

CON STATEMENT

Just before I was elected to the party's National Committee, I made one single promise to the assembled convention delegation: that I would give my all to building this organization into the real political party that I know it can be and that we so desperately need. I take this responsibility very seriously.

Serving on the National Committee is just that – service. It is a great deal of time and consternation, something from which none of us derive any personal gain. To truly serve in this capacity and to remain true to my lone campaign promise requires more than simply holding a finger to the changing whims of online opinion. At times, it requires taking unpopular positions, and it means doing so strenuously.

We cannot ever hope to become a party of the working class without attracting large numbers of working class people, and we cannot do that if members are permitted to slander, threaten, verbally or emotionally abuse other members over differences in political opinion. Who would wish to belong to an organization where it is permissible for an internet mob to smear the reputation and break the spirit of a fellow comrade – particularly one in good standing and one who has not committed any infraction? I will not abide this behavior without a strong response, and it was in this spirit that I made my contentious remarks.

I have founded and continue to help steward one of the largest, fastest-growing, most gender balanced and overall most active locals in the party. My local comrades will attest to my dedication and professionalism. My goal is to continue to do this work locally and to enable others to do so nationally. The behavior of those behind this referendum stands in the way. Which is best for the party?

-Chris DiLoreto