Wicomico County Republican Central Committee,

Over the course of the past month or so, it has been clear that the Maryland Republican Party is no longer a unified organization or representative of where I stand politically. Certain actions that were taken against members of our party, specifically 1st Vice-Chair Brandon Cooper and 2nd Vice-Chair Tony Campbell were unnecessary and unprofessional. Though I personally supported and voted for Nicolee Ambrose for National Committeewoman, I was extremely disappointed in the treatment of those who supported Diana Waterman. Those actions were not representative of Republican values and further divided our party and disenfranchised those participating in the process.

During the vote for delegates to the Republican National Convention we were only offered the opportunity to initially vote for or against President Trump's slate. We were deprived of the opportunity to cast votes for other individuals who had put their names on the line. This was certainly a slap in the face to all of the people running and once again disenfranchised those participating in the process, both candidates and Central Committee members voting. This is likely the reason 45% of us cast a ballot against the President's slate.

The other concern I have is the Republican Party's building itself around the cult of personality. No longer does the GOP represent the values of small government, fiscal responsibility, and individual freedom. Though my Libertarian leanings have never been a secret, I personally find myself unable to continue aligning myself with a political party that has strayed so far off course and wrapped itself around a personality that it has lost its ideals, principles, and effectiveness.

So, effective Sunday, May 17, 2020 I am resigning from the Wicomico County Republican Central Committee and the Maryland Republican Party. This resignation is in no way reflective of the local committee and is solely a personal decision of my own. Nate Sansom is an extraordinary young man and a great leader. There are many wonderful people who are Republicans and I dearly appreciate their support and friendships over the years. This is a road I can no longer travel politically and I wish everyone well.

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Vice-Chair Wicomico County Republican Central Committee Vice-President Salisbury City Council

cc: Dirk Haire, MDGOP Executive Committee