## Subject: Mr. Libertarian Walter Block Endorses Rand Paul for President Posted by CyberkNight on Mon, 20 Apr 2015 19:01:39 GMT

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Whether he wanted it or not, US Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) now has the backing of one of libertarianism's most strident and prominent academics as he campaigns for the presidency. Walter Block, the longtime anarcho-libertarian and Austrian-school economist, released a 1,400-word comment via Facebook this Saturday evening, entitled "The Libertarian Case for Rand Paul."

"I stand with Rand," he wrote, "and I urge my fellow libertarians, particularly those who have been most dismissive of him, to reconsider their position on this man."

Block, a tenured professor at Loyola University New Orleans, believes that his own "libertarian credentials are about as good, among the living, as anyone else's on the planet." Lew Rockwell, founder and chairman of the Mises Institute, has dubbed him Mr. Libertarian, and commitment is not a matter of debate for the author of Defending the Undefendable (1976). Block's uncompromising and combative style has earned him the sarcastic moniker of "the moderate."

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A long-time supporter of Rand's father, Block also wrote Ron Paul for President in 2012, and he laments that "The acorn has fallen too far from the tree in this case." However, when it comes to electoral politics, Block is willing to acknowledge that "The perfect is the enemy of the good."

"He is by far the best we have [and] It cannot be denied that Rand is pretty darned good from a libertarian point of view compared with the realistic alternatives."

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