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***Message from Chairman Richard M. Cebra:***

It is critical that the Party operate within the Rules and By-laws set forth for it by our governing body, and each and every action taken by the Party must be thoroughly reviewed to ensure our actions are appropriate.

In keeping with my promise to ensure to the best of my ability that the Party operates within the Rules and By-laws set forth for it by our governing body, the legitimacy of this appeal has seen thorough review and consideration.

In this instance, it is the opinion of the Party that this appeal has no standing, and that the right and proper action of the Party is to take no further action on the appeal.

The Party will take no further action on this appeal.

For future reference, I strongly encourage any appeals on under Rule 23 be filed by an individual who meets the definition of an "affected person" and can demonstrate a particularized injury to ensure that appeals can be thoroughly considered on their merits. (See attached Party Legal Counsel opinion)

In addition, I am requesting the Maine Republican Party's Rules & By-laws Committee to undertake a full review of all Party Rules and By-laws as well as to assist and encourage Maine Republican County Committees to undertake the same.

It is my hope that working together we can achieve a much greater degree of clarity and simplicity in our Rules and By-laws from top to bottom in our party.

In doing so, we will work to prevent situations where any committee member lacks proper information to seek redress in an appropriate manner.

It is my objective that we will reform Rules and By-laws in the Maine Republican Party to the point where we reach a level of simplicity, as well as clarity and understanding of our governing documents in which not only are any and all appeals filed in the appropriate manner, but that future elections are run in a manner that all agree to be right and proper, without ambiguity, interpretation or speculation regarding the execution of our elections due to uncertainty that may be caused by our Rules and By-laws.

Sincerely,  
Hon. Richard M. Cebra  
Maine Republican Party Chairman