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October 12-14: Libertarian Party of Illinois Convention to Feature Presidential Debate

Media Advisory

CHICAGO/EWORLDWIRE/Aug. 16, 2007 --- When affiliates of the Libertarian Party of Illinois gather at their annual Convention October 12 through 14, they will have an opportunity to evaluate Libertarian presidential candidates in a wide-ranging debate of national issues. Candidates Barry Hess, Steve Kubby, Alden Link, George Phillies, and Christine Smith are scheduled to appear and gather support in their bid for the 2008 Libertarian Party presidential nomination.

While Rasmussen polls show the number of Americans identifying themselves as Democrats or Republicans dropping steadily, the Libertarian party is reporting an 18 percent membership increase since January. Frequently described as socially liberal and fiscally conservative, Libertarians believe that individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government are key to a just and prosperous society.

Along with the presidential debate, the Libertarian Party of Illinois 2007 Convention will host a lineup of nationally-known presenters including:

- Michael Cloud, co-founder of the Center for Small Government and author of "Secrets of Libertarian Persuasion"
- Jacob "Bumper" Hornberger, President of The Future of Freedom Foundation
- Tony Ryan from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP).

The Convention kicks off Friday evening, October 12, at Cliffbreakers Riverside Resort in Rockford with a carnival-style social mixer. A full day on Saturday includes the speakers plus activism workshops, a candidate forum, the presidential debate, dinner banquet, and live and silent auctions. On Sunday the Convention continues with the Libertarian Party of Illinois annual business meeting, topped off by the nomination of a U.S. Senate Candidate and Presidential Electors.

"Our convention provides an activity-packed weekend for anyone to learn more about libertarian solutions and political activism," says LP-Illinois Treasurer and Convention Chair Debra Aaron.

Additional information about the Convention, including registration packages and promotional opportunities available, can be found on the Party's Web site, www.LPillinois.org.

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