BEFORE THE OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

SARAH CHAMBERS
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CASE NO. 20214-022

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COMPLAINANT,

VS.

JOSEPH K. BLYSTONE 8677 OREGON ROAD CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

AND,

M. JANE BLYSTONE, TREASURER 8677 OREGON ROAD CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

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FRIENDS OF JOE BLYSTONE 8677 OREGON ROAD CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Now comes the Complainant, and after being duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and states the following:

- I am Sarah Chambers and I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.
- Joseph K. Blystone is an announced Republican Candidate for Governor of Ohio for the May 2022 primary election.
- Friends of Joe Blystone is the officially designated state campaign committee for Joseph K. Blystone.
- M. Jane Blystone is the spouse of Joseph K. Blystone and is the treasurer for Friends of Joe Blystone.

BACKGROUND

Candidate for Governor Joe Blystone's campaign has engaged in an unprecedented level of illegal activity. More than a dozen Blystone for Governor donors, volunteers, and staff members who witnessed these illegal acts have come forward.

The Blystone for Governor campaign collected tens of thousands of dollars in illegal donations, failed to document thousands of dollars in donations, violated numerous campaign finance laws and did so deliberately. As you will see, staff members were given specific instructions to NOT document donor information. Staff members have provided sworn affidavits, video documentation, bank statements, and various other pieces of evidence that show Joe Blystone's campaign has violated multiple laws. These actions raise serious questions as to who is funding Joe Blystone's campaign and undermine our elections process.

Election integrity is paramount to the fabric of our society. We ask the Ohio Elections

Commission to investigate these claims and take appropriate action.

COUNT ONE - DOUGLAS FRANK UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTION

- Complainant restates the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 4.
- On May 8, 2021, Douglas Frank attended an event and while there made a \$100 cash contribution directly to Joseph K. Blystone for Friends of Joe Blystone.
- That contribution was captured on video and can be viewed by watching the disc attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #1.
- Notwithstanding this evidence, a review of the campaign finance records located at the
 Ohio Secretary of State indicates NO contributions from Douglas Frank to Friends of Joe
 Blystone.
- A list of itemized and unitemized contributions for May 8, 2021, is attached here as
 Complainant's Exhibit #2.

The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section
 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT TWO - EXCESSIVE CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 10.
- On July 30, 2021, Respondents filed a campaign finance report with the Ohio Secretary of State where they disclosed contributions of \$258,836.00 of which \$88,142.00 or thirty-four percent (34%) were allegedly cash contributions in amounts of \$25 or less.
- Even assuming that each of these alleged persons made a contribution of between \$1 and \$25, these totals would mean that cash contributions were received from a range of people as low as 3,526 or as high as 88,142.
- Complainant is unable to find any other candidate with such a high level of cash contributions received.
- Complainant alleges that these cash contributions are being reported in this manner in order to disguise their true size and scope.
- Complainant further alleges that these cash contributions are being reported in this manner in order to facilitate a theft of these campaign funds by the Respondents.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.41(2) Theft in Office.

COUNT THREE - SARAH CHAMBERS ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 17.
- Sarah Chambers served approximately four months as the co-campaign manager for Friends of Joe Blystone.
 - Sarah Chambers made a statement, sworn under oath, which can be found attached here

as Complainant's Exhibits #3 and #4.

- In her statement, Ms. Chambers alleged that she made total contributions in goods and contributions in the amount of \$13,871.97 to Friends of Joe Blystone.
- Ms. Chambers provided her personal financial records to document those contributions and those records are attached here as Complainant's Exhibits #5 through #14.
 - Notwithstanding this evidence, Friends of Joe Blystone reported to the Ohio Secretary of State total contributions in the amount of \$515.00 from Sarah Chambers. Please see

Complainant's attached Exhibit #15.

- Ms. Chambers further alleges that she then received a partial refund of these contributions but there is no such information found at the Ohio Secretary of State.
- Finally, Ms. Chambers alleges that she personally observed numerous other potential violations of Ohio campaign finance laws committed by Friends of Joe Blystone including being personally instructed to not write down any donor info.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT FOUR - STEPHANIE FOUCHER ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 26.
- Stephanie Foucher served approximately three months as a volunteer regional leader for Friends of Joe Blystone.
- Ms. Foucher made a lengthy statement, sworn under oath, which can be found attached here as Complainant's Exhibits #16 and #17.
 - During an event on May 1, 2021, Ms. Foucher alleges that she and her boyfriend Shane

Parrino worked at a Friends of Joe Blystone event where they witnessed numerous contributions over the amount of \$25 in cash that were not reported to the Ohio Secretary of State. These included donations from Mark Probst and Joyce McFaul.

- An actual list of itemized and un-itemized donations reported to the Ohio Secretary of State can be found here as Complainant's Exhibit #18.
- During two events on May 2, 2021, Ms. Foucher alleges that she and her boyfriend Shane Parrino worked at Blystone campaign events where they witnessed numerous contributions over the amount of \$25 in cash that were not reported to the Ohio Secretary of State. These included donations from Mary and Robert Jones and Devin McFaul.
- An actual list of itemized and un-itemized donations reported to the Ohio Secretary of
 State can be found here as Complainant's Exhibit #19.
- Ms. Foucher alleges that she made total contributions to the Friends of Joe Blystone in excess of \$2,000 via cash and contributions through the website.
- Nonetheless, the Blystone campaign only reported a total of \$615 in contributions which reflects Ms. Foucher's contributions via the website. Please see attached Complainant's Exhibit #20.
- Finally, Ms. Foucher alleges that she personally observed numerous other potential violations of Ohio campaign finance laws committed by Friends of Joe Blystone including being personally instructed to not write down any donor info.
- Ms. Foucher's boyfriend, Shane Parrino, also executed a statement in support of Ms. Foucher's allegations. It can be found attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #21.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT FIVE - DIANNE B. GARRETT ALLEGATIONS

Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 38.

- Dianne B. Garrett was a volunteer for the Friends of Joe Blystone campaign, and she has
 made a statement, sworn under oath, which can be found attached here as Complainant's
 Exhibits #22 and #23.
- On June 11, 2021, Ms. Garrett alleges that she made total donations of \$40 at an event for Friends of Joe Blystone.
- Notwithstanding that evidence, the Friends of Joe Blystone did not report any donations from Ms. Garrett for that day. See list attached here as **Complainant's Exhibit #24**.
- Finally, Ms. Garrett alleges that that she personally observed numerous other potential
 violations of Ohio campaign finance laws committed by Friends of Joe Blystone including being
 personally instructed to not write down any donor info.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT SIX – JEFF SEIBERT ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 44.
- Jeff Seibert previously worked as a regional director for the Friends of Joe Blystone campaign and he has a made a statement, sworn under oath, which can be found attached here as Complainant's Exhibits #25 and #26.
 - Mr. Seibert alleges that he attended at least six events put on by Friends of Joe Blystone where cash donations in excess of \$25 were accepted but not itemized in reports filed by the campaign.
- Finally, Mr. Seibert alleges that he personally observed numerous other potential
 violations of Ohio campaign finance laws committed by Friends of Joe Blystone including being
 personally instructed to not write down any donor info.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT SEVEN - TRACEY SPARKS ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 49.
- Tracey Sparks previously served as a volunteer for the Friends of Joe Blystone campaign
 and she has made a statement, sworn under oath, that can be found attached here as
 Complainant's Exhibits #27 and #28.
 - Ms. Sparks alleges that she attended two events for the Friends of Joe Blystone campaign
 where cash contributions in excess of \$25 were being accepted without donor information
 being taken.
- Ms. Sparks also alleges that she personally observed numerous other potential
 violations of Ohio campaign finance laws committed by Friends of Joe Blystone including being
 personally instructed to not write down any donor info.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT EIGHT – JACOB NOVOTNY ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 54.
- Jacob Novotny attended three Friends of Joe Blystone campaign events and he has executed a statement, which is attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #29.
- On May 10, 2021 Mr. Novotny alleges that he attended a campaign event where he
 witnessed Joe Blystone place a bucket at the front of the event and ask that cash donations be
 placed in it.
- Mr. Novotny further alleges that no effort was made to attempt to take down any donor information for these cash donations.
 - A copy of the itemized and un-itemized donors from May 10, 2021 that were reported to the Ohio Secretary of State can be found attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #30.
 - The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section

3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT NINE - POP UP KIT CONTRACT

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 60.
- Throughout the course of this campaign, Friends of Joe Blystone has required volunteers to enter into a contract with them in order to utilize pop up kits. Please see Complainant's attached Exhibit #31.
- These pop up kits contain 50 signs, 20 shirts, 20 flags, and 20 stickers and the cost is \$1,070.00.
- After the event is concluded, volunteers must either pay \$1,070 to the campaign either from the proceeds of the sale of these items, return any unsold items for credit, and/or pay any differences themselves. Donors Susan Eddy, and Stacey Jarrett were two who took part in this pop up kit contract. Many others signed and took part as well, including pop up kits/contracts that were disbursed by Joe Blystone himself.
- The very design of this process calls for the deliberate concealment of the actual donors to the campaign and clearly appears to violate Ohio's campaign finance laws.

COUNT TEN – Volunteer #1 ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 65.
- Volunteer #1 volunteered on the Blystone campaign for approximately four months and has submitted a statement attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #32.
- Volunteer #1 alleges that she attended over a dozen events where she personally witnessed members of the Blystone campaign, including Joe Blystone, accepting cash contributions in excess of \$25 without obtaining any donor information.
- Volunteer #1 further alleges that she was informed multiple times that it was not necessary to obtain donor info for anyone that gave \$25 or less in cash.
- Nonetheless, Volunteer #1 alleges that she personally witnessed many people give \$50,
 \$100, or more in cash without any documentation being taken from them.
 - In fact, Volunteer #1 alleges that she personally donated \$140.00 in cash but

the donation was not reported to the Ohio Secretary of State.

- Volunteer #1 also alleges that she bought shirts via the Blystone Bonfire online store, has
 produced her bank statements to prove the transactions, and the amounts were not
 correctly reported to the Ohio Secretary of State. Please see Complainant's attached
 Exhibits #33, #34, and #35.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section
 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

COUNT ELEVEN - AMANDA HELMICK ALLEGATIONS

- Complainant restates the allegations found in paragraphs 1 through 73.
- Amanda Helmick was a volunteer for the Friends of Joe Blystone campaign and her statement can be found attached here as Complainant's Exhibit #36.
 - Ms. Helmick alleges that she attended a campaign event on May 15, 2021 where she was specifically told NOT to document information from donors.
- The activities alleged here appear to be a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 3517.10(A)(4) and potentially other violations.

June 6th Event at Blystone Farm

Multiple inconsistencies appear on Joe Blystone's campaign finance report regarding his June 6th fundraiser held at Blystone Farm. Video evidence shows Joe accepting a donation of \$200 cash from an unknown man. This contribution is not documented. No male appears on his campaign finance report as donating \$100 or \$200 to the Blystone campaign on this date.

In addition, Blystone's finance reports \$500 in kind donation from an organization named "Pickaway County Leaders." No such entity exists.

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that the panel find probable cause for a violation and proceed to a full hearing on this matter. Furthermore, Complainant requests that if a violation is found at a full hearing that the Ohio Elections Commission recommend prosecution by the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney. Finally, Complainant requests that if a violation is found

of the allegations in Count Two, that Respondents be forever disqualified to serve as public officials.

Further Affiant saith naught.

Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this Onto 20 day of

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Notary Public

JAMES F. GINLEY Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires December 4, 2024

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My name is Sand Chambers . I swear and/or affirm, under
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My name is Sarah Chambers and I worked on the Blystone campaign for 4 months. I attended dozens of events where I witnessed Joe Blystone, his wife Jane, and volunteers accepting campaign contributions in excess of \$25 without requesting or accepting the donors information. Myself and others questioned this practice and offered to document and track contributions, signs sold, and t-shirts sold, but we were told that it wasn't necessary at the time. I witnessed hundreds of give \$50, \$100 and more without any documentation being taken from volunteers. At most events, we would have a donation bucket for any cash donations to be put in. At the end of the event, we would empty the cash, without knowing who gave what, and give the cash to Joe or Jane.

I personally donated several thousand dollars to Joe Blystone and the donation was not reported on his campaign finance report. I was able to receive a partial refund, but that wasn't disclosed either.

I have attached my own personal records of my donations to the campaign including several items that I purchased myself as donations. These are noted on my credit card statement on 6/5/21 as Shoot Point blank(a gun for auction), Rod's Western Place(2 hats for auction) and several amazon purchases used for auction.

This shady activity is one of many reasons I left the Blystone campaign. I have reason to believe that Blystone received more money than he has reported on his filing. I strongly suggest the Ohio Secretary of State launch an investigation into this activity immediately.

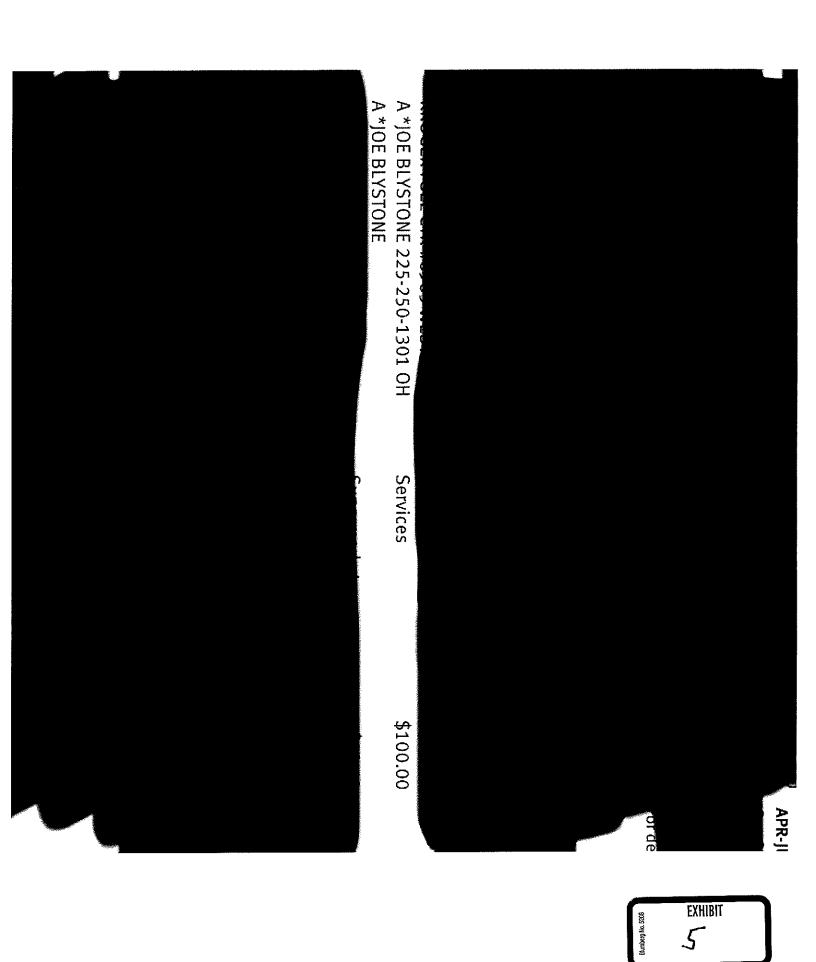
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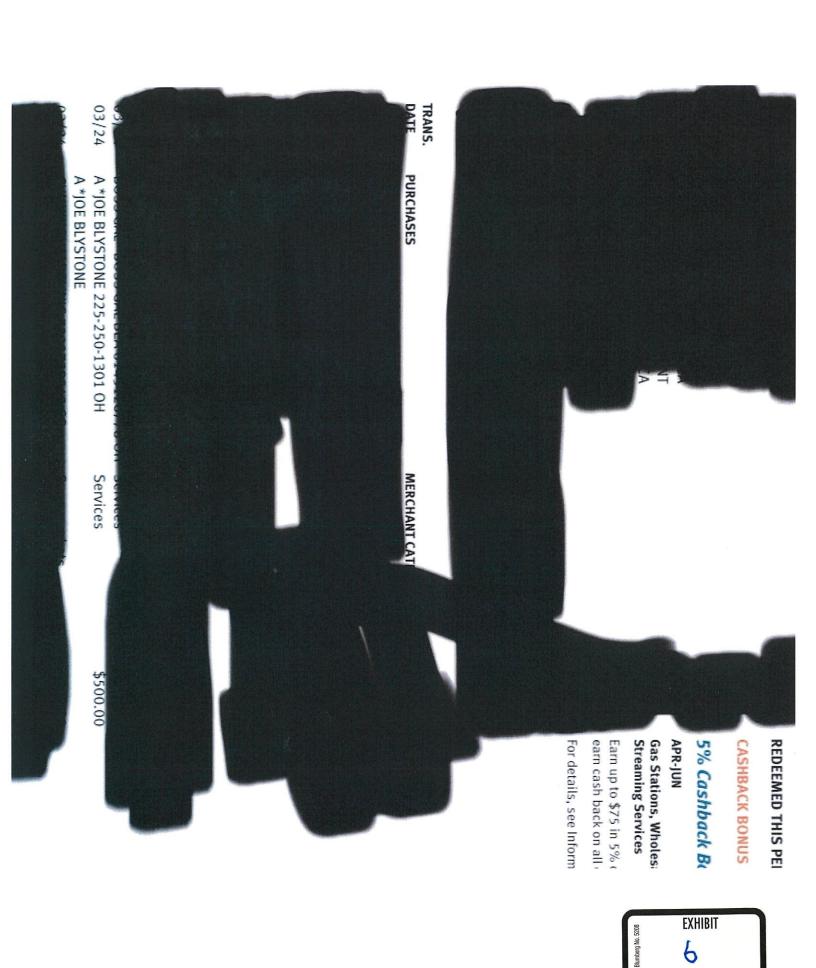
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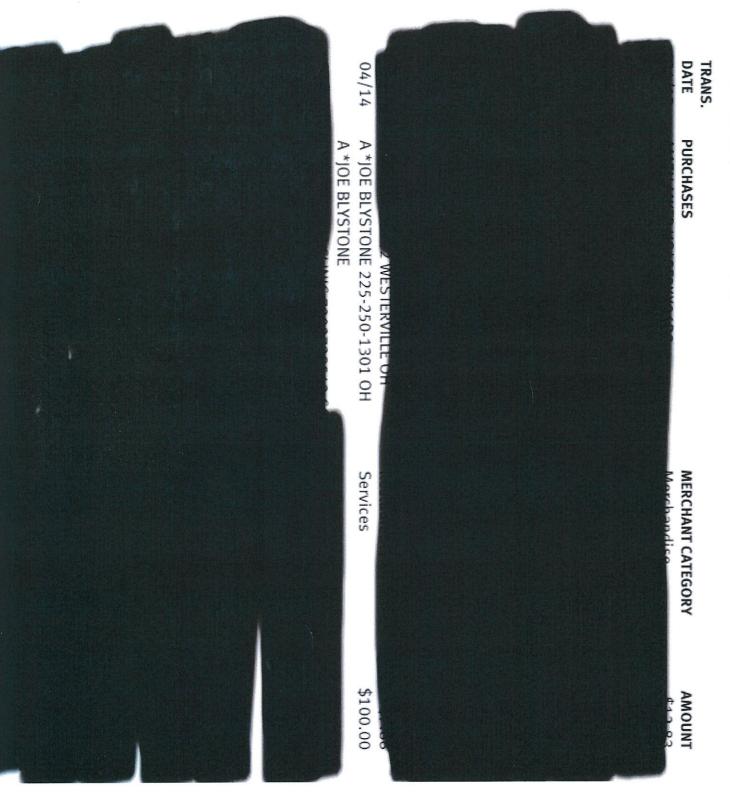
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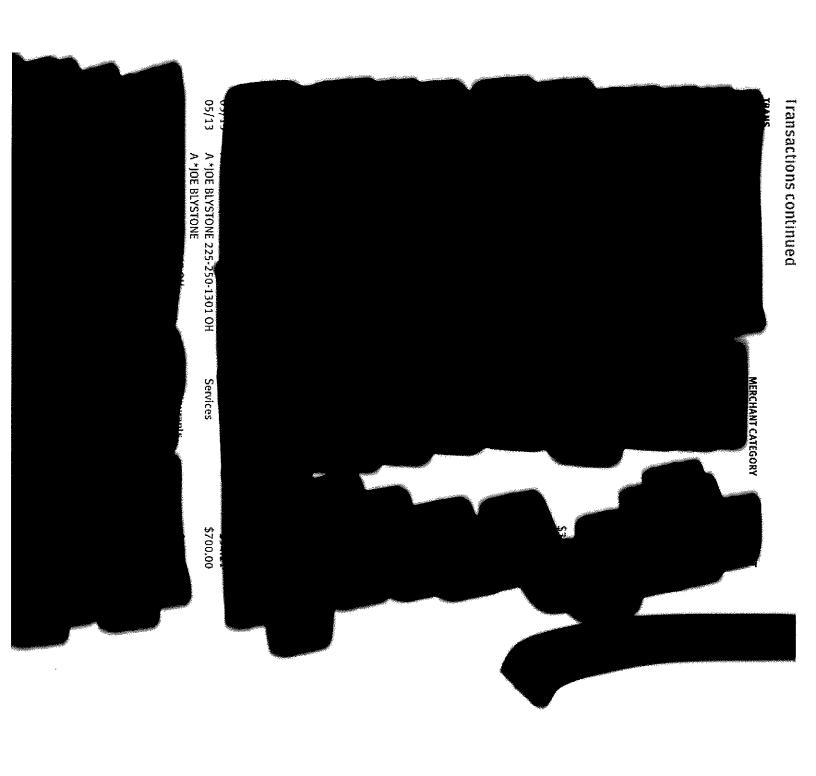




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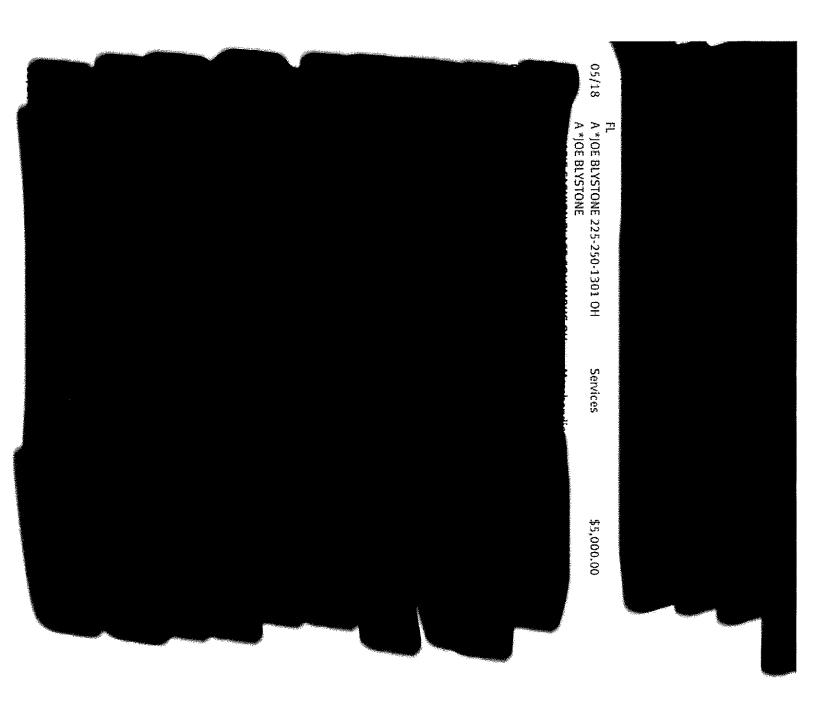


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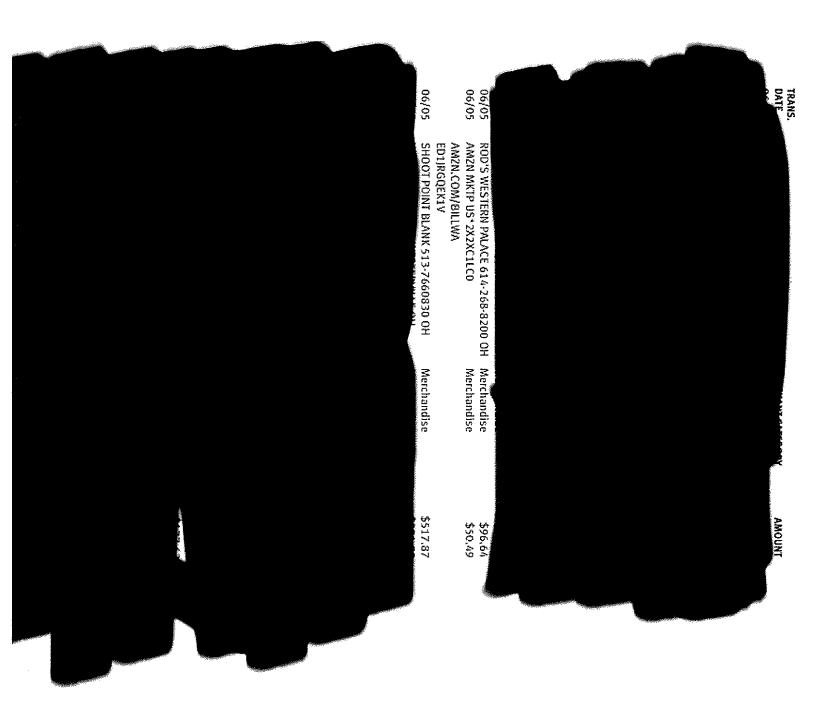
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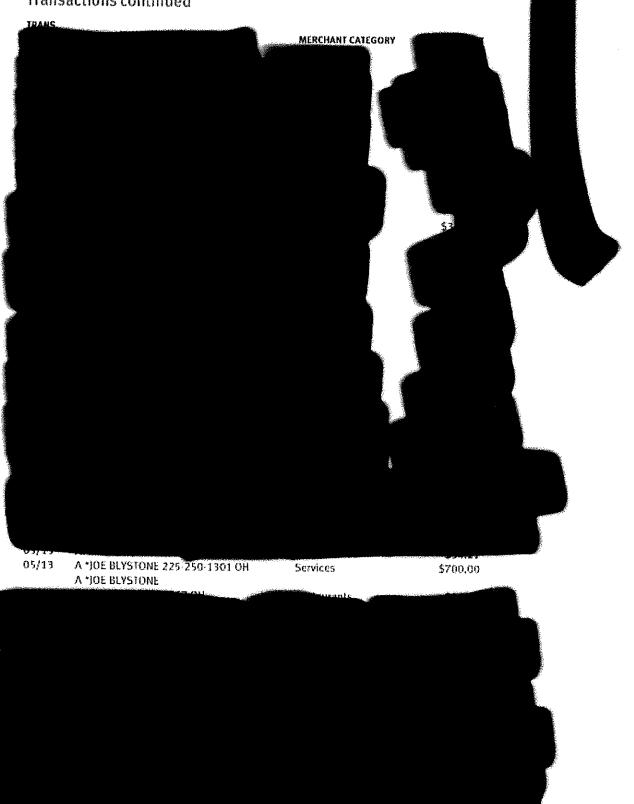
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My name is Stephanie Foucher. I swear and/or affirm, under
penalty of perjury, that the attached statement was made upon my personal knowledge and it is
true to the best of my belief and understanding.
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October 19, 2021

My name is Stephanie Foucher. The purpose of this statement is to address a variety of financial concerns I personally witnessed within the Joe Blystone Governor for Ohio campaign. I volunteered with Joe Blystone's campaign shortly after he declared as a formal candidate for Governor of Ohio 2022. I volunteered from March of 2021 until May of 2021. I submitted a formal letter of resignation to his campaign in May of 2021 due to many red flags I witnessed in regards to the handling of money, he and his campaign's unprofessionalism and many other actions I felt to be unethical.

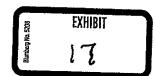
At the beginning of Blystone's campaign I accepted the role of Regional Leader for Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula counties. As a resident of NE Ohio I am well acquainted with all three counties.

Three events were scheduled in NE Ohio on the weekend of May 1, 2021 thru May 2, 2021. May 1, 2021 the first event in NE Ohio was held at The Plank Road Tavern in Montville, Ohio. My fiancé of ten years, Shane Parrino, came with me to help at the event. Joe and Jane Blystone arrived late to the event because they had three events prior to making it to The Plank Road event. Regardless, once Joe arrived I had already set up an area with a patriotic tablecloth, a large black binder to keep track of donations and sign sales, another binder to write down volunteer information and three patriotic tins. The tins were to be used for cash donations, Blystone's campaign literature and the other tin for 100 pocketbook constitution's I purchased at my own cost. I gave them away for free because I felt every American should own one. The event at Plank Road had a rather large turnout. The entire inside of the bar was packed and also the back patio where Joe gave his speech. The back patio is where I had set up everything pertaining to Joe Blystone for the event. Over the course of the event I personally witnessed several dozen donations over \$25, \$50, \$100 even as high as \$300. I know these donations were never recorded because when I offered to document everything and shared I brought a binder to keep track of sign sales and donations I was told not to by the Blystone's. I was only permitted to write down any potential volunteer information in my other small binder I brought with me.

Two people I know personally who were in attendance made donations and neither were documented. Mark Probst

purchased two yard campaign signs on May 1st at The Plank Road event. Yard signs run \$5 a piece. He gave \$300 to us for the two signs and said to keep the remaining \$290 for a cash donation to the Blystone campaign. His donation was not documented. Joyce McFaul donated \$20 in cash and purchased two yard signs at the Plank Road event. Her contributions of \$30 were not documented. Countless others made cash donations and purchased campaign signs all of which were not documented. I would believe it safe to say the amount of money to come in at the event would be near \$2,000 as Shane and I were the primary handlers of the cash during the entire event.

At the end of the event there was no counting of the cash donations which were received for confirmation. Jane Blystone, treasurer of the Blystone campaign, quickly came up to the table, opening the tin with all of the cash in it. She grabbed all of the money and shoved the money into a smaller purse she had within her personal handbag. I did not see her count the money at



all. Joe and Jane Blystone stayed after the event enjoying some drinks while speaking with guests and us for a few hours. They then left and went to their hotel in Mentor.

On May 2, 2021 Blystone had two events. The first event was a private event held at Vitality Church in Mentor, Ohio. After the Sunday service there was a gathering down in the recreational area of the church. I only had a cup of coffee and left because the Garfield Park event started at 12pm and we needed to set up.

Shane and I drove the five minute drive to Garfield Park and began setting everything up underneath the pavilion. Many attendees were already there. Again, this was a large turnout. it was a windy day and some came out to help us unload signs, the American flag, and literature. It took Joe Blystone an additional thirty minutes to make it five minutes down the road. When he finally arrived he apologized for being late. Many attendees had already started purchasing signs before Joe's arrival. All cash was stored within the tins. Once the event started everything went smoothly. At the end of the event the picnic table was swarmed with those in attendance looking to purchase signs along with those who made cash donations. Again I was asked to not record or document anything in regards to sign sales or cash donations. I was however permitted to take down volunteer information. Mary Jones and her husband Robert were in attendance and signed up to volunteer. They purchased a total of eight signs and contributed a \$60 cash donation. Devin McFaul was in attendance at Garfield Park. He made a \$300 cash donation and purchased two yard signs. Shane and I witnessed again dozens of cash donations exceeding \$25, \$50, \$100 and even \$300, in addition to the sign sales at the Garfield Park event. None of which were documented. At the end of the event Jane Blystone, treasurer of the Blystone campaign, did the same as she did the evening before. She grabbed all of the money out of the tin and shoved it into her little purse then placed it within her handbag. There was no counting or totaling of funds from this event either. No regard to the amount of cash donations that came in or the total amount of signs sold. We witnessed a considerable amount of cash given to the Blystone campaign during the Garfield Park event. A visually estimated total of approximately \$1500. Shane and I felt very uncomfortable about this again.

On May 8, 2021 Shane Parrino, our daughter and myself made the trip to Blystone's farm. The purpose of this trip was to obtain literature and to purchase stickers for constituents in my region. The campaign refused to send these items to me. Joe and Jane Blystone were in a rush because Joe was due to be at an event where he was to announce his running mate for Lt. Governor, Joanna Swallen. Jane Blystone pulled a cardboard box out of the back of their pickup truck with the stickers in it. I purchased 300 stickers total on this day. They run \$1 a piece. I personally handed Jane \$150 cash I had on hand at the time. It was not documented. I then went to the Blystone campaign website and made an additional donation of \$150 to cover the cost of the remaining balance for the stickers.

On May 13, 2021 I was able to gather some of the volunteers that came in for Lake County for a team meeting and breakfast. I brought yard signs and some literature to this event. One volunteer in attendance was Danina O'Leary. Danina donated \$70 that is not documented on the campaign finance report. She sent her funds to me via PayPal in return for Blystone campaign signs. No documentation was required by the Blystone campaign in regards to sign sales.

I would also receive messages from individuals requesting campaign yard signs via Facebook messenger. One woman specifically was Kayla Lette Willert. She personally drove to my home

and purchased a larger 2x4 sign and two other campaign signs. \$30 total. She did not have enough cash on hand so I told her it was okay to PayPal me the remaining amount which was \$6.

The first donation I made to the Blystone campaign was on April 2, 2021. I had inquired on how to obtain signs up here in NE Ohio. I was told I needed to pay upfront cost in order to get signs. It was explained to me signs were \$5 a piece. I went ahead and made a \$300 donation in order to get some signs up here. From there I was told I could keep the money from each sign I sold or I could donate the money back to the campaign so I could get more signs. Entirely up to me. My initial \$300 donation provided me with 60 signs. The campaign then suggested to try to make as many donations as possible through the campaign website but it was not necessary. The first time Shane and I were able to hear Joe speak was on April 18, 2021 at the Pontifex in Fremont, Ohio. The campaign had reached out to me prior and asked if I would pick up 600 signs from the printer in Mentor, Ohio and drive them to the Fremont event. Naturally I said yes. This gave us the opportunity to hear Joe speak and to meet him in person. We delivered the signs to the event. Bringing some into the facility for sign sales. This is when we witnessed the chaos and disorganization of the campaign setup. There was no organization at all at this event. Boxes of t-shirts, stickers, cash laying around on the window sills. Unlike anything we had seen before. We still continued to make a cash donation of \$400 and bought two t-shirts which were \$20 a piece. These contributions were not documented.

After witnessing how disorganized and chaotic the Fremont event had been, Shane and I discussed we could not have anything of the sort happen at the events I had planned. Which is what led to my organization and planning for our events in NE Ohio.

I donated in-excess more than \$2000 and only \$675 was accounted for on the Secretary of State's finance report. The \$675 donation amounts are donations which were made through Joe Blystone's campaign website. None of my cash donations were documented.

Sincerely.

Stephanie Foucher

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October 21, 2021

My name is Shane Parrino. I volunteered to help my finance, Stephanie Foucher, at Joe Blystone's events on May 1, 2021 at The Plank Road in Montville, Ohio and on May 2, 2021 at Garfield Park in Mentor, Ohio.

Stephanie came prepared with two different binders to document sign sales, money donations and to collect potential volunteer information for the Blystone Campaign. I witnessed Stephanie being instructed by the Blystone's that no record of ledger for donations or sign sales were necessary when Stephanie inquired about it. She was however permitted to collect volunteer information.

I personally witnessed and handled thousands of cash donations over the course of both events. Many donations were well over \$25.00. On May 1st at the Plank Road event I witnessed one man, a friend of Stephanie's family, Mark Probst, purchase two signs for five dollars a piece which the total came to \$10. He handed me \$300 cash for the signs and when I offered him his change he said to keep the remaining \$290 cash as a donation towards the Blystone campaign. This was not documented.

I accepted money and made change from individuals that attended both of these events. Neither cash donations or sign sales were documented at either event.

At the end of both events Jane Blystone grabbed all of the cash out the tins we provided for the event. She placed the cash within her own personal bag from her purse. There was no counting of cash witnessed or ledger made.

Sincerely,

Shane Parrino

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My name is DIANNE B. GARRETT. I swear and/or affirm, under
penalty of perjury, that the attached statement was made upon my personal knowledge and it is
true to the best of my belief and understanding.
Respectfully submitted,
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I, Jeff Seibert, worked on Joe Blystone's campaign as a regional director. I attended at least 6 events where I witnessed donations being made for signs, t-shirts, etc. where no information was collected or documented by Joe Blystone and/or his volunteers. Many of the donations received were in excess of \$25. We were always told that if they were small donations there was no need for documentation. That changed later in the campaign. At no time were volunteers instructed to document by Joe Blystone.

I also witnessed an auction July 4th on BB Riverboats where multiple items were auctioned off in excess of \$500. Those donations do not appear on Joe's campaign finance report. In addition, I purchased a \$100 ticket for that event on his web site and that was apparently not reported. They have me down for only \$50, which were an additional two separate donations for shirts and merchandise.

I strongly encourage the Secretary of State, and/or the Ohio Elections commission to investigate Joe Blystone's campaign finance activities and take the proper action.

Signed.

Jeff Seibert 10-18-2021

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To: Whom it May Concern From: Tracey Sparks Date: October 18, 2021

Re: Blystone Events and Finances

I am writing to inform whomever may be concerned about two events that I attended for the Joe Blystone campaign while I was a volunteer.

The first event was held at Eastgate Holiday Inn on April 27, 2021. This was during a monthly Friends of Liberty United meeting. During this event, the campaign set up a table and had their signs available for sale for \$5 each. They were also taking donations during this event. I personally witnessed Deborah Lee take donations and not record them, but she would have people go to the Blystone website after donations were taken to sign up on the website. I have no idea how this money was recorded.

The second event was run exactly the same way; with a table with signs for \$5 each and donations and a piece of paper that had people go to the website to sign up after the donations were made. I have no idea how this money was recorded. This event was held in Anderson Township in the beginning of May.

Should you need my assistance in any further way, please don't hesitate to reach me. Thank you sincerely for your time.

Tracev Snarks

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I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information above I provided is true and

With respect,

Jacob Novotny 10/27/2021

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being taken from volunteers. witnessed many people give \$50, \$100 and more in cash without any documentation didn't need to collect any information from people if amount was under \$25. I also volunteers, including Joe, accepting campaign contributions in excess of \$25 without 2021 - July 2021. I attended over a dozen events where I witnessed campaign requesting or accepting the donors information. I did question this and was told we My name is Shawna Sundberg and I worked on the Blystone campaign from March

either. I have attached photos of my bank statements proving this. Joe Blystones' Bonfire online store and that was not recorded on the finance report donation was not reported on his campaign finance report. I also bought shirts off of l personally donated \$140 in cash (for campaign gear) to Joe Blystone and the

immediately. strongly suggest the Ohio Secretary of State launch an investigation into this activity

Shawna Sundberg 10/27/2021

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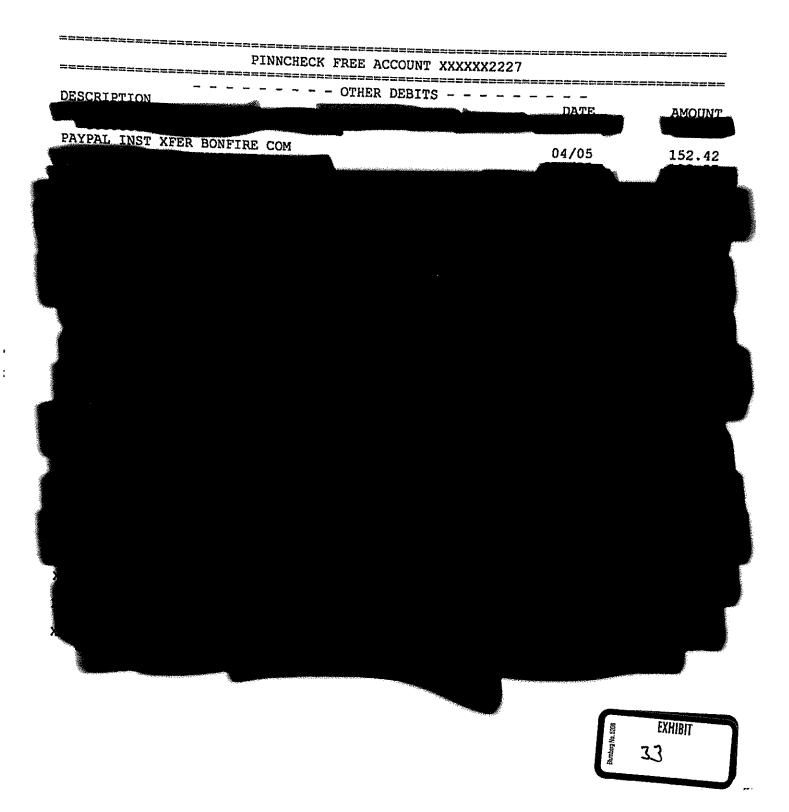
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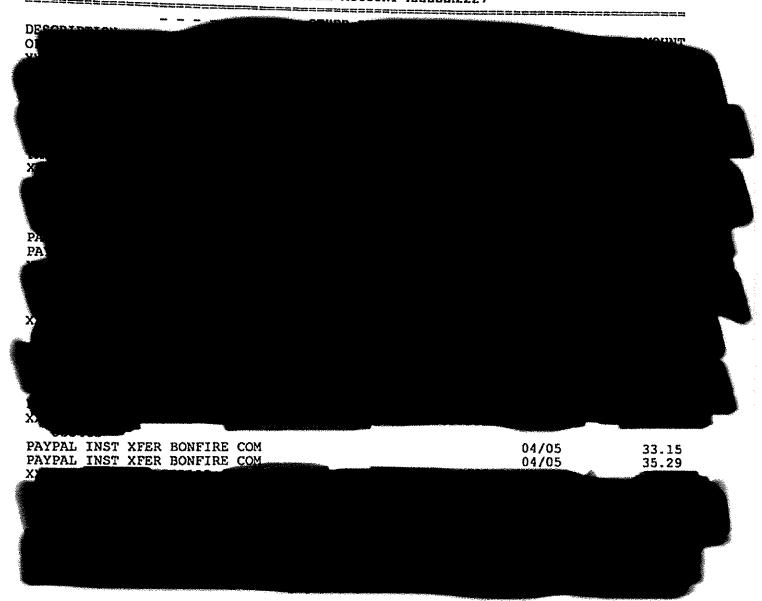
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10/25/2021

To whom it may concern:

I Amanda Helmick volunteered on Joe Blystone's campaign for Governor. I attended multiple events where I witnessed Joe Blystone's volunteers collect cash donations, many of which exceeded \$25 and even \$100, without documenting the donor. One event I attended in Strongsville on May 15th I was the volunteer designated to collect donations. The event was the GOP Summit and Joe Blystone had a table set up. I brought my laptop and offered to document donors names, addresses, and any other info that may be needed but was specifically told not to. I was also instructed not to count the total of cash donations by Joe Blystone's campaign staffer Deborah Lee.

Most of the donations that day were in excess of \$25. None of the names of donors were recorded because I was instructed not to. I was told however that I was permitted to write down the names of individuals who would like to volunteer.

At the end of the event, I witnessed Deborah Lee take the cash donations and place them in a green money bag, then placing them in her purse before leaving. This activity and many other major character flaws on behalf of Joanna(ex-running mate) and Joe himself, raised many red flags for me and contributed to me leaving the campaign. There was an underlying element of shadiness and untrustworthiness to the campaign that I could never place my finger on. I have come to learn that this is due to the fact that how the money was handled had a lot to this gut feeling I had. I strongly encourage the Ohio Elections Commission and the Ohio Secretary of State to investigate these many incidents.

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