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The Non-Aggression Principle is at the heart of the Libertarian Party. For this reason, every member of the Libertarian Party of Minnesota attests to the following statement when they join:

"I pledge to oppose the initiation of force or fraud (coercion) as a means of achieving political or social goals."

After the politically motivated murder of Charlie Kirk on September 10th, we reiterate our condemnation of political violence, especially political assassinations. Taking the life of any public speaker, regardless of their expressed views, is an ultimate act of cowardice. As a party, we seek to empower voices, not silence them. Society should do likewise.

A culture that tolerates or promotes political violence is incompatible with peace and liberty. In the wake of House Speaker Melissa Hortman's assassination, our party's Chair called for peace. If society will not right its behavior, then we must change society. We cannot and will not abide political violence under any circumstances. **We condemn this heinous act of insensible hostility towards Charlie and his family. Furthermore, we condemn the wretched low-lives that celebrate his assassination and that mock the grieving widow he left behind.** They won't be, and they probably justify their despicable behavior, but they should be utterly ashamed of themselves. Freedom of speech is the cornerstone of our nation, and a necessary prerequisite for a peaceful and free society. Free speech will have consequences, but violence must never be one of them, and we recommit ourselves to upholding everyone's free speech equally.

Peaceful ends by peaceful means,

Rebecca Whiting (Chair), **Nick Dugger** (Vice Chair), **Joey Gamache** (Treasurer), **Eric Thraen** (Secretary), **Eric Helstad** (Affiliate Chair), **Jake Dahle** (Affiliate Chair), **Wayne Wennberg** (Affiliate Chair), **Keith Whiting** (Affiliate Chair), **TJ Hawthorne** (At-Large), **Bob Seifert** (At-Large), **Clinton Toughill** (At-Large), **Hayden Oliver** (At-Large), **Ahmed AlRwazek** (Member)

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