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Chairman Bill Armistead
Alabama Republican Executive Committee
3505 Lorna Road
Birmingham, AL, 35216

Dear Mr. Armistead,

This is a petition to deny ballot access for Representative Todd Greeson (R, HD24, Ider) who I believe is conducting a false flag campaign for the Republican nomination for state senate district 8. Please review this issue with the Steering Committee. I urge a prompt decision.

Mr. Greeson should not be granted the privilege of access to the Republican ballot because:

1. He took a \$50,000 campaign contribution from the Alabama Education Association (AEA) in defiance of a request from the Steering Committee that Republican candidates not take AEA money.
2. He has a long record in the legislature of working and voting against the signature issues of the Republican House caucus.
3. To the discredit of the Republican Party, he has a long history of questionable campaign spending and not complying with the reporting requirements of the Alabama Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Reason 1. Taking contributions from the AEA.

As you know, political opposition to Republicanism in Alabama is concentrated in a Democrat party which is largely controlled by the AEA. The political goals of the AEA are well known. They want to disrupt the Republican majority in Alabama and they intend to use their money to support false flag candidates in the 2014 Republican primary election who only pretend to be Republican. They have hired barrackobama.com to help them do it. In April 2013 in anticipation of the AEA opening their pocketbook, the Alabama Republican Party Steering Committee approved a resolution requesting Republican candidates to not take money from the AEA.

This prediction is now fact. Mr. Greeson is one of several candidates in the Republican primary who have taken large contributions from the political action committee of the AEA, Alabama Voice of Teachers for Education (AVOTE).

In defiance of the Republican Party request to the contrary, Mr. Greeson has accepted a campaign contribution of \$50,000 from the AEA via AVOTE. He accepted this contribution in the first month of the contribution period for the 2014 primary. His only other contributions in that month were \$2,500 each from Myrna and Roy Sanderson, sister and brother-in-law respectively of former Democrat senate leader Lowell Barron who is currently awaiting trial on ethics charges. Roy Sanderson also contributed \$5,000 to the campaign of Democrat Senator Roger Bedford (D, SD6, Russellville) on June 13, 2013.

The timing of these contributions triggered the requirement for Mr. Greeson to form his senate campaign committee and suggests coordination between Mr. Greeson and his AEA and Democrat supporters:

6-18-13	\$50,000 contribution to Mr. Greeson reported by AEA (AVOTE)
6-19-13	\$2,500 contribution to Mr. Greeson from Myrna Sanderson
6-19-13	\$2,500 contribution to Mr. Greeson from Roy Sanderson

- 6-20-13 Greeson senate campaign committee established
- 6-21-13 \$50,000 contribution from AEA (AVOTE) reported by Mr. Greeson

After those noted above, the next contribution to the Greeson campaign was on October 24, 2013. The Greeson campaign contribution total for 2013 was \$68,050, i.e., after the AEA and Sanderson contributions in June, the Greeson campaign received additional contributions of only \$13,050. Most of Mr. Greeson's financial support comes from sources hostile to the Republican Party.

Reason 2. Working against the Republican caucus and supporting the AEA.

Mr. Greeson has been a strong ally of the AEA. He has voted against (or passed) and worked with the AEA and Democrats to stop signature legislative initiatives of the Republican Party. These initiatives include:

- The ethics reform package of the 2010 special session,
 - SB1, subpoena powers for ethics commission
 - SB2, ban payroll deductions for government teachers and other workers
 - SB3, ban double dipping employment by legislators
 - HB9, ban PAC to PAC campaign contributions
- HB 414 in 2011, increasing retirement contributions by government teachers and employees
- SB72 in 2011, repealing the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)
- HB123 in 2011, overriding the education appropriations veto
- SB310 in 2011, reforming teacher tenure
- HB159 in 2012, economic incentive program
- HB433 in 2012, the 2013 budget
- HB57 in 2013, raising the medical standards for abortion clinics
- HB506 in 2013, liability insurance for teachers (roll call vote 380)
- HB84 & HB658 in 2013, The Alabama Accountability Act

Mr. Greeson has voted consistently to support the AEA in opposition to his Republican caucus.

Reason 3. Campaign finance spending and reporting violations.

Mr. Greeson is also a campaign finance scofflaw. Much of his campaign finance reporting has been incomplete. He has failed to itemize large amounts of credit card expenditures. He has reported a high level of unitemized expenditures that is quite inconsistent with the amounts reported by most of his colleagues. He has made impermissible expenditures for college football tickets. He has made impermissible donations to individuals. The observations below suggest likely campaign finance violations:

- Unitemized credit card expenditures 2011: \$ 10,526
- Unitemized credit card expenditures 2012: \$ 7,755
- Unitemized credit card expenditures 2013: \$ 2,969
- Other unitemized expenditures 2011: \$ 8,102
- Other unitemized expenditures 2012: \$ 12,612
- Other unitemized expenditures 2013: \$ 3,587
- U. of AL tickets & "donations" 2011 - 2013: \$ 5,360
- Charitable contribution to an individual, 2013: \$ 200
- No addresses provided for expenditure payees in 2012

Per the Fair Campaign Practices Act, candidates are required to fully identify the payee of any expenditure greater than \$100 or of any payee who receives multiple expenditures which aggregate to more than \$100 during a year. Justification of using campaign funds for football tickets, suggests

implausibly that this was an expense "of the office held." Charitable contributions to organizations are permitted, but charitable contributions to an individual are not.

For the reasons discussed above, I believe Representative Greeson is not worthy of consideration for nomination as a Republican candidate for the state senate. The GOP state steering committee should consider his disreputable behavior and not place him on the 2014 primary ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Scovill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Thomas J. Scovill

P.S. Although Mr. Greeson's double dipping as an employee of two state colleges and his involvement in the federal investigation of corruption in the state college system has brought some attention to him and no indictment, I do not think this is relevant to the issue of ballot access.