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I would like the following statement to be included in this proposal when it goes into agreement seeking so council members can view my response and consider it when they vote.

Proposal 28-17 states the justifications of the proposal to ban me from the GPCO is my participation and promotion of the grievance filed by the Caucus to Restore Green Values with the GPUS Accreditation Committee and seeking the remedy of decertification and rebuilding of the GPCO. It also states that this action violates the key values of grassroots democracy and decentralization due to usurping the authority of the GPCO state council by not using the established process of submitting proposals to the state council in order to achieve a remedy to our grievances. However the case the CRGV submitted to the GPUS AC at restoregreenvalues.org outlines in detail how the GPCO co-chair, Andrea Merida, acting for a month and a half as the sole state co-chair, state council facilitator, and forum administrator, systemically violated GPCO bylaws and council process to undermine our faction's ability to submit proposals and participate in the state council. Furthermore since we felt that the case we submitted to the GPUS Accreditation Committee was a valid one we were exercising our due rights within the democratic processes of the Green Party of the United States of which the Green Party of Colorado is an affiliate. To attempt to remove anyone from the GPCO based on these criteria is a violation of the democratic process of the GPUS and this proposal, as well as the other 7 submitted simultaneously to remove other members of our faction based on the same criteria, should be immediately withdrawn based on this alone. The grievance we have filed within the democratic process provided by the GPUS is solely within the jurisdiction of the GPUS Accreditation Committee and any interference by the GPCO is in violation of this democratic process. The appropriate course of action on the part of the GPCO in this matter is to defer all judgements and actions related to the grievance filed by the CRGV to the GPUS Accreditation Committee and any punitive measures against myself and other members of the CRGV is usurping the authority of the GPUS. All proposals recently submitted on the GPCO forum to ban members of the CRGV should be withdrawn immediately.

The two distinct factions that have been created in the GPCO which began with the proposal to remove Bill Bartlett from his position as state co-chair have two distinctly different views of what the Merida faction has heralded as her efforts to "build the party." Our faction interprets Andrea Merida's actions as state co-chair as an effort to take over the party and remove any dissenting voices to her authority. This effort was achieved by hand picking state council members and new local chapters and caucuses who vote in lock step with her wishes on every proposal, preventing our faction from participating in the GPCO state council, and purging members of our faction from the party of which these recent proposals are a continuing effort.

A party without dissent really isn't a political party it is a private club with a self-serving agenda and a supreme leader in which disagreeing with the supreme leader is not tolerated. So it's not surprising that eight separate proposals to ban eight members of the opposing faction were put up simultaneously like a group of people going before a firing squad. And when this firing squad has finished with us there will undoubtedly be subsequent ones until any and all Greens who have signed the petition at restoregreenvalues.org or who have disagreed with Andrea at any time are purged. By the way what happened to the bylaw that states submitting more than two

proposals at the same time should be discouraged? Just another example of how bylaws don't matter when you wield absolute power (which corrupts absolutely) and it also sends a clear message to all of the members of the private club. Disagree with the supreme leader and off with your head. The correct action in this case is to withdraw all eight current proposals to ban members of our faction and let the democratic process of the GPUS Accreditation Committee, which is still active, run its course.

