

From: Raquel Lewis <[REDACTED]>
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To: brandon@[REDACTED]
Subject: Statement Regarding Prayer Event

Dear Senator Creighton,

Thank you for your concerted efforts to secure our southern border, and your attention to our Legislative Priorities.

We are also happy to see that you are taking time to lead us, locally, in prayer.

The event appears to be claimed as being a "Montgomery County Republican Party" event. For whatever reason, the Republican Party was never contacted about the event. Nevertheless, if we had been, we would have been happy to participate. Please convey our agreement with the need to pray for our nation, our state, and our county.

Unfortunately, since the event is being led by Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) Board Member Jon Bouche, we are not able to attend with you. Please realize this is not because of political differences nor for anyone's personal feelings. Nor do we expect you to enter into any internal Party dispute.

Sadly, we cannot attend since that would be seen as our approval of a distressing occurrence of outright misappropriation of Republican Party money in the amount of \$52,105.41 by LSGCD Board Member Jon Bouche. That is the amount of Party money that mysteriously disappeared from our bank account at Sunflower Bank shortly after Mr. Bouche was made a signatory to that account.

Why was Mr. Bouche made a signatory to the Republican Party CEC bank account? The County Chairman and Ethics Committee Chair Byers met with and asked the Sunflower Bank that very question. The branch manager explained that Mr. Bouche came to the bank on August 15, 2022, presenting himself as the newly elected Republican Party Vice Chair, and that the County Chairman had "been removed". On that basis, as instructed by Mr. Bouche, along with a John Wertz and Charles Shirley, the branch manager removed the County Chairman from the bank account and placed Mr. Bouche as signatory.

Sometime between August 15, 2022, when Mr. Bouche replaced the County Chairman as bank account signatory, and September 1, 2022, (see attached bank statement) \$52,105.41 disappeared. We still do not know where that money went. We would greatly appreciate it if, as his fellow elected official, you would ask Mr. Bouche to let us know where the \$52,105.41 is.

To be clear, we do not consider your agreeing to be the keynote speaker would be your condoning misappropriation of Party funds. Mr. Bouche did not take your money. He took ours.

We hope the event is prayerful and appreciative of the Lord's Love and great Mercy for all who ask with sincere hearts. The Lord be with you in your efforts to represent Senate District 4.

Thank you.

Reported cash on hand \$54,401 Sep 30, 2022
Bank account balance \$2,295.59 Nov 30, 2022

Bank account balance \$3,112.63 Mar 31, 2023

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Attachments:

[IncomeStmt--MoCoRepPty--Shirley--01November2022.pdf](#)

[Sunflower Bank Statement page 1 Nov 30 2022.pdf](#)

[Sunflower Balance March 31 2023.pdf](#)