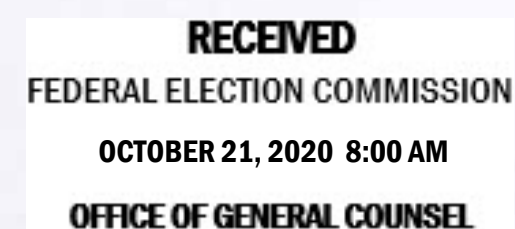


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FEC Enforcement Division:

My name is Scotty Robinson. I am a candidate for Louisiana's 5th Congressional district. This letter is to inform the FEC of an attempt by the Luke Letlow campaign to "buy me out" of this race.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020: I was initially contacted by Bill Hogan. Mr. Hogan is the CEO of Century Next bank where my campaign account is held and is also a donor and supporter to the Letlow campaign. He asked me if I would consider backing out of the race. He told me that my position as a police juror in Ouachita Parish and President of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana could be my reasoning. He told me that I could tell people that I have work to do locally (mostly recovery from Hurricane Laura). He said I would "make big donors" happy, and they would not forget me stepping aside. He said that their worry is that Letlow and I will pull too many votes from each other and would let the candidate Lance Harris from central Louisiana win the race.

I told Mr. Hogan that I am certainly tired and ready for November. I told him about the time, effort, commitment, and money I had invested in this race. His response was, "I would almost personally guarantee you that I, other donors, and the Letlow campaign would easily be able to raise \$60k, \$70k, or even \$80k to help pay off any expenses or debt. I responded by letting him know what I have personally invested in this race, although that it common knowledge for anyone politically savvy enough to do their research, and dropping out was not something I had considered.

Thursday, September 3, 2020: Two days later, Mr. Hogan calls and says he has reached out to Adam Terry, a political consultant who is currently managing a campaign for a Public Service Commissioner's race and who severed as Chief of Staff to two former congressmen (Rodney Alexander and Vance McAlister) from the 5th District. Bill Hogan tells me that Mr. Terry called Luke Letlow, and he would absolutely be interested in me backing out of race, paying any debts I have, and my endorsement followed by showing him around Ouachita Parish to get votes. He goes on to tell me that they think I'm "very talented" and with my "talents" that they could have me a "\$50,000 or even \$100,000 job" once Luke wins. I told him I don't need a job and as a police juror, I had plenty to do.

Friday, September 4: Bill Hogan sends me a text that reads "If you decide to move forward, Adam suggests an in person meeting to work out details and solidify commitments. I'm not pushing and just want what's best for all concerned". I do not reply to this message.

Saturday, September 5: I receive a text message from Pastor Tommy Lester. He is a preacher in Monroe, LA that I have met only once. Mr. Lester's text says, "Talked to someone from the Luke campaign the other day (he knows I'm in your corner) he said he would pay all your expenses if you drop out and endorse him. He was sure you would be offended. I just thought I'd pass it along." I reply to Mr. Lester, "I'm aware. That offer has already been extended this last week." He then says "I think they wanted me to work on you. But I said I wouldn't get involved and then I thought about it and just thought I'd pass it along."

Tuesday, September 8: Over that weekend, I decided I needed to put the truth out. I did a facebook video and told this story, but I left out the names. I sent Mr. Hogan a message as I posted the video letting him know that I am not getting out of this race. His initial call, I thought, was just an overzealous supporter of Luke Letlow trying to give me an out and give Luke Letlow a better shot of winning. Once

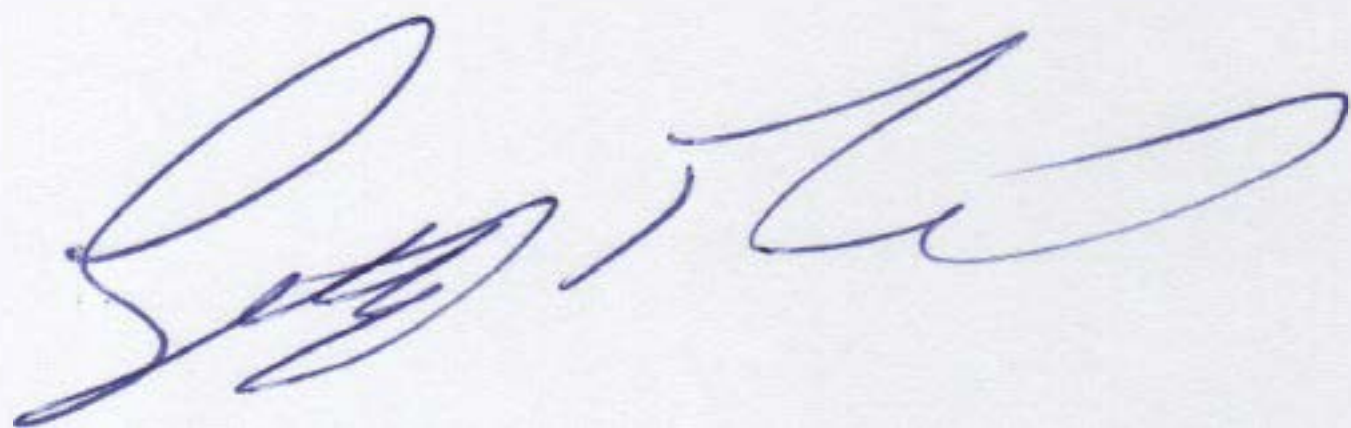
he contacted a political consultant with known ties to Letlow and who had worked for the two previous congressmen as chief of staff, I realized it was more than that. With the message from Mr. Lester, I knew they were trying any avenue. I told Mr. Hogan I would leave his name out of my video (I left all names out), but I was not getting out of the race. Once Mr. Hogan saw my video on Tuesday Sep 8th, he tried to call me multiple times and text twice. I did not speak with him. The afternoon of Sep 8th he sent his last text that said, "It might be beneficial for us to agree on what was said in our conversations last week." I have not talked to him and certainly would not call him back to "agree on what was said." I have nothing to hide.

I am providing copies of all messages that have been quoted in this document. I have not met with or seen any of these individuals in person since these messages. Mr. Lester had no knowledge that Mr. Hogan and Mr. Terry had reached out to me and had contacted Luke. I do not know who initially contacted Mr. Lester and asked him to reach out to me, but I do know it was not Mr. Hogan. I asked Mr. Lester if the person who came to him was from Ruston, LA (where Mr. Hogan is from), and he said, "No." Out of respect for Mr. Lester and his occupation, I didn't ask any further questions.

After I received the last text from Mr. Hogan on September 8th, I was upset but was not sure what I could or would do to proceed. When I received another "offer" from whomever contacted Mr. Lester, I decided I needed to alert the FEC.

In June of 2019, before I was a candidate, Luke Letlow contacted Ruston Attorney Heath Hattaway. Luke was working as Chief of Staff for Congressman Abraham at the time. Luke asked Mr. Hattaway to call me and offer me the job of "local government liaison" with Abraham when he wins the Governors seat. The only stipulation was that I had to "not run for Abrahams seat". I declined the offer.

Please see attached messages.



Scotty Robinson

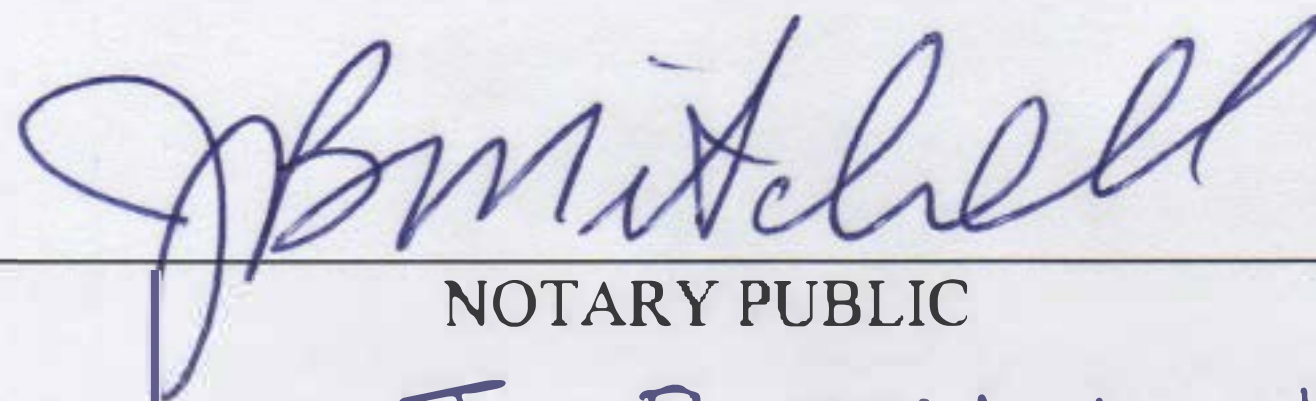
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ATTESTATION
OF NOTARY PUBLIC

The foregoing complaint to the Federal Election Commission, the statements set forth therein, and the attachments thereto, were subscribed and sworn to before me, Notary Public, by Scotty Robinson on the 20th day of October, 2020.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Print name: Jay B. Mitchell
Bar Roll/Notary ID# La. Bar 20295
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New iMessage

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To: Bill Hogan

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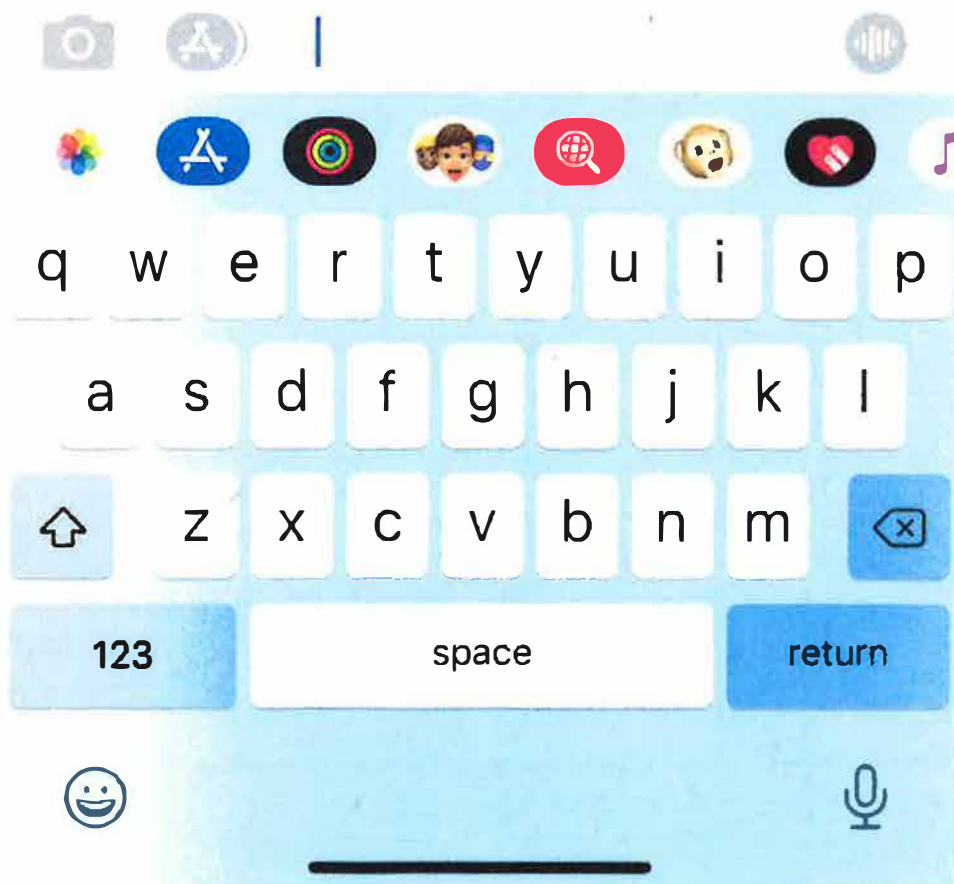
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Thu, Sep 3, 3:41 PM

Can you talk

Fri, Sep 4, 9:04 AM

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To: Bill Hogan

I admire you and apologize if I created a situation that was uncalled for. The only person that I talked to was Adam and he said that the only person he was going to talk to was Luke to see if he would do right. You will fight like hell and appreciate that!

Tue, Sep 8, 5:52 PM

Call me

It might be beneficial for us to agree on what was said in our conversations last week



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Tommy >

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Sat, Sep 5, 1:07 PM

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they had someone form another parish call me that i know well. didn't offend me at all. i know how it all works.



Tue, Sep 8, 8:25 PM



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