

My name is William Truman Wayne, but you can Vote 4 Bill. I'm the Libertarian candidate for the 51st District. I appreciate the opportunity to speak here, my first ever forum in Marshall.

My wife of 41 years & I live on 80 acres of her great grandfather's farm SE of Warrensburg, where we raise butterflies & wild deer, and occasionally hay. I'm a retired Air Force officer w/ degrees from USAFA, UCM and an MBA from Mizzou. I'm also a long-time Civil War reenactor. After I retired from the Air Force, we opened a bed & breakfast on the farm, running it for 28 years until we retired the B&B in 2016.

As a Libertarian, I believe in the principles of the Golden Rule, the Declaration of Independence & the Bill of Rights. I believe that people should have the right to live and use their property as they wish, as long as they do no harm to other persons or their property. I oppose government meddling in economic activity, whether by corporate welfare & subsidies, protective tariffs, or making farmers ask permission to grow certain crops.

We need to end the wars: the war on poverty that has undermined the nuclear family, the war on drugs that has killed more people and ruined more lives than the drugs themselves, the war on guns that threatens our god-given right to self-defense, and the undeclared overseas wars that do not involve a vital national interest and that create more disabled

veterans.

We need to end government warrantless surveillance of citizens and increase citizen surveillance of government.

It's time to widen public discussion beyond the platforms & squabbles of the two best-known political parties. If you wish to hear voices from across the spectrum, I urge you to vote for a third party, to vote Libertarian – to Vote 4 Bill.

Thank you.