

PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

Platform Amendment 1 – PA-001-18 NATURAL RIGHTS

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>1.1 Civil Rights We believe that every human is born with certain inalienable rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness; and that no governmental entity, individual, or corporation may violate or void these rights. We believe that individual rights are civil-rights regardless of age, sex, gender, orientation, race, nationality, creed, or religion. We will consistently fight to protect your civil rights in New Hampshire.</p>	<p>1.1 Natural Civil Rights We believe that every human is born with certain inalienable unalienable rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness; and that no governmental entity, individual, or corporation individual, group, or government may violate or void these rights. We believe that all people are endowed with such inherent, natural individual rights are civil-rights regardless of age, sex, gender, orientation, race, nationality, creed, or religion. We will consistently fight to protect your civil rights in New Hampshire.</p>	<p>1.1 Natural Rights We believe that every human is born with certain unalienable rights to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness; and that no individual, group, or government may violate or void these rights. We believe that all people are endowed with such inherent, natural rights regardless of age, sex, gender, orientation, race, nationality, creed, or religion.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee found that the changes to the Civil Rights plank in this proposal more efficiently and broadly expressed the beliefs of the membership concerning the origin and nature of rights. We believe that it is important to clearly make the distinction that we believe that rights are not “civil” constructs of the state but rather “natural” or original to mankind by virtue of our capacity to reason. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

Platform Amendment 2 – PA-002-18 SELF OWNERSHIP

Insert following 1.1 and renumber the following sections

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>1.2 Self Ownership We recognize that individuals own their bodies and have exclusive rights over them which other individuals can not exercise. We do not believe that individuals, groups, or governments may ever legitimately claim ownership of other individuals. To these ends, we reject and oppose all laws which allow for the subjugation of individuals by other individuals or groups without just cause or due process.</p>	<p>1.2 Self Ownership We recognize that individuals own their bodies and have exclusive rights over them which other individuals can not exercise. We do not believe that individuals, groups, or governments may ever legitimately claim ownership of other individuals. To these ends, we reject and oppose all laws which allow for the subjugation of individuals by other individuals or groups without just cause or due process.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee was surprised to learn that the current platform only briefly addressed the topic of self-ownership in the Healthcare plank. The committee felt that Self Ownership was an important enough core principle to be included as a plank in the individual section. We believe that the wording of this proposal as is makes clear where party stands on the issue of voluntary euthanasia or medically-assisted suicide. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 3 – PA-003-18

VOLUNTARY ACTION

Insert after 1.2 and Renumber Following Sections

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>1.3 Voluntary Action We recognize that in order for humanity to prosper all positive, productive activity must be voluntary and free of coercion. We believe that governments have no place to compel actions between individuals nor keep them from engaging in lawful, consensual activity. Therefore, we oppose all laws which compel individuals or groups to act or not act in a given manner where such action would otherwise be lawful, voluntary, and free of coercion.</p>	<p>1.3 Voluntary Action We recognize that in order for humanity to prosper all positive, productive activity must be voluntary and free of coercion. We believe that governments have no place to compel actions between individuals nor keep them from engaging in lawful, consensual activity. Therefore, we oppose all laws which compel individuals or groups to act or not act in a given manner where such action would otherwise be lawful, voluntary, and free of coercion.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee was surprised to learn that the current platform did not specifically have a plank concerning voluntarism or voluntary human action. The ideas of Ludwig von Mises expressed in his work *Human Action* are central to what libertarians believe to be fundamental to all human economic and social activity. We believe the wording of the proposal succinctly phrases the basic principle of voluntarism and adds significantly to the individual section. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

Platform Amendment 4 – PA-004-18

SELF DEFENSE

Insert after 1.3 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>1.3 Self-Defense We support every individual’s inalienable right to self-defense, thus to keep and bear arms. We support the existence of ‘Stand Your Ground’ and ‘Castle Doctrine’ laws and believe that every person may exercise their right to self-defense wherever they have a right to be. We reject all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, transport or transfer of any item or tool that could be used for self-defense.</p>	<p>1.3 1.4 Self-Defense We support every individual’s inalienable right to self-defense and, thus by extension, the right to keep and bear arms. We support the existence of ‘Stand Your Ground’ and ‘Castle Doctrine’ laws and believe that every person may exercise their right to self-defense wherever they have a right to be. We reject all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, modification, transport or transfer of any item or tool, or accessory that could may be used for self-defense.</p>	<p>1.4 Self-Defense We support every individual’s right to self-defense and, by extension, the right to keep and bear arms. We believe that every person may exercise their right to self-defense wherever they have a right to be. We reject all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, modification, transport or transfer of any item, tool, or accessory that may be used for self-defense.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee felt that it was inappropriate for the platform to cite specific legal doctrines which many members do not specifically support anyhow. The committee also recognizes that the right to self-defense is truly alienable in the sense that one is able to contract with others to defend oneself. The proposal was further amended in committee to add “modification” and “accessory” to indicate explicit opposition to such prohibitions with regards to tools for self defense. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption as Amended**

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Platform Amendment 18 PA-018-18

PRIVACY

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>1.2 Privacy Just as it is true that the only economic situation consistent with individual rights is the free market, so is it also true that life, liberty and happiness cannot prosper under continuous state surveillance. We oppose the use by the state of people or technology to monitor, account for, and keep Granite Staters under surveillance, especially where there is no evidence of criminal behavior, and thereby restrict the normal interaction of peoples. We oppose passive, yet compulsory, surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities without evidence of criminal acts.</p>	<p>1.2 Privacy Just as it is true that the only economic situation consistent with individual rights is the free market, so is it also true that life, liberty and happiness We recognize that, due to the inherent nature of man to keep secrets, a truly free society cannot prosper exist under continuous state surveillance. We support the right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches or seizures of themselves or their property and thus we oppose the unwarranted use by the state of people or technology by the state to monitor, account for, and keep Granite Staters individuals or groups under surveillance, especially where there is no evidence of criminal behavior; and ; thereby restrict restricting the normal interaction of peoples. We oppose any law to compel admissions of guilt or cooperation with agents of the state. We oppose passive, yet compulsory, surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities without evidence of criminal acts.</p>	<p>1.2 Privacy We recognize that, due to the inherent nature of man to keep secrets, a truly free society cannot exist under continuous state surveillance. We support the right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches or seizures of themselves or their property and thus we oppose the unwarranted use of people or technology by the state to monitor, account for, and keep individuals or groups under surveillance, where there is no evidence of criminal behavior; thereby restricting the normal interaction of peoples. We oppose any law to compel admissions of guilt or cooperation with agents of the state. We oppose passive, yet compulsory, surveillance legislation, such as laws that require individuals and businesses to report legal activities without evidence of criminal acts.</p>

Committee Report: Mr. Dyer for the Committee. The committee felt that the language of the current Privacy plank needed to be amended for clarity. References to constitutional provisions against compulsory self-incrimination and freedom from unreasonable search or seizure were also included in the language. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

Platform Amendment 16 – PA-016-18

FOREIGN POLICY

Remove 3.4 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AMENDED	FINAL
<p>3.4 Foreign Policy “If goods don’t cross borders, armies will.” We believe that American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Peace will never be achieved through force. Libertarians seek the withdrawal of troops from the 900+ military bases in more than 130 nations around the world. We support an end to taxpayer funded foreign aid and we support real free trade (not the bureaucratic version of “free trade” that exists under NAFTA, CAFTA, GATT, etc). We agree with President Thomas Jefferson who stated in his March 4, 1801 inaugural address that we should seek “peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.”</p>	<p>3.4 Foreign Policy “If goods don’t cross borders, armies will.” We believe that American foreign policy should seek an America at peace with the world. Peace will never be achieved through force. Libertarians seek the withdrawal of troops from the 900+ military bases in more than 130 nations around the world. We support an end to taxpayer funded foreign aid and we support real free trade (not the bureaucratic version of “free trade” that exists under NAFTA, CAFTA, GATT, etc). We agree with President Thomas Jefferson who stated in his March 4, 1801 inaugural address that we should seek “peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.”</p>	N/A

Committee Report:

Mr. Phinney for the Committee. The committee agreed that a foreign policy plank in a state platform was unnecessary as foreign policy is a federal matter, not a state matter. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 5 – PA-005-18 PROPERTY

Insert after 2.0 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>2.1 The ownership of property is essential to the function of the market. We hold that rights to property are integral to the individual. We recognize that owners of real property have the full and exclusive right to control, use, improve, dispose of, or in any manner enjoy it without interference, until and unless their exercise infringes the rights of others. We firmly reject the practices of eminent domain and asset forfeiture for either private or public purposes. We reject the notion that individuals or groups may claim ownership of ideas and employ governments to artificially restrict the flow of information. We therefore oppose all laws which allow for the exclusive ownership of or the rights to an idea including patent laws, and instead favor the use of voluntary non-disclosure agreements.</p>	<p>2.1 The ownership of property is essential to the function of the market. We hold that rights to property are integral to the individual. We recognize that owners of real property have the full and exclusive right to control, use, improve, dispose of, or in any manner enjoy it without interference, until and unless their exercise infringes the rights of others. We firmly reject the practices of eminent domain and asset forfeiture for either private or public purposes. We reject the notion that individuals or groups may claim ownership of ideas and employ governments to artificially restrict the flow of information. We therefore oppose all laws which allow for the exclusive ownership of or the rights to an idea including patent laws, and instead favor the use of voluntary non-disclosure agreements.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Majority** of the Committee. The committee felt that a Property plank was an appropriate addition to the platform as property rights are central to classical liberalism and the libertarian ethic. The majority of the committee believes that the wording of the plank voices members’ principled opposition to the “ownership” of ideas and patent law while allowing individual members to still support copywriting and trademarking systems whether public or private to protect writings or creative works from fraudulent capitalization.

Mr. Phinney for the **Minority** of the Committee. The minority of the committee has concerns about the idea of limiting or eliminating copyright and trademark laws and patent laws, in New Hampshire as well, as the United States. While understanding that the implementation of these laws has been corrupted and overused during past years, it is important in a capitalistic and free market economy to protect the investments of entrepreneurs or inventors of their product ideas from predatory companies or individuals who would claim ownership without consent or proof. **Vote 3-1 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 6 – PA-006-18 TAXATION

Insert after 2.1 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>2.1 Taxation We oppose any and all new tax burdens, including income and sales taxes in every form. We support all efforts to minimize the tax burden of every citizen and business in New Hampshire, and advocate voluntary means of supporting state services, such as lotteries and user fees. Taxation of privately owned real property should be eliminated. In effect, it makes the state the owner of all lands by forcing individuals to pay rent to the state or forfeit their title. Tax favoritism should be illegal. Abatements, subsidies, credits, or other incentives to businesses based on geographical area, job creation, or any other criteria deny equal protection under the law.</p>	<p>2.1 2.2 Taxation We oppose any and all new tax burdens, including income and sales taxes in every form. We support all efforts to minimize the tax burden of every citizen and business in New Hampshire, and advocate voluntary means of supporting state services, such as lotteries and user fees. Taxation of privately owned real property should be eliminated. In effect, it makes the state the owner of all lands by forcing individuals to pay rent to the state or forfeit their title. Tax favoritism should be illegal. Abatements, subsidies, credits, or other incentives to businesses based on geographical area, job creation, or any other criteria deny equal protection under the law.</p> <p>We recognize that, due to its coercive nature, taxation is unequivocally an aggressive, violent practice tantamount to theft. We further understand that no tax can ever be fair, simple, or neutral in a given market. Therefore, we oppose any and all new tax burdens, including an income or sales tax. We seek the reduction or elimination of all existing taxes including those upon [businesses' assets and profits, as well as] real property and its transfer</p>	<p>2.2 Taxation We recognize that, due to its coercive nature, taxation is unequivocally an aggressive, violent practice tantamount to theft. We further understand that no tax can ever be fair, simple, or neutral in a given market. Therefore, we oppose any and all new tax burdens, including an income or sales tax. We seek the reduction or elimination of all existing taxes including those upon real property and its transfer.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee felt that strengthening the wording of this plank and expressing explicit opposition to taxation as a coercive, involuntary practice tantamount to theft was long overdue. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 7 – PA-007-18

MONEY & CURRENCY

Insert after 2.2 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>2.2 Money Individuals engaged in voluntary exchange should be free to use as money any mutually agreeable commodity or item. We oppose inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws. We oppose government use of debt to conceal or cover the cost of their expenditures.</p>	<p>2.2 2.3 Money & Currency Individuals and businesses engaged in voluntary exchange should commerce ought to be free to use and accept as money any mutually agreeable agreed upon commodity or item as currency. We oppose inflationary monetary policies and unconstitutional legal tender laws. We oppose government use of debt to conceal or cover the cost of their expenditures. The issuance of debt-based monies is an inherently inflationary and fraudulent practice. We support the acceptance and proliferation of competing forms of currency and money and reject government monopolies in the currencies market. Innovation and competition in the market for currencies will deliver cheaper, faster, and more efficient means of storing and transferring value among individuals.</p>	<p>2.3 Money and Currency Individuals and businesses engaged in commerce ought to be free to use and accept any mutually agreed upon commodity or item as currency. The issuance of debt-based monies is an inherently inflationary and fraudulent practice. We support the acceptance and proliferation of competing forms of currency and money and reject government monopolies in the currencies market. Innovation and competition in the market for currencies will deliver cheaper, faster, and more efficient means of storing and transferring value among individuals.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dyer for the **Committee**. The committee thought that the current plank was good but needed certain corrections to make clear the members’ position against debt-based monies and in support of ending the state currency monopoly. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

Platform Amendment 9 – PA-009-18

EDUCATION

Insert after 2.3 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>N/A</p>	<p>2.4 Education Education is a matter of conscience, values, and free expression, as much as assembly, press, religion, or speech. Accordingly, we advocate the complete separation of education and state, ending government ownership, operation, regulation, and subsidy of schools, colleges, and universities, as well as state mandated curriculum and truancy policies. By separating education and the state, educational institutions will be able to compete in an open market. Until that time, any government funds allocated for education should be entirely under parental and student control, for use in schools of choice (including, but not limited to, private, parochial, and home schooling) or to carry forward for education in a future year.</p>	<p>2.4 Education Education is a matter of conscience, values, and free expression, as much as assembly, press, religion, or speech. Accordingly, we advocate the complete separation of education and state, ending government ownership, operation, regulation, and subsidy of schools, colleges, and universities. By separating education and the state, educational institutions will be able to compete in an open market. Until that time, any government funds allocated for education should be put entirely under parental and student control, for use in schools of choice (including, but not limited to, private, parochial, and home schooling) or to carry forward for education in a future year.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dias for the **Committee**. The committee felt that it was odd that such a hot topic in New Hampshire was left out of the older platform, education. For this new platform plank, it includes the necessary separation of education and state, as well as anything associated with education. By also adding an incrementalist statement at the end, we can bridge the gap between a radical stance and a pragmatic stance while also making sure a market can develop to include the large influx of students in the near future. **Vote 4-0**

Recommend Adoption

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Platform Amendment 10 – PA-010-18 MONOPOLY & OLIGOPOLY

Insert after 2.3 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>2.4 Monopoly & Oligopoly We believe free markets drive economic growth and that competition is essential to free markets. Economic monopolies and oligopolies are inconsistent with the nature of free markets. Both state and corporate monopolies stifle innovation, competition, and service in all segments of the market. Monopolies and oligopolies cannot exist without the protection granted or afforded to them by the state and therefore we advocate for the repeal of all laws which enable such collusion and racketeering to exist.</p>	<p>2.4 Monopoly & Oligopoly We believe free markets drive economic growth and that competition is essential to free markets. Economic monopolies and oligopolies are inconsistent with the nature of free markets. Both state and corporate monopolies stifle innovation, competition, and service in all segments of the market. Monopolies and oligopolies cannot exist without the protection granted or afforded to them by the state and therefore we advocate for the repeal of all laws which enable such collusion and racketeering to exist.</p>

Committee Report: Mr. Nass for the **Committee**. The committee felt that the concept of a free marketplace was a basic tenet of libertarianism. This new plank both recognizes the importance of a free market and advocates that the party stands against any laws which allow monopolies or oligopolies to exist. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

Platform Amendment 17 PA-017-18 WELFARE AND CHARITY

Insert after 2.2 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>2.3 Welfare & Charity Recognizing that the needs of one or many can not reasonably constitute a claim against another, we find any system which coercively redistributes wealth or property to be fundamentally destructive to the rights of the individual. Non-voluntary systems of social welfare negatively affect both those who are stolen from and those who receive the stolen goods; creating an environment where their economic lives are controlled extensively by the state. We therefore oppose the implementation and expansion of all state welfare systems, support their reduction or abolition, and support voluntary means of welfare, charity, and assistance.</p>	<p>2.3 Welfare & Charity Recognizing that the needs of one or many can not reasonably constitute a claim against another, we find any system which coercively redistributes wealth or property to be fundamentally destructive to the rights of the individual. Non-voluntary systems of social welfare negatively affect both those who are stolen from and those who receive the stolen goods; creating an environment where their economic lives are controlled extensively by the state. We therefore oppose the implementation and expansion of all state welfare systems, support their reduction or abolition, and support voluntary means of welfare, charity, and assistance.</p>

Committee Report: Mr. Phinney for the **Committee**. The committee agreed to adopt this plank because any economic system that uses the government to redistribute wealth or create dependence on the state for sustenance is counterproductive and destructive to individual property ownership and wealth. Using stolen funds to pay for the sustenance of others does nothing to empower the individual to control their own economic stability or independence and instead empowers the state to control the individual economies of its citizens. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 13 – PA-013-18 ELECTORAL REFORM

Insert after 3.5 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
N/A	<p>3.6 Electoral Reform We support the right of the people to determine the process by which their representatives are elected. We advocate for the implementation of an alternative voting system that eliminates the disenfranchisement of constituents who are not members of the factions currently represented within our electoral system. We also advocate for the liberalization of laws restricting access to the ballot for minor political organizations and non-affiliated individuals.</p> <p>We oppose the practice of partisan gerrymandering on the grounds that it grants undue control over the electoral process to those currently in power by enabling them to marginalize constituents who hold opposing views and nullify the impact of their votes. We support the adoption of electoral practices that would mitigate this problem such as the implementation of multi-member or at-large Congressional districts.</p>	<p>3.6 Electoral Reform We support the right of the people to determine the process by which their representatives are elected. We advocate for the implementation of an alternative voting system that eliminates the disenfranchisement of constituents who are not members of the factions currently represented within our electoral system. We also advocate for the liberalization of laws restricting access to the ballot for minor political organizations and non-affiliated individuals.</p> <p>We oppose the practice of partisan gerrymandering on the grounds that it grants undue control over the electoral process to those currently in power by enabling them to marginalize constituents who hold opposing views and nullify the impact of their votes. We support the adoption of electoral practices that would mitigate this problem such as the implementation of multi-member or at-large Congressional districts.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. O’Donnell for the **Committee**. The winner take all first past the post electoral system present in New Hampshire, and The United States as a whole, is a system that works contrary to true voter enfranchisement. With the more American voters self identifying as members of minor political parties, or more common no political party at all, than are actively involved with and supportive of the Republican and Democratic parties, it is far past time we chose an electoral system that created more diverse and accurate representation of the American people. There exists a number of viable alternative voting methods which would lead to a greater consensus of approval of our political representatives. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 14 – PA-014-18 ENVIRONMENT

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>3.5 Environment The environment is a shared resource, a treasure, and an important part of New Hampshire’s economy. Pollution of air, water, and land by any actor violates rights to health and life, and rights to property. Polluters, including government, should be strictly liable for harms caused by pollution. Competitive free markets and individual property rights stimulate the moral choices and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Protecting the environment requires individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife to be protected by individuals. Where damage is inflicted to the environment restitution to the injured parties must be required.</p>	<p>3.5 Environment The environment is a shared resource, a treasure, and an important part of New-Hampshire’s the economy. Pollution of air, water, and land by any actor violates rights to health and life, and rights to property. Polluters, including government, should be strictly liable for harms caused by pollution. Competitive free markets and individual property rights stimulate the moral choices and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Protecting the environment requires individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife to be protected by individuals. Where damage is inflicted to the environment restitution to the injured parties must be required.</p>	<p>3.5 Environment The environment is a shared resource, a treasure, and an important part of the economy. Pollution of air, water, and land by any actor violates rights to health and life, and rights to property. Polluters, including government, should be strictly liable for harms caused by pollution. Competitive free markets and individual property rights stimulate the moral choices and behavioral changes required to protect our environment and ecosystems. Private landowners have a vested interest in maintaining natural resources. Protecting the environment requires individual rights and responsibilities regarding resources like land, water, air, and wildlife to be protected by individuals. Where damage is inflicted to the environment restitution to the injured parties must be required.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dias for the **Committee**. The committee chose to change two words and replace it with one word for the sake of the separation of the economy and the state. By changing “*New Hampshire’s*” to “*the*”, we conclude that New Hampshire does *not* own the economy.

Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption

Platform Amendment 15 – PA-015-18 Sovereignty & Independence

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>3.6 Independence Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind. We recognize the right to political independence. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.</p>	<p>3.6 Sovereignty & Independence Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind. The people of New Hampshire have the sole and exclusive right to govern themselves as a sovereign, free, and independent state. We recognize the right to political independence. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.</p>	<p>3.6 Sovereignty & Independence Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind. The people of New Hampshire have the sole and exclusive right to govern themselves as a sovereign, free, and independent state. Exercise of this right, like the exercise of all other rights, does not remove legal and moral obligations not to violate the rights of others.</p>

Committee Report: Mr. Nass for the **Committee**. This plank recognizes our ability to resist intolerable governance. We further strengthened the language to recognize the specific right of residents of New Hampshire to separate from other states as an independent government, whereas before the plank only mentioned “*political independence*”. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 8 – PA-008-18

VICE & THE LIQUOR MARKET

Strike and replace 2.4 with the following amended text from 1.4

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>1.4 Vice Government should confine itself to protecting individuals from aggression, coercion and deceit. We oppose all laws and regulations that attempt to protect individuals from the consequences of their own behavior. While not necessarily condoning such activities, we advocate the repeal of all laws criminalizing gambling, possession and sale of drugs, and sexual relations between consenting adults. All those presently incarcerated or ever convicted solely for the commission of these victimless crimes should be pardoned and their records expunged.</p> <p>2.4 The Liquor Market We believe that free markets drive economic growth and competition is essential to free markets. Government owned businesses are anti-competitive and unnecessary. We advocate abolishing the state liquor board, eliminating liquor store quotas, and eliminating the regulation of liquor sales.</p>	<p>1.4 2.4 Vice Government should confine itself to protecting individuals from aggression, coercion and deceit. We oppose all laws and regulations that attempt to protect individuals from the consequences of their own behavior and support their repeal. While not necessarily condoning such activities, we advocate the repeal of all laws criminalizing gambling, possession and sale of drugs, and sexual relations between consenting adults. All those presently incarcerated or ever convicted solely for the commission of these victimless crimes should be pardoned and their records expunged. We oppose the state monopoly on the sale of liquor as well as licensing and regulation on the use, possession, sale, distribution, and production of beer and wine. We favor the decriminalization and deregulation of gambling and the allowance of private competition to the state administered lottery. We favor the decriminalization and elimination of restrictions and regulations concerning the use, possession, sale, distribution, and production of cannabis and other scheduled drugs.</p> <p>2.4 The Liquor Market We believe that free markets drive economic growth and competition is essential to free markets. Government owned businesses are anti-competitive and unnecessary. We advocate abolishing the state liquor board, eliminating liquor store quotas, and eliminating the regulation of liquor sales.</p>	<p>2.4 Vice We oppose all laws and regulations that attempt to protect individuals from the consequences of their own behavior and support their repeal. All those presently incarcerated or ever convicted solely for the commission of victimless crimes should be pardoned and their records expunged. We oppose the state monopoly on the sale of liquor as well as licensing and regulation on the use, possession, sale, distribution, and production of beer and wine. We favor the decriminalization and deregulation of gambling and the allowance of private competition to the state administered lottery. We favor the decriminalization and elimination of restrictions and regulations concerning the use, possession, sale, distribution, and production of cannabis and other scheduled drugs.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Dias for the **Committee**. The committee believes that the separate platform planks in Liquor and Vice should be reorganized into one plank as they both have similar language in that the state should exclude itself from the regulation and protectionist policies of Alcohol in general as well as Vice as whole. Both can have consequences for the individual and regulating both markets is hindering the economy which the state does not own. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Platform Amendment 11 – PA-011-18 LABOR & LICENSING

Insert after 2.3 and renumber the following sections:

ORIGINAL	AS AMENDED	FINAL
<p>1.6 Labor The contract between an employer and employee is a voluntary relationship, where both sides choose to enter into it and can only fairly negotiate on the terms of the contract without interference by government. We support the right of employers and employees to freely choose whether or not to bargain with each other through a third party, such as a labor union. There is no inherent “right to work” nor a “right to unionize,” merely the freedom for all to negotiate conditions of employment.</p> <p>2.3 Professional Licensing Each person has the inalienable right to earn a living by the fruits of their labor. State licensing subverts these rights, and acts as a protectionist guard against competition without achieving their stated goal of protecting the safety of our citizens. Requiring professionals to carry licenses restricts worker mobility and competition which leads to higher consumer prices. We support the elimination of all state run boards and license requirements for all professions. Professionals are best regulated when they are forced to compete for consumers without interference from the state.</p>	<p>1.6 2.4 Labor The contract between an employer and employee is a voluntary relationship, where both sides choose to enter into it and can only fairly negotiate on the terms of the contract without interference by government. We support the right of employers and employees to freely choose whether or not to bargain with each other through a third party, such as a labor union. There is no inherent “right to work” nor a “right to unionize,” merely the freedom for all to negotiate conditions of employment.</p> <p>2.3 2.4 & Licensing Each person has the inalienable right to earn a living by the fruits of their labor. State licensing subverts these rights, and acts as a protectionist guard against competition without achieving their stated the goal of protecting the safety of [our citizens] [individuals]. Requiring professionals to carry licenses restricts worker mobility and competition which leads to higher consumer prices. We support the elimination of all state run boards and license requirements for all professions. Professionals are best regulated when they are forced to compete for consumers without interference from the state.</p>	<p>2.4 Labor & Licensing Each person has the right to earn a living by the fruits of their labor. The contract between an employer and employee is a voluntary relationship, where both sides choose to enter into it and can only fairly negotiate on the terms of the contract without interference by government. We support the elimination of all state run boards and license requirements for all professions. Professionals are best regulated when they are forced to compete for consumers without interference from the state. State licensing subverts these rights, and acts as a protectionist guard against competition and does not achieve the goal of protecting the safety of individuals. Requiring professionals to carry licenses restricts worker mobility and competition which leads to higher consumer prices. We support the right of employers and employees to freely choose whether or not to bargain with each other through a third party, such as a labor union. There is no inherent “right to work” nor a “right to unionize,” merely the freedom for all to negotiate conditions of employment.</p>

Committee Report:

Mr. Phinney for the **Committee**. This reorganization plank contains minor corrections such as striking out the words “our citizens” and replacing with the word “individuals”. The committee agreed that the state should not interfere with the professions of individuals by mandating unnecessary permitting and licensing requirements. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Adoption**

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Committee Report:

Mr. O’Donnell for the **Committee**. The changes proposed to the policy plank regarding healthcare are not due to content, but rather a simplification of the message presented. The sentence stricken from the current plank is a duplicative statement, already expressed in an entirely separate proposed platform plank regarding self ownership. The only other proposed change to this plank is simply to make the plank easier to read, and present a more streamlined explanation of our policy on Healthcare. The Existing plank is substantially sound, but the committee felt it was prudent to recommend this streamlined language to simplify our message, while retaining its principle. Further, pre, the committee felt it proper to reorganize the planks position within our platform, to recognize that Healthcare is in fact a service of the market. **Vote 4-0 Recommend Approval**