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Subject:	Altered Quote Regarding ACES and Apparent Endorsement in Your Political Flyer
Date:	Monday, June 18, 2018 3:54:00 PM
Attachments:	image005.png image006.png image007.png image008.png Teague Flyer.jpg image002.png image004.png

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Representative, on June 4th, you contacted me and requested a quote from me about the ACES legislation. I said to you on the phone that I was reluctant to do that because I absolutely could not endorse you in any way due to the applicable Ethics Rules. You responded that you certainly understood that and assured me that you would not use the quote in that manner and that you certainly didn't want to get me in any kind of trouble. I said that I would get back with you after consulting with the Ethics Commission. Before hanging up you reiterated to me that you certainly understood that I could not endorse you or do anything that might be viewed that way. I was advised by the Ethics Commission that I could provide a quote only about the ACES legislation and that I should do that on my personal email and personal time. Hence, you got the quote that was exclusively focused upon the ACES legislation from my personal email on my personal iPhone at 6:58 a.m., June 6, 2018. In that quote, I did not mention your race for State representative:

The Aerospace Commerce Economic Services Act, commonly referred to as "ACES," will significantly help to ensure the viability of our aerospace industry, our state's second largest industry, by assisting our industry take advantage of opportunities with the Department of Defense, and facilitating cooperation and coordination between industry, government, economic development organizations, and education.

It has come to my attention that you are using a flyer/brochure (attached) with an altered version of my quote on ACES. Due to the way that the quote is placed in the flyer with my picture (which you neither requested nor received permission to use) and how it is taken out of context, it clearly appears to be an endorsement of you in your political capacity. Most importantly, you have significantly altered my quote, which you did not have permission to do.

Please discontinue the use of my name, my office, my quote and my picture immediately in any and all political communications. I have a record of the personal email that I sent to your office with the quote regarding the ACES legislation. If the personal email that I sent you on June 6 is requested of me by the media, the appropriate authority, or a member of the public, I will provide it. I have already received calls from the public today complaining about the flyer and my apparent endorsement.

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