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Dear State Central Committee Member:

As you know, Bob Martinez has tendered his resignation as our National Committeeman for the purpose of running for State Chairman. To my knowledge he presently is the only candidate, and he has received widespread support from our elected officials and other members of the State Central Committee. Bob has done a great job for the Party, and we can expect strong leadership from him as our new Chairman during this most critical election cycle.

I wish to inform you that I will be a candidate to fill the vacancy for national committeeman caused by Bob's resignation. It has been a distinct privilege to serve as your state chairman the past two years, and I would consider it an equal privilege to serve in this new capacity. Our new national chairman, Ken Mehlman, has made it clear that his prime objective will be to grow the party, broaden its base, and be in a strong position for the midterm elections and the next presidential election. I'm an ardent disciple of both Ronald Reagan's "big tent" and "eleventh commandment" beliefs as fundamental to accomplishing these important goals. As Ken is fond of saying, the next presidential election will be the first one in many decades in which neither party has an obvious "heir apparent", thus making for a wide open race on both sides. I have a strong desire to continue to serve our party and do what I can to help Ken and the President achieve these goals.

At the same time, I want to assist Bob Martinez in building upon what I believe are the significant achievements of our state party in the last two years. You can be proud of the following achievements of our party:

- Registered 100,000 new Republicans, exceeding RNC's goal for us by 60,000
- Expanded our donor base to a number in excess of 7,000
- Out raised the Colorado Democratic Party by a ratio of nearly 30 to 1 (\$3 million to \$110 thousand dollars)
- Out polled the Democrats statewide in the presidential race by 100,000 votes
- Out polled the Democrats statewide in the state house races by 36,000 votes
- Expanded our 96 Hour get-out-the-vote campaign from 1400 volunteers two years ago to over 8,000 volunteers this past election

It is clear we severely beat the Colorado Democratic Party in the nuts and bolts of traditional party politics!

We know the law prohibits State Party from coordinating with outside individuals and groups, who can now, under new federal and state campaign finance laws introduced for the first time last cycle, raise huge sums without the legal limitations, restrictions, disclosures and accountability that now hampers state party fund raising. But we saw how just a handful of wealthy and dedicated Democrats acted outside their anemic state party and invested millions of dollars to literally buy control of both houses of the state legislature. We Republicans cannot allow this to happen again!

This next election cycle could not be more critical. Political control of the state for the next 15 years could be at stake. I pledge to you that if elected, I will continue to devote my energies to helping our party at both the federal and state level.

I ask for your support.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Halaby', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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