

Dear Lora, Gordon, Joel, and Lori:

Saturday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup> there was a conference call of Executive Committee members of the national party to discuss the situation in South Dakota. I was severely chastised (and rightfully so) by a number of the members of that committee for becoming involved in the controversy over who is the authorized state chairman of the Constitution Party in that state. The national party bylaws make it clear that the national party is not to interfere in the internal matters of the states.

Even though I did not draft the letter that went out on July 13<sup>th</sup>, I did put my signature on that letter and should not have done so. Later, upon reading the bylaws of the South Dakota Constitution Party, it became clear that some of the information in the letter was incorrect. I am sorry for any damage this interference in your affairs may have caused. As a result of my having signed the letter I did both myself and the national party an injustice. It was a hard lesson learned and I sincerely apologize for the discord that has arisen from my having signed and sent out the letter.

It is the responsibility of each state to resolve their own internal issues. The national party would only become involved if there was more than one delegation from a state that wanted to be seated at a national nominating convention or national committee meeting. The issue has brought forward information that was not previously known and it is my hope that the two parties will be able to arrive at a solution to the issues that have arisen.

Respectfully,

Frank Fluckiger