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O'Connor Disproves NHDP's Spurious, False and Defamatory Statements which Provide Further Evidence that Party is Breaking Its Own Rules

BEDFORD, N.H. – "I was dismayed by the spurious and completely false allegations made against me by Attorney Bob Christie of Shaheen & Gordon in a statement released today by the New Hampshire Democratic Party.

Neither my attorneys nor I have had any contact with the New Hampshire Democratic Party since April 5th. The timing of this release is, thus, suspect to say the least.

On February 19, 2016, I contacted NHDP Chairman Buckley with a list of 10 detailed, demonstrably false allegations that had been disseminated by NHDP staffers and members of Carol Shea-Porter's campaign team and asked Chairman Buckley to help end the dissemination of these untruthful statements, which included the inexcusable lie, widely disseminated by the Shea-Porter campaign, that I am a perpetrator of domestic violence. It has now been clearly proven beyond any doubt that I am a survivor of domestic violence. Chairman Buckley refused to address any of these false allegations or mediate our resulting dispute with the Shea-Porter campaign.

On March 2, 2016, my attorney sent a detailed, 8-page letter to Chairman Buckley, the New Hampshire Democratic Party, Carol Shea-Porter and the Shea-Porter campaign outlining, again, in great detail the numerous false allegations being spread by NHDP staffers and the Shea-Porter campaign. This letter again detailed how the Shea-Porter campaign was spreading the lie that I am perpetrator of domestic violence. In addition, this letter, for example, documented how State Senator Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) made a ridiculous allegation to State Senator David Pierce (D-Lebanon), after he endorsed me. Senator Soucy told Senator Pierce that I had planned to purchase and place rats in the kitchen of the Puritan Backroom, a restaurant owned by Executive Councilor Chris Pappas (D-Manchester), a close associate of Chairman Buckley, and his family. I do not know where one would purchase rats nor do I know where the kitchen is in the Puritan Backroom. Furthermore, a simple review of the Backroom's health code records will reveal that the restaurant already has a long-standing problem with rodent infestations.

I subsequently asked NHDP Vice Chair and State Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Gubernatorial Candidate Mark Connelly, among others, to stop this character assassination and mediate this dispute. They also refused. Only State Senator Jeff Woodburn would meet with my staff and me about this distressing situation to try and work

towards a constructive solution. New Hampshire AFL-CIO President called to express his grave concerns about this situation and Chairman Buckley falsely indicated that he knew nothing about this character assassination or a potential lawsuit stemming from it.

At no point have my attorneys or I, in any way, suggested that I be paid to leave this congressional race. Furthermore, as Ms. Shea-Porter's campaign has constantly pointed out, I was very fortunate to be successful in business so the notion that I would engage in illegal activity for what, I can only suspect, would be a relatively small amount of money is ridiculous. Indeed, the only person who has ever suggested such a ludicrous idea was Mr. Christie in one of his last communications with my attorney, Mr. Clare. Mr. Christie also implied that the party would use its influence to have me arrested on spurious charges if I continued to assert my legal rights.

We consider Mr. Christie's accusations on behalf of the NHDP today defamation per se and will pursue our legal rights against the party. We have substantial correspondence and documentation supporting this and all the other statements made in this release which we will make public at the appropriate time.

Finally, we have long contested that the NHDP has been violating Section E(1), specifically Subsections E(1)(j) and E(1)(h) of the state party's constitution (on which I relied in entering the party's primary). These sections of the party constitution require that the NHDP remain neutral in party primaries. Today's completely unprovoked attack on me serves as further proof that the party is supporting Ms. Shea-Porter and violating its own constitution. This is both undemocratic and un-Democratic."

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