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Dear General Counselor:

I am writing to inform you that there is a political activist who is in violation of Federal Election and Campaign Laws. The activist being named is Russell Ramsland of Dallas, Texas. He has been claiming to be an opponent of our Congressman in Texas Congressional District 32, Honorable Pete Sessions, for several months now. And, he has been raising money under the premise and guise as a candidate for the upcoming primary election in March 2016.

To this end, he has raised over \$200,000.00 and has not even filed an FEC Form 1 or FEC-Form 2. And, to my knowledge, he is not raising money for a PAC. Alarming about his fundraising is the fact that he could simply take people's money and never run a campaign, since he is not even a registered candidate. He has been circulating his website, www.ramslandexploration.com by email and even national radio broadcasts (See interview on national Glenn Beck radio program listed on his website). Additionally, he makes no proper legal and compliance disclaimer mandated of candidates while running for federal office. His website even appears to allow a contributor to donate up to \$16,200.00 via credit card, which is well beyond the individual \$2,700.00 limit.

Russell Ramsland is at best running a shadow campaign out of sight and observation of the Federal Election Commission with non-existent FEC filing papers as a candidate and obviously no fundraising or financial contribution statements on record. And, at worst, he is running a scheme to fleece naïve friends, family, and otherwise confused supporters of their money and stealing from them in his elaborate hoax and "get-rich-quick" scheme.

In a time when it is tough to know what to believe about politics, this reeks of deceit, corruption, and scandal by someone who has been an active political activist for many years and should have no excuse for ignorance with regard to the laws and rules of the Federal Election Commission.

Please see the following pages for screenshots of his website, www.ramslandexploration.com, a mail-in donation page, and email correspondence concerning his illegal shadow fundraising and campaign efforts in a federal election.

Sincerely,

Candace Malone

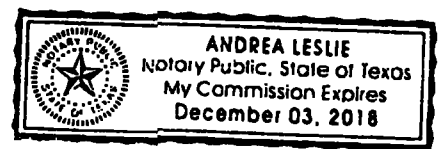
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State of Texas
County of Dallas

Before me, Andrea Leslie, on this day personally appeared Candace Malone, known to me through 5/20/15 to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 14th day of July, 2015.

(seal)




Notary Public Signature

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Welcome to the official web page for the Russell Ramsland Exploratory Committee.

Please note that this is an EXPLORATORY effort at this time, and Russell is not a candidate for any public office, nor has he decided to become a candidate.

Russell is exploring a possible run for office in Texas Congressional District 32, which includes portions of North Dallas, the Park Cities, Richardson, Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, Wylie and Sachse.

Russell's decision will depend greatly on the level of support he receives from the local community.

We welcome you to this site and encourage you to have a look around.

[Russell Ramsland: Washington is no longer listening to us.](#)

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ABOUT RUSSELL RAMSLAND:

Russell Ramsland is best described as a serial entrepreneur with a wide-ranging background. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Duke University and an MBA from Harvard University.

In his political life he has worked on Capitol Hill for Representative George Mahon when he was the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was active in the Reagan Campaign in 1979-80, and worked with NASA, MIT and the Reagan White House on an unusual Star Wars-related project during the Reagan Presidency. The latter involved a partnership he forged with M.I.T. and NASA to develop extremely advanced, radiation hard semiconductor materials, initially on the Space Shuttle. Since 2008 he has been a key leader in the Dallas Tea Party and founded and leads the Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum that has over 1,200 members.

His business ventures have taken him to the Middle East, the South Pacific, Japan and Europe. He has started or run businesses including Oil and Gas Exploration and Production, development and operation of commercial real estate, development of advanced semiconductor materials, owner and developer of the Texas Embassy Cantina in London, Investment Banking focusing on Mergers and Acquisition and Chief Financial Officer of Sandstream Communications and Entertainment, the first IP-based, fully integrated broadband communications and entertainment company.

Currently, in addition to his political activities, he is very active in his Oil and Gas business as well as being a private investor in several start-up and mid-market companies. One of these is a company that has developed a medical device to deliver UVL directly into the bloodstream at very little cost to de-activate all viruses and kill bacteria and pathogens without antibiotics or other medicines. He also has a business consulting practice for small and medium sized companies.

Mr. Ramsland lives in Dallas, Texas, is married with 2 daughters ages 27 and 12 and enjoys hunting, skiing, sports cars, reading and jogging.



RUSSELL'S CORE BELIEFS:

OUR CURRENT SITUATION:

First and foremost, the role of our style of government should be to **SECURE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE.**

But there is a culture permeating much of the Republican Leadership that believes it can tell voters one thing, then work behind the scenes to promote the opposite, cover it with staged "show votes", and get away with it. This must stop and the only way of stopping it is to replace some key members of leadership. **VOTERS MATTER.**

I also believe there is a profound belief among much of the Republican Leadership that Big Government is just fine, as long as it's controlled with an R-label instead of a D-label. And in return key contributors and big business make large donations in order to secure a crony-capitalist insider edge. This is corruption pure and simple, and can only be diminished by greatly diminishing the power and reach of the Federal Government. **INTEGRITY MATTERS** and **SMALLER, LESS POWERFUL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS.**

Pete Sessions from District 32 in Dallas is the Chairman of the House Rules Committee, appointed and retained by John Boehner. The House Rules Committee is the principal tool by which the Republican Leadership keeps the conservative wing of the party from prevailing in the Congress, by controlling what can go to the floor and under what rules it can be considered. The Rules Committee has played a key role in delaying the formation of the special committee to investigate Benghazi, passing the hyper-bloated farm bill, preventing any real change or defeat of Obamacare, assuring the President's illegal amnesty was upheld by Congress, and defeating (thus far) any conservative change in the Common Core Federalized controls over our public schools. It's quite a record for supposed Republicans!

A defeat of Pete Sessions would be good for a number of reasons, but particularly because it would send another powerful message to Republicans nationwide, that constituents are waking up and ready to change the course of the country. **YOU HAVE TO SEND A DIFFERENT MESSENGER TO SEND A DIFFERENT MESSAGE.**

I believe the U.S. Constitution is a unique document outlining a system of government that is the greatest hope on earth for men and women to live in freedom and liberty. By its very nature, freedom and liberty means people are created equal, but will not and should not experience equal outcomes. Further, the Constitution was written on the basis that there was, and always would be, an underlying moral consensus about truth and untruth, good and evil, based on Judeo-Christian principles. Therefore, the Founding Fathers made a special effort to guarantee freedom of religion, not freedom from religion, with an especial emphasis on preserving and protecting Christianity. Judeo-Christian principles are the critical underlying element of our free society as without a Christian-oriented God, there is no consensus of what constitutes virtue, and therefore there's no prompting of the conscience. Without a prompting of conscience, the **RULE OF LAW** will devolve into the **RULE OF MAN-MADE TYRANNY.**

I believe Adam Smith's "invisible hand" of Free Markets is just as viable today as ever in history. In a majority of cases, Rules and Regulations of the Federal Government seek to disable the "invisible hand" of free markets and thereby shift power from the people to the government. Further, government controls on the free marketplace have a deleterious effect on potential upward mobility of all classes of Americans while simultaneously denying them the highest level of goods and services at the lowest prices. Both of these depress citizen's standard of living. Thus **RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE VASTLY REDUCED & CONSTRAINED,** along with the **BUREAUCRACIES THAT FORMULATE THEM.**

Next, I ascribe to the uniquely American idea that wherever possible, issues should be addressed via private action and voluntary consensus. When this is truly not possible, and a government-imposed solution is truly necessary, any government-imposed solution should be addressed at the most local level possible, beginning at the neighborhood level and working up to the city, county, regional, state or multistate level, as necessary. **ONLY TRULY NATIONWIDE OR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WITH "ONE-SIZE FITS ALL" SOLUTIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.**

And this segues into my last belief, namely, Congress, the Executive and the Judiciary need to be reformed such that they return to **CLOSER CONFORMITY** with their **CONSTITUTIONAL ROLES, POWER AND PREROGATIVES.**



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Five Principles to which I Ascribe:

1. Spending money you don't have and have no hope of getting is a recipe for disaster. Thus, I believe in **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**.
2. More government and squandered spending is rarely the solution to a problem. Thus, I believe in **LIMITED GOVERNMENT**.
3. Each individual must take primary responsibility for his own well-being and that of his family. Thus, I believe in **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**.
4. Every judge and prosecutor has a duty to apply the law as it is written, and not as he or she wishes it could be. Thus, I believe in **THE RULE OF LAW**.
5. The people of a nation should determine for themselves the laws that will govern their lives. Thus, I believe in **NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**.

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RUSSELL'S POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES:

Term Limits: While original intent was not to have lifetime Congressmen, Thomas Jefferson did note that the lack of Term Limits was of concern to him. In a tribute to his prescience, term limits have become an unfortunate necessity in modern America. McCain-Feingold fund-raising restrictions protect incumbency while political parties have, in many cases, become little more than incumbent protection apparatus. However, term limits must be crafted with care lest we wake up to find it is the unelected, but experienced and connected staffers who are running our government. I am willing to pledge four terms or fewer, depending on who is the President and the prospects to achieve some of the goals outlined herein.

Immigration: Immigration needs major reform, and then major enforcement of the laws emanating from those reforms. Reforms must encompass a variety of areas, starting with first securing BOTH our north and south borders and speedily returning or incarcerating violators caught entering illegally. Then further reforms can be undertaken, including a guest worker program modeled along the lines of the old Bracero program. E-verify needs to be implemented for all federal employees and contractors to eliminate the incentive to come illegally and a system developed to allow employers to verify the legal work status of their employees, and a stiff penalty enacted to assure compliance with the law. To the extent a scarcity of higher skilled workers can be verified in certain sectors, a streamlined, limited, system of visas for such workers may need to be created. All of these initiatives need to be debated and enacted independently, starting with serious border security measures, interior enforcement and E-verify. Immigration reform should NOT be passed as another 2,000-page, unintelligible piece of legislation that no one has a chance to read before it is voted on.

House Speaker: John Boehner has proven time and again that he will not use his Constitution prerogative of the Power of the Purse to restrain an out-of-control Presidency. Worse, he has on many occasions actually supported or facilitated the President's plans. I would pledge to oppose him and vote for any viable conservative alternative to him.

Integrity: Pete Sessions lack of integrity in dealing with his constituents can have no better illustration than the fact he no longer lives in the District, but has attempted to conceal this fact. During the last election, the sham was exposed. As a result he purchased a more credible location in Uptown, but the truth is he still lives in Florida with his new wife. This is symptomatic of his lack of forthrightness in dealing with his constituents, and is carried over in his action as as Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Healthcare: Government-run healthcare will never work, period. Just as the free and competitive marketplace provides the highest levels of goods and services at the least cost, so healthcare will benefit equally from a return to a free market. Obamacare must be totally defunded, then completely repealed. What America needs is a market responsive system that combines generous Healthcare Savings accounts to encourage fee-for-service providers, as well as insurance that is portable across State lines and follows the individual, not the employer. For the very poor, a voucher system can be used in lieu of a Healthcare Savings account. And finally, a plan needs to be developed wherein those with pre-existing conditions can be assured coverage.

Homeland Security: Protection of the homeland is certainly one of the appropriate and important functions of the United States government. I believe that both border security and interior security efforts should be adequately funded and resourced to protect the lives and livelihood of Americans. Unfortunately, many efforts undertaken in the name of "homeland security" have many Americans feeling LESS secure. The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution protects Americans' right to be free in their persons and their papers, and yet we are learning more everyday about "secret courts" and other secret programs to conduct warrantless surveillance on law-abiding Americans. Government surveillance of American citizens must be thoroughly re-examined and curtailed wherever possible, and better safeguards added where still necessary. Although our law enforcement professionals should be adequately equipped, there is a growing feeling that the size and level of firepower currently employed by federal law enforcement troops is in many cases well-beyond what is reasonable.

Benghazi: A Select Committee Investigation into the terrorist attack at Benghazi was stalled by the House Republican leadership for over a year. It is still being hamstrung by the House Republican Leadership. It is tragic that the House Republican leadership bought Hillary Clinton 18 months to destroy or lose information or servers that she used illegally. The Benghazi ordeal still needs thorough investigation and the guilty parties, if any, brought to justice.

Budget: The US must return to a surplus position and begin paying down the National Debt. Our current level of debt has become a National Security issue, as well as a financial issue. Entitlement reform is a key component of this and must be addressed along with lower and simpler taxes to spur higher growth.

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms: The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is quite clear and unambiguous: "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Further, the experience and public sentiments of our Founding Fathers make it quite clear that the Second Amendment was not, and is not, limited to hunting or target shooting.

National Defense: My philosophy on national defense is summed up by the famous Latin phrase, "Sic vis pacem, para bellum" (If you desire peace, prepare for war.) Weakness invites aggression, while strength deters it. At the same time, we should take a page from Reagan's playbook and be very strategic in our deployment of military resources. When we go to war, it should be with a clear mission and a clear plan for military victory. A nuclear Iran means a multi-state nuclear Middle East, and that almost irretrievably ends up in a nuclear exchange. Iran must not be allowed to possess or develop a nuclear warfare capability, period. Diplomacy, sanctions or other means are highly preferable to military means. However, if diplomacy, sanctions or other means will not accomplish this, then disabling or dismantling their capabilities is of such primary importance that, as a last resort, military means should be employed to utterly end this threat. Military means doesn't necessarily imply boots on the ground, but it also doesn't exclude them a priori. The US must build and deploy an anti-ballistic missile defense, staging it wherever in the world it deems necessary and where the host countries of such facilities are welcoming. Strong and close relations with Israel need to be re-established, as we do with many of our allies. The US must remember that in many cases, "the enemy of my enemy" may still be an enemy.

Education: Education has traditionally been—and should return to—the states, localities and families. The US Government has dramatically expanded its role in education in recent years, and not to positive effect. We need to move education decision-making back to where it belongs. The U.S. Department of Education is an anachronism and should be eliminated.

Energy: The US can and should return to being an energy independent nation. In the near-term this must be led by fossil fuels and clean coal. This is a National Security issue as well as a financial one. To allow this, both the EPA and the Dept. of Energy need to be legislatively restricted and far more narrowly refocused. Federal lands should be largely transitioned to the States' oversight and re-opened for exploration. The US should allow unlimited exports of all forms of energy, including petroleum, natural gas and coal. The US Energy Grid must be protected from EMP and terrorist assaults. Federal subsidies for "alternative energy," such as the production credit, and including but not limited to corn ethanol, solar, and wind, need to be phased out.

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Please make your check
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Include a copy of the donation form.
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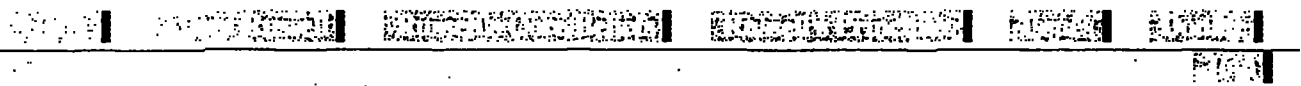
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Date: Sun, Jun 28, 2015 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Help Russ Get In The Race!
To:

Russ Ramsland, leader of the Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, has initiated an exploratory committee to determine whether he will challenge Pete Sessions in Texas U.S. Congressional District 32 in the next primary. He believes it is past time to remove career politician Pete Sessions and elect a true conservative who will faithfully represent the will of his conservative constituents in Washington.

The function of an exploratory committee is to help determine whether a potential candidate should run for an elected office. In order to attract the major funding required to campaign effectively against a Republican Establishment incumbent, especially in our media-intense area where broadcast messaging is costly but necessary, Russ must demonstrate that he has the financial support and broad appeal required to make him a viable candidate. The national groups that are following Russ's effort will be evaluating the performance of his exploratory in the **first part of July**.

Here are two things you can do to ensure that Russ will enter the race to unseat Pete Sessions:

- Donate to Ramsland Exploration **before July 10th!** Complete the attached form and mail it to the Dallas address printed on the form or donate online at <https://ramslandexploration.com/pages/donate/>
- Forward this email today to as many as you know who are concerned about their country.

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Because much of the Republican Leadership believes it can tell voters one thing then work behind the scenes to promote the opposite, cover it with staged "show votes" and get away with it, many constituents are not aware that under Pete's chairmanship, the House Rules Committee has played a key role in:

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Russ believes **to send a different message to Washington, we need to send a different messenger**. A defeat of Pete Sessions would send a powerful message to Republicans nationwide that voters are **ready to correct the course of this country**.

Listen to what Russ had to say in his interview on the Glenn Beck radio program on Tuesday, June 23rd:

<https://soundcloud.com/glennbeck/beck-blitz-rep-pete-sessions-gets-a-challenger>
View short clips from Russ's presentation at a recent Meet & Greet event online at:
<https://youtu.be/QjieQsfZ3IU>
<https://youtu.be/ntXypYDV3xw>
Visit Russ's website to learn more about him, his beliefs and his positions on key issues: <https://ramslandexploration.com>

Thank you for helping Russ get in the race!

RUSS RAMSLAND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2015 7:35 PM **Subject:** Ramsland Exploration Update and BREAKING NEWS!

BREAKING NEWS...We've just received word that Glenn Beck will interview Russ Ramsland on his radio program tomorrow morning, June 23rd, at **approximately 10:30am**. The show airs on KLIF 570AM (9 to noon, Monday-Friday). Please spread the word!

Your support of Ramsland Exploration--both financial and in many other ways--has carried this effort to within striking distance of the stated goal of \$200,000. We can almost see the finish line!

With the goal now within our grasp, we are asking you to forward this email, which contains an introduction of Russ and the exploratory effort, to everyone you know who may also want to *send a different messenger to Washington!*

With sincere appreciation,

RUSS RAMSLAND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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Introduction of Russ Ramsland and his potential challenge of Pete Sessions in the Republican primary

Russell Ramsland, a Dallas entrepreneur with a deep understanding of politics (resulting from his education and experience), has launched an exploratory effort for a possible run for office in Texas U.S. Congressional District 32 which includes portions of North Dallas, the Park Cities, Richardson, Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, Wylie and Sachse. Russ leads the Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, which he founded to impart political education to its over 1200 members.

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You can also view short clips from Russ's presentation at a recent Meet & Greet event online at:

<https://youtu.be/QjieQsfZ3IU>

<https://youtu.be/ntXypYDV3xw>

About Russell: <http://ramslandexploration.com/pages/about/>

Russ's Core Beliefs: <http://ramslandexploration.com/pages/beliefs/>

Russ's decision whether to declare his candidacy will depend greatly on whether the support he receives from the community reaches the requisite level to attract major funding at a national level, which will be required to run a successful campaign. **This decision will be made around the end of June.**

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One way you can participate in changing the course of our country is to help send a different messenger, Russell J. Ramsland, by donating by June 30th! Complete the attached form and mail it to the Dallas address printed on the form or donate online at <https://ramslandexploration.com/pages/donate/>

RUSS RAMSLAND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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