



LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA
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Dear Advocates,

Together, as the President and Advocacy Director of Little People of America (LPA), we are introducing this toolkit aimed at empowering you in the fight against “midget” wrestling events and the exploitation of individuals with dwarfism in entertainment. This initiative stems from our shared commitment to uphold LPA’s Core Values and the dignity, respect, and rights of our community.

“Midget” wrestling, while often presented as harmless entertainment, perpetuates damaging stereotypes and reduces individuals with dwarfism to mere caricatures. These events undermine the progress we have made in fostering understanding and acceptance and often overshadow the rich talents and contributions of our community members. It is crucial that we challenge these portrayals and advocate for a more respectful narrative.

What’s even more alarming is that many county fairs and public events that host these degrading spectacles are funded by public dollars—local, state, and federal tax money. By using taxpayer funding to support these events, institutions are not just allowing discrimination to thrive but are endorsing it with public money. This misallocation of public resources not only perpetuates harmful stereotypes, but it also goes against the principles of fairness, equality, and respect that our tax dollars should promote.

This toolkit is designed to equip you with the knowledge and resources necessary to advocate effectively against “midget” wrestling events, and to help you bring attention to the misuse of public funds in supporting such harmful entertainment.

We believe that productive advocacy is a collective effort, and your engagement is essential. We encourage you to utilize the resources provided in this toolkit, share your personal experiences, and work together to raise awareness about the negative implications of these events.

By being united in this, we can create a society that embraces LPA’s Core Value of Acting with Strategic Resilience.

In solidarity,

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Eileen Norman
President, Little People of America

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samantha Rayburn-Trubyk'.

Samantha Rayburn-Trubyk
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