



Statement on Recent Article in The Intercept

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In the early stages of the race, the Antone for Congress campaign regularly faced challenges in securing partnerships with a variety of vendors, due to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's (DCCC) blacklist policy regarding challengers to incumbents. In December of 2019, we were thrilled to partner with New Blue Interactive to assist us in building out our digital and fundraising structures. Shortly into the contract, New Blue Interactive informed the campaign they would be terminating the contract due to the blacklist policy.

The campaign's Federal Election Commission counsel, former FEC Chair Scott Thomas of Blank Rome LLP, who advises the campaign on federal campaign matters, said, "The campaign committee had invested significant sums for services and list usage from New Blue Interactive. When they abruptly ended the relationship, which was in violation of contract termination terms, a mutual agreement was worked out to reflect what list usage rights the campaign was properly entitled to retain in light of the damage it had suffered. The arrangement was legally vetted by the campaign and myself, and it reflects an ordinary course of business resolution for the circumstances involved. The campaign is in complete compliance with FEC law.'

At no time has the Antone for Congress campaign been in contact with representatives of the DCCC and has never received any formal or informal support from their organization.