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Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County Statement on Parkland Shooting

Boynton Beach, Fla -- The Libertarian Party of Palm Beach County (LP Palm Beach) is saddened and horrified by the actions of admitted killer, Nicholas Cruz, of 17 innocent people in Parkland, Florida last week. LP Palm Beach has strong beliefs in keeping the children of our community safe and free from such acts of violence. We all want to end future school shootings.

It has become clear that local, state, and the federal government failed in their primary duty to protect the public which includes the students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. We look forward to exploring viable solutions to help move the conversation forward in a positive direction with effective ideas.

We have not yet seen any credible solutions proposed. We as Libertarians believe in freedom and with that freedom comes a need of responsible personal behavior. We fully respect the rights of others. With freedom it can never violate the freedom of others. We as Libertarians do not believe gun free zones work as 98% of mass shootings happen in such zones. Gun free zones only soften targets for the benefit of violent offenders as they know they will meet with minimal opposition. We also support school choice and alternative education so parents are able to be more in charge of where and how their children are educated.

We grieve with the families of those affected and will not support any effort to ban or restrict the right of competent individuals safely possessing firearms. It is often those same firearms that are used to protect our families and others. We are also concerned that justice will never be

given to the grieving families in the courts; that the legal defense team tactics to claim mental incompetence of Mr. Cruz will guarantee justice will never be served.

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