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Dear State Leaders, Chapter Leaders and fellow Minutemen,

By now you have probably heard rumors or received an email about a massive purge of your National and State Leaders. These rumors are true. The numbers are staggering and to any one who is capable of reason, the devastating effect on your MCDC is inescapable. As you review the documents attached you will recognize many of the names of those leaders. Maybe one is your state leader, or the leader of a State in which you served on the border. Others you will recognize by their reputations as long time, completely dedicated Minutemen and Leaders. None of these men have ever had their dedication questioned, or have ever brought even a hint of disgrace or scandal to your MCDC. Each is a proven dedicated Patriot who has always kept our mission foremost while fiercely protecting the integrity of the organization you and they have built. All of you know and /or have served with at least one of these Leaders. You know their quality and integrity.

What great crime was committed by this group to bring about the termination of half the National Leadership and almost half of the State leadership? As the accompanying documents, the actual termination letter, and the e-mails exchanged between this committee of state leaders and Chris Carmen, and Al Garza will clearly establish, we were terminated for Inviting Chris, Carmen, and Al to a meeting of this committee so we could discuss those issues described below. This sounds preposterous but read the documents and the e-mails and they will affirm that is the reason.

The following is a rough timeline and sequence of events that has led to this madness.

As the serving Deputy Executive Director of MCDC I was charged with contacting State Leaders. Toward the end of April of this year I was contacted by a Minuteman and asked to moderate a planned conference call involving up to 18 State Leaders.

I agreed and thought it a good opportunity to ascertain the health of the organization as seen through the eyes of these state directors. During the course of this tele-conference a number of issues developed that were common to most of the directors, were of a long standing nature, and each had at different times attempted to address these issues with Chris, Carmen or Al Garza only to be put off, ignored or the promised resolution never developed.

As you survey the list of grievances attached to this missive you will see that most of the issues are certainly not new, all directly affect the health of the organization, the credibility of the organization, and if

there is valid problems the aftermath of those problems will directly affect every Minuteman in his community, with his family, and his friends as each of us has staked our personal reputations on our Minuteman activities.

During the course of the first tele-conference much of the anger and frustration was worked through and the state leaders distilled the issues down to 10 distinct areas they felt had to be addressed with Chris Simcox as soon as possible as all were tired of being put off, ignored or receiving promises for resolutions that were never kept. Knowing that Chris was doing a number of speaking engagements across the country they discussed flying to one of the cities in which he was speaking and having a face to face with him there. Upon learning that this speaking tour was in conjunction with a family vacation that plan was scrapped as all felt it inappropriate to intrude on the family vacation in this manner.

It was then determined that Chris would be back in Arizona. For the May 19th Muster. The State leaders determined to set up a meeting in Phoenix on the 19th so Chris would have no problem making it as this is his home town and he would be there. Still considering myself a facilitator to this committee I set up a meeting place and time that would make it easy for Chris to attend. I then sent an e-mail to Chris, Carmen, And Al notifying them of the meeting. I did not expect Chris to be happy about it but neither I nor the State Leaders anticipated the paranoia driven nightmare we were about to be plunged into.

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