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Bill Gelineau, Political Director  
Libertarian Party of Michigan  
Via email: [bgelineau@the-closingoffice.com](mailto:bgelineau@the-closingoffice.com)

Dear Mr. Gelineau:

The Bureau of Elections acknowledges receipt of your email message sent September 6, 2012, inquiring about the status of the Libertarian Party of Michigan's (LPM) nominees for the office of President of the United States.

LPM nominated former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson as its candidate for President. The Bureau advised the LPM of its intention to disqualify Governor Johnson from appearing on the November 6, 2012 general election ballot on the basis of Michigan's sore loser law, MCL 168.695d, on May 3, 2012. The LPM and Governor Johnson subsequently filed a legal challenge in which a decision was rendered yesterday by Judge Paul Borman, dismissing the plaintiff's complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief. *Libertarian Party of Michigan, et al. v Secretary of State*, Dkt. No. 2:12-cv-12782-PDB-MJH.

Perhaps in anticipation of this outcome, the LPM has purportedly nominated a "stand-in Presidential candidate," Gary E. Johnson. However, no provision of the Michigan Election Law authorizes a political party to nominate a contingent or stand-in candidate. Therefore, Gary E. Johnson's name will not appear on the November 6, 2012 general election ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher M. Thomas".

Christopher M. Thomas  
Director of Elections