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IRS Defines Libertarianism

> Libertarianism is a philosophy. The basic premise of libertarianism is that each individual should be free to do as he or she pleases so long as he or she does not harm others. In the libertarian view, societies and governments infringe on individual liberties whenever they tax wealth, create penalties for victimless crimes, or otherwise attempt to control or regulate individual conduct which harms or benefits no one except the individual who engaged in it.

The IRS gave this definition of libertarianism in their letter advising us that the Advocates have been granted tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FINALLY --- Tax Exempt Status

In a letter dated November 28, 1986, the IRS advised the Advocates that they have concluded that we are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In layman's terms, this means three things: 1. contributions received since the date of our incorporation, September 12, 1985, are deductible by the donor; 2. the Advocates is not required to pay income tax; 3. corporations and grant-making foundations can make contributions to the Advocates.

How did we do it? David Bergland acted as our attorney; together we answered all their questions forthrightly. The above quotation shows they have a very good understanding of our philosophy.

And they understand our purpose, too. The line prior to the above quote is this: "Your purpose is to educate the public to an acceptance of libertarianism." So be it!