

Libertarian Party of Oregon Public Policy Board Resolution 22-02 Concerning the Oregon Medical Board

Whereas, Libertarian National Committee Platform Plank 2.9 holds, "Libertarians support the right of every person to earn an honest and peaceful living through the free and voluntary exchange of goods and services. Accordingly, we oppose occupational and other licensing laws that infringe on this right or treat it as a state-granted privilege. We encourage certifications by voluntary associations of professionals;" and

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of Oregon represents 22,000 registered voters in the State of Oregon; and

Whereas, Dr. Paul Thomas is a well-respected Portland Pediatrician, Entrepreneur, parent, taxpayer, and Media Personality who in 2008 founded Integrative Pediatrics, a 10,000-patient practice, as well as

Whereas, Dr. Thomas was named a top family doctor in 2004 by *Ladies' Home Journal* and a top pediatrician in America in 2004, 2009, 2012, and 2014 by Castle Connolly; and

Whereas, at Integrative Pediatrics, Dr. Thomas practiced the principles of informed consent, informing his patients and parents of the relative risks and benefits of many vaccines and diverse vaccine schedules, as shown by the medical literature and FDA consumer disclosures; and

Whereas, at Integrative Pediatrics, Dr. Thomas respected patient and parent personal choices regarding vaccination;

Whereas, Libertarian National Committee Plank 1.1 holds, "Individuals own their bodies and have rights over them that other individuals, groups, and governments may not violate. Individuals have the freedom and responsibility to decide what they knowingly and voluntarily consume, and what risks they accept to their own health, finances, safety, or life;" and

Whereas, Medicine is "practiced" wherein a physician's experience and lifetime learning informs his/her practice; and

Whereas, the Hippocratic Oath holds, "First do no harm;" and

Whereas, based upon his experience, in 2016, Dr. Thomas with Science Journalist Jennifer Margulis, PhD, published *The Vaccine Friendly Plan*, Published and fact-checked by Ballantine books and distributed by Penguin Random House recommending an evidence-based vaccination protocol intended to limit cumulative toxicity; and

Whereas, Harvard Medical School Assistant Professor Martha Hebert, MD PhD and pediatric neurologist at Massachusetts General Hospital stated of Dr. Thomas's book, "A valuable, science-supported guide to optimizing your child's health while you navigate through complex choices in a toxic, challenging world;" and,

Whereas, Dr. Thomas validated his recommendations via a peer-reviewed retrospective study published in a leading environmental health journal (PMID 33266457); and

Whereas, Dr. Thomas's research findings and four decades of experience in private practice raised questions that current vaccination practices and schedules constitute a harmful "standard of care;" and,

Whereas, the history of medicine is littered with harmful standards of care enforced by guidelines bodies, including pyschosurgery, vioxx, oxycontin, "infectious pellagra," pathologizing of homosexuality, prostate antigen screening, tonsillectomy, misuse of invalid surrogate markers in clinical trials, tamiflu, remdesivir, and lethal doses of AZT administered to HIV positives; and

Whereas, In December 2021, The Oregon Medical Board issued a press release that made several false accusations against Dr. Thomas, as refuted by journalist Jeremy Hammond¹; and,

Whereas, the Medical Board's false statements were repeated in national news coverage including the Associated Press; and

Whereas, The Medical Board's Actions were not taken to "protect the health of Oregonians; rather, it took action in order to discredit Dr. Thomas's peer-reviewed published research as part of a coordinated campaign to force the study's retraction; and

Whereas, The Medical Board's Actions violated Dr. Thomas's rights of Due Process; and

Whereas, In June 2022, Dr. Thomas filed a defamation and harassment lawsuit in Federal court against the medical board; and

Whereas, the details of the Medical Board's improper practices are outlined in Dr. Thomas's Federal Court Complaint (*Thomas v. Harder et. Al, 3:22-cv-944 US District of Oregon, 2022*);

Whereas, on June 3, 2021, the Oregon Medical Board exceeded its governing authority and mandate by issuing an interim stipulated order prohibiting Dr. Thomas from practicing informed consent or practicing research, violating Dr. Thomas's first amendment rights and outside the legislative intent and scope of ORS 677.410; and,

Whereas, on October 6, 2022, the Oregon coerced Dr. Thomas into yet another stipulation order requiring Dr. Thomas to surrender his medical license within 60 days; and,

Whereas, the actions of the the Oregon Medical Board constitute a "kangaroo court" and create a chilling effect against legitimate scientific research by qualified professionals such as Dr. Thomas that might threaten entrenched but harmful standards of care; and,

Whereas, the actions of the Oregon Medical board deprive Oregonians of their chosen and trusted physician, including those seeking recovery in Dr. Thomas's highly-respected addiction medicine practice; and,

¹https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/23422

Whereas, Article 6, Section 2 of the Libertarian Party of Oregon's Bylaws allows the Public Policy Board to, by three quarters vote, adopt positions on specific matters of public policy:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party of Oregon has **NO CONFIDENCE** in the Oregon Medical Board and its authorizing statute;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the Public Policy of the Libertarian Party of Oregon to support reform of the state's occupational licensing practices inclusive of the establishment of true due process and judicial relief and sunset clauses for all occupational and professional Licensing boards;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the Libertarian Party of Oregon supports Dr. Thomas's \$35 Million Federal defamation lawsuit against the members of the Oregon Medical Board and authorizes the Libertarian Party of Oregon to coordinate with Dr. Thomas's legal team in filing an *amicus* brief if requested; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary/Clerk of the Public Policy Board shall cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Oregon Medical Board for entry into Public Comment at its next regular meeting and that the Chair of the Public Policy Board may designate Members of the Board to speak to the content of this resolution at Public Comment or to the Media as Official Representatives of the Libertarian Party of Oregon; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary/Clerk of the Public Policy Board shall cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Dr. Thomas, the Office of the Governor, the Speakers of the Oregon House and Senate, The Children's Health Defense, the HighWire, and media outlets and shall cause a copy of this resolution be posted to the Libertarian Party of Oregon website with accompanying public relations materials.

Adopted date: 10/22/22

SECRETARY attest: