

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 'R. Barney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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