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**SOME PLANKS  
FROM THE PLATFORM OF  
THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**WELFARE**

We recognize that both taxpayers and the recipients of welfare are victims of the welfare state. As such, in order to restore dignity to the recipient and justice to the taxpayer, we advocate that charity should be a private matter, left to each individual's conscience, and not a subject of favoritism of politicians. Welfare payments should be reduced and eventually eliminated.

**FREE ENTERPRISE**

We recognize that each individual has the right to produce and trade any commodity or service on the free market, free of government regulation, permission or control. We oppose all state monopolies and advocate repeal of the Blue Laws and the elimination of the Milk Control Board, the Liquor Control Board, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania State Insurance Commission, etc.

**ABORTION**

We advocate the right of a woman to obtain an abortion.

**EDUCATION**

We contend that the public school system has demonstrated the failure of government to provide an adequate education. We consider that it is not morally justifiable in principle to force citizens to send their children to state schools or to be taxed to support public schools. We recommend that education be offered by freely competing enterprise completely out of the hands of government.

**JUSTICE**

We support the incorporation in the penal code of a system of restitution by the criminal to the victims of their crimes.

**HEALTH**

We oppose any form of compulsory governmental health insurance program. The provision of health insurance is properly the province of the free market. We oppose government licensing of health professionals as well as government regulations and control in the field of medical service.

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**"THERE AIN'T  
NO SUCH THING  
AS A  
FREE LUNCH"**



If you tend to support liberals or conservatives, you'll probably agree that the politics of today is a disaster. The Left hungers for ever larger economic controls, taxes and subsidies for its social engineering schemes, while the Right seethes with a compulsion to police the world abroad, and regulate our domestic conduct at home.

The Left regulates and relieves you of your earnings in the name of "social obligation," while the Right demands the same under the banner of "Duty, honor, country," or some other altruistic premise.

What does this leave you, if you simply want to live your own life in peace and freedom? If you seek to dominate nor to be dominated? Where do you go, if you reject the entire philosophy of the Welfare/Warfare State?

Now, you have had no choice. No political party has said anything about your sovereignty. No party has held that your pursuit of happiness is of value in itself, rather than something which must be sacrificed to others, in the name of "progress" or "national security."

The Libertarian Party was formed to offer that choice—to challenge the cult of the omnipotent State and to defend the rights of the individual.

The Libertarian Party, alone among America's political parties, holds that you, and you alone, have the right to exercise sole dominion over your own life, so long as you do not forcibly interfere with the same right of others.

Anyone who joins the Libertarian Party is required to sign a pledge against the initiation of physical force as a means of achieving social and political goals. And all candidates who seek to run on the Party label agree to abide by the Party's Statement of Principles. If they break this promise, they will be repudiated by the Party. For the Libertarian Party is a party of principle; we will not change our principles simply to win votes or to please pressure-groups.

If you are looking for a party that will not betray you, that will stand uncompromisingly for your rights as an individual—if you believe that you are capable of running your own life, and don't need to have others run it for you—then you will find what you seek in the Libertarian Party.

#### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Adopted unanimously by the delegates to the first national convention on June 17, 1972)

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state, and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that each individual has the right to exercise sole dominion over his own life, and has the right to live his life in whatever manner he chooses, so long as he does not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live their lives in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own, grant the government the right to regulate the life of the individual and seize the fruits of his labor without his consent.

On the contrary, we deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that the sole function of government is the protection of the rights of each individual: namely (1) the right to life—and accordingly we support laws prohibiting the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to freedom of speech and action—and accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—and accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, eminent domain and nationalization, and support laws which prohibit robbery, trespass, fraud and misrepresentation.

Since government has only one legitimate function—the protection of individual rights—we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. Men should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders on a free market; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of man's rights is laissez-faire capitalism.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

#### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$4)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$25)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (\$8)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime (\$100)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sustaining (\$250) |

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY .....

STATE ..... ZIP .....

PHONE (AREA.....) .....

"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

Signature .....

#### OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

Age ..... Occupation .....

Have you had experience in political organization work? .....

How did you hear about the Libertarian Party?.....

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