

June 2, 2023

Republican Party of Kentucky
105 W. Third St.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Chairman Brown,

As a result of a majority vote of the Republican Party of Jessamine County (RPJC), I have been re-elected as spokesperson for our county regarding our county's opposition to Mitch McConnell's support of the "Bipartisan Safer Communities Act". This is the Democrat authored legislation which Senator McConnell voted for last summer, an action which our county's Republican Party continues to strongly oppose.

By a majority vote last summer, our county censured Senator McConnell. At that same time, I was elected spokesperson regarding the matter and was tasked with communicating that censure publicly and widely, which I have done.

Subsequent to our censure, another 8 Kentucky counties joined in censuring Senator McConnell for his action.

To review, Senator McConnell's vote was in direct conflict with our party's platform regarding the Second Amendment, a part of our platform that our county's Republican Party strongly supports. You should have NO illusions that any attack upon our Second Amendment rights will result in making the majority of Kentucky Republicans VERY unhappy. That's why Senator McConnell's vote for that bill led to our public expression of disapproval.

As you are fully aware, after Hardin County passed a similar censure, the former chair of Hardin County complained to the 2nd district that the censure of Senator McConnell was "out of order".

While the 2nd district did not agree with the basis of that complaint, they nevertheless came to their own bizarre conclusion that Senator McConnell could not be censured because Robert's Rules of Order prohibits censure of any non-member of a particular group. That decision flies in the face of Robert's Rules that distinguish between two types of censures. Please see the attached page from Robert's Rules of Order.

The decision of the 2nd district was then appealed by Hardin County to the RPK. The RPK upheld this decision despite Hardin County's specific reference to the Robert's Rules page attached, which clearly shows the 2 types of censures. The RPK decision completely ignored that evidence in its decision.

I am writing to advise you that as a result of the RPK's action to muzzle our First Amendment rights, our county has adopted the following motions:

1. To approve the draft "Declaration of Reprimand" which reprimands and severely disapproves of Mitch McConnell.
2. To affirm and NOT rescind the censure document of July 20, 2022 and to challenge the decision of the Republican Party of Kentucky (RPK) ruling censures of politicians "out of order".

3. To re-elect Bob Barney as spokesperson for the County Committee on the matter of the censure and subsequent formal "Declaration of Reprimand" of Senator Mitch McConnell.
4. To approve the June 2, 2023 draft letter to Chairman Mac Brown of the Republican Party of Kentucky expressing the county's serious disapproval of the RPK decision that ruled the censure of Mitch McConnell is/was "out of order".
5. To approve the June 2, 2023 draft letter to the Republican National Committee in support of the Hardin County Appeal regarding the RPK decision that a censure was "out of order" unless an individual is a member of the group publishing the censure.
6. To Approve the Draft Press Release of June 6, 2023.

The six above mentioned motions were approved by a majority of our County. A draft of this letter, the matter of the fourth motion, was provided to our County before it was sent to you.

You will also find attached a copy of our "Declaration of Reprimand", formerly called a censure. You will note that it is identical to our censure of July 2022, with the word "censure" now replaced by:

formally **reprimands and severely disapproves of** Senator Mitch McConnell

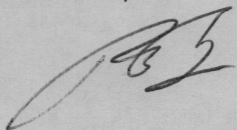
As per the second motion above, this document does NOT replace our censure which you ruled "out of order" but rather is a separate declaration that now stands in addition to the original censure.

It will now be up to RPK to decide if it wishes to take action to further infringe on our First Amendment rights by declaring that the second document is also "out of order".

Also attached is a copy of our letter to the RNC (Motion 5).

The RPK's support of Senator McConnell, no matter what he does, is a terrible precedent to establish. We are a nation ruled by laws and not monarchs. The Republican Party should be no different. When a Republican politician acts to violate our Constitution and the platform of our party, ALL Republicans should join together to condemn those actions. At the very least, the RPK should have stayed out of this matter. The RPK should focus on fostering an environment of free debate and discussion. Instead the RPK has decided to add to Senator McConnell's abridgement of our Second Amendment rights with an abridgment of our First Amendment rights. This is simply unacceptable and will be vigorously opposed. We urge you to correct the serious mistake that you have made.

Sincerely



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DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

§61. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

61:1 In most societies it is understood that members are required to be of honorable character and reputation, and certain types of associations may have particular codes of ethics to enforce. Although ordinary societies seldom have occasion to discipline members, an organization or assembly has the ultimate right to make and enforce its own rules, and to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization or its purposes. No one should be allowed to remain a member if his retention will do this kind of harm.

61:2 Punishments that a society can impose generally fall under the headings of censure,¹ fine (if authorized in the bylaws), suspension, or expulsion. The extreme penalty that an organization or society can impose on a member is expulsion.

61:3 If there is an article on discipline in the bylaws (56:57), it may specify a number of offenses outside meetings for which these penalties can be imposed on a member of the organization. Frequently, such an article provides for their imposition on any member found guilty of conduct described, for example, as “tending to injure the good name of the organization, disturb its well-being, or hamper it in its work.” In any society, behavior of this nature is a serious offense properly subject to disciplinary action, whether the bylaws make mention of it or not.

1. It is also possible to adopt a motion of censure without formal disciplinary procedures.



WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights protects the people's rights from tyranny of the government and the majority.

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment protects a non-negotiable inalienable natural right to keep and bear arms.

WHEREAS, the Republican Party platform explicitly supports the Second Amendment and opposes gun control.

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act contained unconstitutional gun control, including support for red flag laws.

WHEREAS, Red flag laws are a dangerous violation of the Second Amendment and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment's right to due process.

WHEREAS, every major gun-rights group opposed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, including the NRA, Gun Owners of America, and the National Association of Gun Rights.

WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell led a group of 15 Republican Senators to join with the Democrats to pass this dangerous and unconstitutional gun control legislation.

WHEREAS, more than 2/3rds of the Senate Republican Caucus opposed this dangerous and unconstitutional gun control legislation.

WHEREAS, more than 9/10ths of the House Republican Caucus opposed this dangerous and unconstitutional gun control legislation.

WHEREAS, Senator Mitch McConnell was the only Republican member of Kentucky's congressional delegation to support this dangerous and unconstitutional gun control.

WHEREAS, there is no excuse for any elected Republican to work with Democrats to undermine our constitutional rights.

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Jessamine County hereby formally reprimands and severely disapproves of Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, calls for his resignation as Senate Republican Leader, and shall cease any and all support of him.

This **Declaration of Reprimand** adopted at a regular Meeting of the Jessamine County Republican Party of Kentucky, by majority vote, on June 1, 2023.

June 2, 2023

Republican National Committee
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Jessamine County Republican Party support for the Hardin County Republican Party April 17, 2023 request that the RNC intervene and overturn the deeply flawed decision of the RPK that a county party censure of Senator Mitch McConnell is "out of order"

NOTE: A draft of this letter was presented to the meeting of the Jessamine County Republican Party on June 1, 2023 and passed by a majority vote of the County Committee of the party

We, the Republican Party of Jessamine County, in the state of Kentucky, agree with the appeal which was sent to you by the Hardin County Republican Party on April 17, 2023. We urge the RNC to take action on that appeal to preserve and protect our First Amendment rights, which have now been severely abridged by the actions of the Republican Party of Kentucky.

Please do NOT ignore this appeal. We will continue to bring this matter to your attention, and to the attention of the public, until you make a formal ruling on that appeal. Any decision to ignore the appeal, or to adopt the position that it is not in the purview of the RNC to rule on such state party matters, will be vigorously opposed.

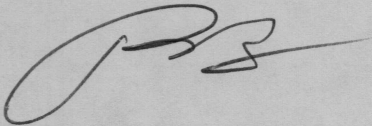
To summarize the issue at hand, the Republican Party of Kentucky has ruled, based upon its deeply flawed reading of Robert's Rules of Order, that an organization cannot publish a censure resolution regarding an individual who is not a member of that same organization. In short, this RPK decision was specifically designed to protect Senator Mitch McConnell from censures by Kentucky counties for his support of gun control legislation.

However, that decision by the RPK has the effect of rendering the RNC censures of Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger out of order as those individual were not members of the RNC when the RNC published its censure of those politicians.

The decision of the RPK also applies to the many censures published by Republican state and county parties in the last couple of years because the politicians in question were not members of the organizations that published those censures.

Therefore, the errant decision of the RPK must be addressed and overturned. We want you to know that we are ashamed of our state's partisan support of McConnell, over the plainly written rules that govern our state's operation and our party's platform. However, without the RNC's assistance we cannot correct the situation. Frankly, the conduct of the leadership of the state party is an embarrassment to us, as we expect it is an embarrassment to all like-minded Republicans.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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