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A final post on libertarianism — for now

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First, I need to note that the Cato Institute spokesman objected to my characterization in my column that Brink Lindsey and Will Wilkinson were “driven out.” He sent me a copy of the letter from Cato president Ed Crane, which I reprint in its entirety at the bottom of this post.

Second, I wanted report the responses I got when I asked for libertarian politicians:

Bill Weld, [Jerry Brown](#), [Mike Gravel](#), [Brian Schweitzer](#), [the current coalition government in the UK](#), Germany’s [Free Democrats](#), William Proxmire, and John Norquist.

Talk amongst yourselves.

Here’s Crane’s note:

Catoites –

As you may by now have heard, our longtime colleague and friend Brink Lindsey has accepted a senior position at the Kansas City-based Kauffman Foundation. He will be a senior fellow in research and policy. The good news is that he will be working here in Washington with, among others, our old friend Bob Litan (formerly with Brookings). Brink has made many meaningful contributions to Cato over the nearly two decades he has worked here, not least of which include the establishment of our Center for Trade Policy Studies and our online Cato Unbound. This looks to be a terrific opportunity for Brink. Please join me in thanking him for his contributions to Cato and wishing him well in his new endeavor.

Ed

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