

Dear Chair Jacobson and Secretary Erickson,

As elected Precinct Committeemen of the Kootenai County Central Committee, we feel we must write you about our concerns about the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner. Our understanding is the purpose of the Lincoln Day Dinner is to celebrate the birth of our first Republican President and to raise funds to help the Kootenai County Republican Party and our Republican candidates. It logically follows that the speaker selected to keynote this event would share this common goal of promoting the Republican Party and our Republican candidates.

The decision was made, without the consultation or consent of the Central Committee, that the featured speaker for the dinner would be Richard Mack. Mr. Mack has been presented to us as a former Sheriff and a Republican candidate for Congress. Upon further research, it is quite evident that Mr. Mack's support of the Republican Party and Republican Party candidates is inconsistent, intermittent and questionable. He does not appear to have ever shared the common goal of promoting the Republican Party and our Republican candidates. In fact, Mr. Mack's political history has shown a consistent opposition to the Republican Party and a strong affinity to other political parties, including the Democrat, Libertarian and Constitution Parties.

Mr. Mack was elected twice as a Democrat to the office of county sheriff in Arizona and defeated for re-election as a Democrat in 1996.

He then moved to Utah to run in 1998 as a Republican against a longtime Republican incumbent sheriff and lost in that primary. He then ran for a non-partisan Provo City Council seat, but was again eliminated in the primary.

In 2003 Mr. Mack announced he would run for Governor of Utah under the Libertarian Party, exclaiming in a Deseret News article "No way I could be in the Republican Party anymore," and asserted "the Republican and Democratic parties are part of the problems." He also said he expected "to be a consensus candidate for several third parties — already the Independent American and the Constitutional Parties endorse me."

In 2004, Mack, as the libertarian candidate, was eliminated in an early episode of a one-season TV game show, *The American Candidate*. He then moved back to Arizona to run as the Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, earning 3.2% of the 2006 general election vote against conservative Republican Senator Jon Kyl.

Mack has now moved to Texas, and has decided to run as a Republican against an incumbent Republican Congressman, who has a 100% rating with the American Conservative Union, calling him a "liberal" although Mack himself supports the legalization of drugs and opposes Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and Sheriff Joe Arpaio on the Arizona immigration law.

Even today, Mack's own website says "He has been a tireless crusader for . . . the Libertarian Party." He is also touted by a number of political websites as a potential Constitution Party Presidential or Vice Presidential Nominee.

Each year since 2003, Mr. Mack has been a prolific speaker and promoter at Libertarian Party and Constitution Party Conventions and events including: The Constitution Party of Florida, State Convention of the Constitution Party of North Carolina, the Libertarian Party Of Indiana, the Libertarian Party of Florida, The Constitution Party of Texas State Conference, The Constitution Party National Meeting, the Missouri Constitution Party, the Illinois Libertarian Party Convention, the Constitution Party of Minnesota, the Constitution Party of Kootenai County Idaho, Unintah County Utah Constitution Party Convention, Libertarian Party National Convention; Libertarian Party of Hawaii.

Despite the fact he is running in a Republican primary, even in this year, 2012, Mack has spoken at Libertarian Party events in Odessa Texas and Goshen, Indiana.

Even more troubling is the number of Libertarian and Constitution Party candidates Mack endorsed in races against Republicans in the 2010 election. Mack endorsed: Scott Bradley, Constitution Party Candidate for US Senate from Utah against Republican Mike Lee; Chelene Nightingale, Constitution Party Candidate for California Governor against Republican Meg Whitman; Taylor Haynes Constitution Party Candidate for Wyoming Governor, against Republican Matt Mead; Bernie Castro Constitution Party Candidate for Senate from Florida against Republican Mark Rubio; Barry Hess Libertarian Party Candidate for Arizona Governor against Republican Jan Brewer; Eric Knowles and Mike Hargadon Constitution Party Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor of Maryland against Republicans Robert Erlich and Mary Kane; Rob McNealy, Libertarian Party Candidate in Colorado's 6th Congressional District against Republican Mike Coffman.

We do not understand the rationale of a keynote speaker at the signature event of the Kootenai County Republican Party who not only does not support the Republican Party, but actively opposes our nominees and supports opposing political parties. We feel such a speaker would be a slap in the face to Republican activists, contributors, officeholder and candidates who work so hard to elect Republicans. We wonder how our Governor, U.S. Senators and Congressman will respond to sharing the podium with someone likely to support their opponents in the next election just as he has opposed their colleagues. Such a speaker may bring irreparable harm to our efforts to raise funds for Republican candidates.

We ask that any invitation to Mr. Mack be retracted, no party funds be expended for Mr. Mack (and a disclosure to the Central Committee of KCRCC financial records to verify it) and a speaker supportive of the Republican party be invited instead. We are very disappointed that a decision was made, (by whom, we do not know) to invite Mr. Mack without vetting him or consulting the Central Committee. We would also like to know if Mack was invited with the purpose to endorse one or more local candidates in the May Primary Election.



We formally request this issue be placed as an agenda item and voted on by the Central Committee at the next meeting February 28. If it is not, the undersigned formally request to the KCRCC Secretary that a special meeting be called within 10 days to discuss this matter under the requirements Section 5.2 of the KCRCC Bylaws

Sincerely,

Lora Gervais

3<sup>rd</sup> District Legislative District Chair

Matt Roetter

Kootenai County State Committeeman

Paul Matthews

Precinct 5 Commiteeman

Donna Montgomery

Precinct 13 Commiteeman

Duane Rasmussen

Precinct 19 Commiteeman

Jeff Ward

Precinct 23 Commiteeman

Ron Lahr

Precinct 25 Commiteeman

Luke Sommer

Precinct 37 Commiteeman

Jacquie Mayo

Precinct 38 Commiteeman

Marv Lekstrum

Precinct 45 Commiteeman

Gary Ingram

Precinct 47 Commiteeman

Julie Chadderdon

Precinct 50 Commiteeman

Sharon Culbreth

Precinct 54 Commiteeman

Brad Corkhill

Precinct 68 Commiteeman

**Attached are links to verify the assertions made in this Letter**

**Richard Mack Bio and Quote Sources**

Article in Deseret News: Ex-GOP candidate changing to Libertarian

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/525036569/Ex-GOP-candidate-changing-to-Libertarian.html>

Mack Party Affiliations

<http://sheriffrichardmack.wordpress.com/2012/02/06/democrat-and-republican-and-libertarian/>

His own website: "He has been a tireless crusader for . . . the Libertarian Party"

<http://sheriffmack.com/index.php/speaking-engagements>

Mack mentioned as Possible 2012 Constitution Party candidate for President

<http://www.p2012.org/candidates/candsoth.html>

[http://purepolitics.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2795:election-2012-candidates-for-president&catid=40:latest-international-news&Itemid=54](http://purepolitics.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2795:election-2012-candidates-for-president&catid=40:latest-international-news&Itemid=54)

“What's your position on drug legalization? Mack: Decriminalization of drugs.

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921\\_3-57373735-281/meet-richard-mack-republican-challenger-to-sopas-author/#ixzz1mZ6WjNvz](http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921_3-57373735-281/meet-richard-mack-republican-challenger-to-sopas-author/#ixzz1mZ6WjNvz)

“Legalization is a viable alternative...” -Richard Mack, 06/17/08

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/opinions/articles/0617mack17.html>

Mack opposes Arizona Immigration Law and Joe Arpaio on Fox

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wq7WYuKebj0>

Rep. Lamar Smith ACU Rating

<http://www.conservative.org/ratings/ratingsarchive/2010/House-Senate-combo.htm#TX>

**Partial list of Past Speaking Engagements with the Libertarian and Constitution Parties:**

February 11, 2012, Odessa, Texas – Libertarian Party of Bexar County

<http://www.lpbexar.org/>

January 10, 2012, Goshen, IN - Libertarian Party of Indiana

<http://www.meetup.com/lpin1994/messages/28609542/>

October 17, 2011 Ocala, FL The Constitution Party of Florida

<http://www.cpflorida.com/2011/07/01/constitutional-sheriff-richard-mack-comes-to-ocala-october-17th-2011/>

Aug 20, 2011 - Charlotte, NC - State Convention of the Constitution Party of North Carolina

<http://www.triangleconservativesunite.com/events/25684561/?eventId=25684561&action=detail>

July 12, 2011 – Bluffton, IN - Libertarian Party Of Indiana Event  
<http://www.meetup.com/lpin1994/events/23834381/>

July 4th, 2011, Daytona Beach , the Libertarian Party of Florida

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p94iweIAdw>

June 11, 2011 Belton Texas – The Constitution Party of Texas State Conference

<http://www.getresponse.com/archive/cptexas/CPTexas-Come-hear-Sheriff-Richard-Mack-speak-in-Belton-June-11-6077775.html>

April 30, 2011 Harrisburg Pennsylvania - Constitution Party National Meeting.

<http://www.constitutionpartypa.com/from-spring-2011-harrisburg.html>

October 1-2, 2010 - Pevely, MO - Missouri Constitution Party

<http://97.65.137.56/143962/missouri-constitution-party-hosts-sheriff-richard-mack-oct-1-2>

Sept. 10-11 2010- Springfield, IL Libertarian Party Convention

[http://eventful.com/ofallon\\_il/events/libertarian-party-il-convention-springfield-/E0-001-033009459-2](http://eventful.com/ofallon_il/events/libertarian-party-il-convention-springfield-/E0-001-033009459-2)

November 11, 2009- Bloomington MN – Constitution Party of Minnesota

<http://www.believeinamerica.com/printthread.php?tid=918>

Oct. 27, 2009 – Post Falls Id , Freedom Festival sponsor: Constitution Party of Kootenai County

<http://www.kootenaicp.org/2009/10/27/richard-mack-at-freedom-festival-greyhound-park/>

April 20, 2009 – Uintah County UT – Constitution Party Convention

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49m9YBHfhHE>

May 27- May 31 2004 - Atlanta GA - 2004 Libertarian National Convention

[http://www.lpedia.org/2004\\_Libertarian\\_National\\_Convention](http://www.lpedia.org/2004_Libertarian_National_Convention)

October 6, 2003 – Hawaii - Libertarian Party of Hawaii

<http://archives.hawaiiireporter.com/storyPrint.aspx?4795f5c6-6c76-404f-9c1d-fe2d13e65a21>



**Partial list of Mack endorsements of Libertarian and Constitution Party Candidate against Republicans:**

Endorsed 2010 Libertarian Party Candidate for Arizona Governor Barry Hess

<http://www.azlp.org/candidates/view.php?id=8>

Endorsed 2010 Libertarian Candidate in Colorado's 6th Congressional District, Rob McNealy

<http://www.robmcnealy.com/endorsements/sheriff-richard-mack/>

Endorsed 2010 Constitution Party Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor of Maryland Eric Knowles and Mike Hargadon

<http://www.ofbyandforthepeople.net/apps/blog/show/4878679-endorsement-by-sheriff-mack->

Mack endorses Missouri Constitution Party Candidates

<http://cpmo.us/2010/10/arizona-oath-keeper-sheriff-richard-mack-endorses-missouri-constitution-party-candidates/>

Mack endorses Scott Bradley 2010 Constitution Party Candidate for US Senate from Utah

<http://www.scottbradleyforsenate.com/index.html>

Mack endorses Chelene Nightingale, Constitution Party Candidate for California Governor; Taylor Haynes Constitution Party Candidate for Wyoming Governor; Voted for Howard Philips (founder of the Constitution Party) for President.

<http://www.constitutionpartypa.com/from-spring-2011-harrisburg.html>



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Mack endorses Constitution Party Candidate Bernie Castro against Republican Mark Rubio

<http://www.electbernie.com/2010/09/08/sheriff-mack-endorses-bernie-decastro-for-u-s-senate/>

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