

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Following is my statement in the matters before the Iowa Senate Ethics Committee:

1. List Issue

- a. I never took, participated in, or directed the taking of any list from Ms. Heki's computer or the computer of anyone.
- b. Attachment #1 to my statement is an affidavit from Mr. Tony Eastman, a former Bachmann staff person, who swears to personal knowledge that I did not take the mentioned list.
- c. Attachment # 2 to my statement is an affidavit from Mr. Chris Dorr, a former Bachmann staff person, who accounts for the transfer of a list from Ms. Heki's computer and attests that I did not participate in any manner.
- d. I am presently involved in a civil case dealing with the list. The civil case requires some level of confidentiality. Having said that, participants in the case and the Urbandale Police have been given the name of the individual who acquired the list.
- e. The police investigation has received my full cooperation and I will continue to do so, if needed.
- f. The only other individual to make any statement in these proceedings dealing with the list, Eric Woolson, professed no direct knowledge on the topic and upon providing a statement for Mr. Waldron, was dismissed as a defendant in the civil case.

2. Payment Issue

- a. I was never paid directly or indirectly by Michelle PAC or the Bachmann Campaign.
- b. Andy Parrish, a gentleman who was removed from the employ of the Bachmann offices due to my sharing of information with the congresswoman, is the only person to attempt to provide contrary information.
- c. Mr. Parrish lacks consistency in his affidavit. In the Affidavit of Mr. Parrish, Items #3 and #6 are in direct conflict and cannot both be true in discussing his beliefs on the issue of payment.
  - i. Item #3 states, "We both knew that Iowa Senate ethics prevented any presidential campaign from paying a senator for his or her efforts on a candidate's behalf."
  - ii. Item #6 states, "Congresswoman Bachmann knew of and approved this arrangement. She, like the rest of us, understood from Senator Sorenson that it did not run afoul of any Iowa Senate ethics rules."
- d. Mr. Parrish represents, in Item #3, that Ms. Bachmann knew of and approved of the alleged financial arrangement. He attempted to offer support of this statement with an e-mail to Ms. Bachmann labeled "Exhibit C". Nowhere in the e-mail is any compensation to me in any form mentioned, either directly or indirectly.
- e. In Item #7 of the affidavit, Mr. Parrish offers an e-mail, Exhibit D to state I was "on staff".
  - i. In the e-mail, Mr. Parrish asked, "Can I get the names and pay of everyone on the team, please include yourself as well..." The word staff was never used. I believed "team" to mean staff and me as a volunteer.
  - ii. I responded as requested. I included myself, without annotation of pay, as I was receiving none. I listed the names and salaries of paid staff.

- f. Item #4 of Mr. Parrish's affidavit states, "The principal of C & M, Guy Short, agreed with my suggestion that we hire Sorenson at the rate of \$7,000..." Mr. Parrish offered an e-mail to me, Exhibit B, as support of the statement of that agreement.
    - i. The actual e-mail says, "As for you, I have recommended you to Guy Short at C&M strategies, I think he said he was hiring at \$7,000/month phone and one time laptop reimbursement. I have CCed him on this so you can work it out." Recommending me for an opportunity he thought someone may be hiring for is not an agreement made by any Bachmann entity. Additionally, I had a pre-existing relationship with Mr. Short from activities unassociated to any Bachmann entities.
  - g. Item #5 of Mr. Parrish's affidavit, he claims I was paid \$7,500 per month by Guy Short, although he states he, "never saw, nor had the occasion to see, any contract, checks, or other documents reflecting this relationship." He offers no attempt at support of his claim.
  - h. Attachment #3 to my statement is an affidavit from Mr. Wes Enos, a former Bachmann staff person who served as the Iowa campaign Comptroller. In the affidavit, he attests no request was ever made to pay me for my service.
  - i. Attachment #4 to my statement is an affidavit from Ms. Cherie Johnson. She performed an audit of my deposits into my account from December 8, 2010 to December 7, 2011. Ms. Johnson attests I deposited no checks from Guy Short or C&M Strategies. Additionally, she attests I never deposited \$7,500 from any single source.
3. The above facts support my previous statements that I took no list and received no pay from any Bachmann entities, either directly or indirectly. No evidence to the contrary exists.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent L. Sorenson