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Resignation of Vic Berardelli from Budget Committee

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TO: MAINE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE
FROM: VIC BERARDELLI, PENOBSCOT COUNTY AT-LARGE MEMBER
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In December 2012, I was appointed by the new Chair Rich Cebra to the Budget Committee. As one who was a vocal critic of the lack of budget for 18 months in the prior State Committee administration, I was pleased to have an opportunity to make constructive suggestions to move the management of the Republican Party forward toward fiscal soundness and victory in 2014.

Unfortunately, nothing has happened. I do not accept a position merely to have a title. For five months, I have asked Chair Cebra, Executive Director Jason Savage and Budget Committee Chair Mike Coleman for the tools to do our job. But, despite constant requests for simple information such as the fixed expenses to run the Higgins Street office, I have been stonewalled, given idle promises that the information would be forthcoming and have yet to see any information. The only knowledge I have of state party expenses is what I have gleaned from the public record by looking-up the party's First Quarter 2014 filing with the state Ethics Commission. But that is all after-the-fact and had no input from the party Executive Committee or from the Budget Committee.

Our State Committee bylaws require a budget by March 31 in the first year following party elections. We are now nearing June and the Budget Committee has not met, the numbers have not been provided to members and the party is operating hand-to-mouth to pay bills of which we have no information or authorizations.

I can no longer be part of this charade. I am tendering my resignation immediately from the Budget Committee. I was prepared to work cooperatively but it has proven impossible when the powers-that-be refuse to share vital information or hold committee meetings.

I am not resigning my seat from the State Committee. I am now free to rise and raise questions for the betterment of our organization without the yoke of having to defend my role on a committee which has been ignored and has not been able to perform the task for which it was appointed.