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LPNOVA Condemns Lockdowns

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia affirms that individuals have the ability and sole responsibility to evaluate the risks and consequences of their actions and decisions about their own property. As knowledge is dispersed among all people, individuals are much better equipped to determine the appropriate precautions to take or not to take in any given situation, as opposed to the heavy hand of government.

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia recognizes that any rules or restrictions placed on businesses will necessarily have a greater negative impact to small and family-owned businesses relative to large corporations, due to a large corporations greater political and financial ties allowing them to more easily acquire the capital needed to continue to operate. These rules and restrictions will also disproportionately impact the working class, who, unable to perform their professions from home, imperils their livelihoods and unjustly impoverishes them as a result of the restrictions.

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia recognizes the danger of suspending individual liberty, especially in a crisis, as if politicians are able to suspend the rule of law in a crisis, they will exacerbate the severity of a crisis in order to suspend the rule of law.

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia also affirms that the First Amendment of the Constitution of these United States and Article I Section 12 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia recognize and guarantee the right of free assembly and provides no exceptions for emergencies.

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia also affirms that the First Amendment of the Constitution of these United States and Article I Section 16 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia guarantee the right of religious liberty and provides no exceptions for emergencies.

The Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia also affirms that Article I Section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia demands just compensation for both lost profits and lost access to private property. We also recognize that while

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these terms may be defined by the General Assembly, the current circumstances qualify under § 25.1-230.1 of the code of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and may not be redefined by the Governor.

Given this, Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia resolves that they condemn Governor Ralph Northam's actions in threatening Virginia residents with fines and misdemeanor charges for engaging in acts of free assembly, exercising religious liberty, and exercising their rights over their property; and by doing so is infringing on these individual rights in an unprecedented manner.

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