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Letter from Chairman Clymer in
reply to Ohio Executive Committee
letter of February, 2006. March
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March 9, 2006

Constitution Party of Ohio
Charles S. Michaelis, Secretary
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Dear Chuck,

This acknowledges receipt of your letter which was undated but I believe arrived the day I was leaving for the Executive Committee Meeting in Northern Virginia and I barely had time to read it, let alone respond, at that time.

Although the attitude conveyed by your letter and your repeated "demands" do not sit well with me, I will attempt to address what I think are legitimate and reasonable questions. The tone of your letter much more portrays one trying to stir up strife than one seriously trying to resolve differences.

You asked if I refused to accept the resignation of Mr. William Shearer from the Executive Committee. I did not refuse to accept his resignation. However, my refusal or lack of refusal is irrelevant. Mr. Shearer is entitled to be on the Executive Committee by virtue of position, i.e. he is the immediately past National Chairman and, in my view, he could resign and come back on at will. Mr. Shearer indicated to me that he was withdrawing his resignation which retains him on the Executive Committee without anything else needing to be done.

Such is not the case with Nancy Shearer and with Janine Hansen. When Janine Hansen indicated to me that she was going to resign from the Executive Committee I asked her if she would hold that resignation until after the Columbus meeting in the event the outcome would change her decision. She agreed to do that and subsequent to the Columbus meeting, she renewed her resignation which I accepted and, as you know, I appointed Frank Fluckiger as her replacement as Chairman of the Western area.

I am troubled by the accusatory nature of your inquiry on my meeting with the Nevada leadership. As National Chairman, I speak with a lot of people and undertake lots of meetings as the Party executive. I conduct regular telephone

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contact with Alison Potter and with Steve Bonta who are paid employees, with Thom Holmes who is the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and with Darrell Castle who is Vice-Chairman. Although I talk with others from time to time, I do not make it a point of notifying everyone else in the Executive Committee of all of my actions on behalf of the Party. In the same way I did not notify even a majority of the Executive Committee of my meeting with the Nevada leadership. As a matter of fact I traveled to Arizona in early January to meet with state Party leadership there and assist them in getting the state Party revitalized. I also traveled to Utah to meet with Party leadership there immediately before going to Nevada. In none of these did I make any kind of general announcement to the Executive Committee and I do not feel that I need to do so. There was nothing clandestine or conspiratory about any of these meetings. They were simply an attempt by me to do my job as the National Committee Chairman. Specifically, in the case of Nevada, I was attempting to fulfill the obligation created by the Baldwin resolution from the Columbus meeting. I reported the results of that meeting to the Executive Committee at our recent meeting in Northern Virginia and it will be reported to the full National Committee Meeting in Tampa in April.

There are certainly no transcripts of the meeting with Nevada leadership. I met with Chris Hansen and Joel Hansen and Joel's son (whose name I forget but I believe was Joshua) was also present. Janine Hansen joined us by conference call. We had a very cordial and civil discussion but arrived at no conclusions. There was nothing that would constitute an "agreement". I am sure you have already seen the email sent out by Thom Holmes which has been subsequently posted all over the internet which is a fair and accurate representation of my meeting and was based on information which I gave to Thom at the time. I really have nothing to add to that.

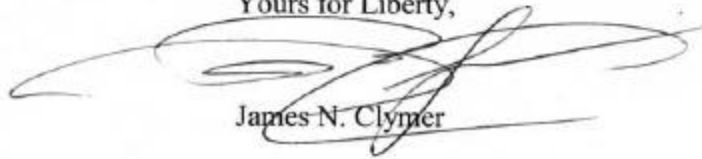
One thing I did learn from my meeting with the Nevada leadership was that they are true patriots, committed to the cause of liberty and, in general, the principles of the Constitution Party Platform. The real issue is when and to what extent the National Committee should exercise the ultimate authority, which it has, to disaffiliate a state Party because of its internal choice of leadership. I view my job as National Chairman, in part, to attempt to hold together this coalition of state parties and keep us working toward the common goal.

The National Committee is not wavering from its 100% pro-life position by refusing to interfere with Nevada's choice of state chairman. Our platform remains unchanged in its commitment to life. The San Antonio resolution mandates that we not "endorse or distribute, allocate, contribute to, or solicit funds for, or support in any way whatsoever, any candidate who does not pledge and act to defend and promote the inviolable right to life of innocent human beings, from the moment of conception to natural death—without exception." I will insist on strict adherence to that.

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There is danger on the one hand of becoming fractionalized over fine points such that we are totally marginalized and ineffective, and there is danger on the other hand of becoming so "big tent" that we are no longer different from the Republicans and Democrats. I truly believe that there is a middle ground where we can adhere to the tenets of our platform and the principles upon which we were founded while working with those with marginally different perspectives. That will allow us to become an effective force in the American political scene. Indeed, if we are to become a force to be reckoned with, we must find that balance.

Yours for Liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James N. Clymer", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James N. Clymer

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cc: Executive Committee