vague reasons for removal set precedence , which we do not want to do.

--Associating with a member they don't like: so is this guilt by association? I thought we had the freedom to assemble in this country (it doesn't dictate with whom...)..

--The FEC is a complicated set of rules and if someone can help some candidate or committee wade through them, fantastic. The duopoly would like nothing better than to trip up this pesky little party. Helping someone NOT get tripped up is invaluable.

--Having a disagreement with another member of ANY committee is kind of par for the course. Do you think political movements , summaries, court trials, city/ town council meetings, etc. happen totally devoid of disagreements? The term 'disagreement 'is vague in and of itself: was it discussion over wording? was it ego driven?

Have you ever heard of, "Can we agree to disagree?" Shouldn't we , as a party, be accepting of disagreements? Provided , of course, no violence is associated with it (physical, verbal, psychological,etc. violence).

Where is our conflict resolution committee? We use to have one.

My understanding is that the GP by laws don't require a reason to remove someone from a committee or caucus. Oh, we are an oligarchy now! What ever happened to democracy? No reason to boot someone?? Wow! Who wrote these by-laws, Trump?

In order to remove anyone , you need specific bylaw violations not vague platitudes over disagreements and accusing someone of associating with someone they don't like, What are we, in 3rd grade?!Choosing our dodgeball team at recess?

Please reinstate Samantha Raye to the Green Congressional Committee. Thank you for your time and attention.

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