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Outraged Small Business Owners and Elected Officials Respond to DNC Email Leaks Showing Democrats and Cooper Rooting for NC to Fail

Small business owners, elected officials, and activists across the state today condemned, in the strongest possible terms, the Democratic campaign operatives connected to Roy Cooper, Deborah Ross and Hillary Clinton celebrating economic hardship inflicted on innocent North Carolina citizens through the loss of hotel revenue, concerts, and growth. These small business owners and elected officials stood in reaction to the DNC email WikiLeaks which show the DNC, Hillary Clinton, and Roy Cooper sought to do harm on the state of North Carolina and our thriving economy.

"This is unacceptable, but not surprising," said NCGOP Executive Director, Dallas Woodhouse, "It was pretty obvious through Roy Cooper's shady dealings with CEO's like Marc Benioff that something underhanded was going on— these latest emails from the DNC prove those reasonable suspicions to be correct."

Claire Mahoney of Charlotte shared, "We don't need to connect the dots. The dots have always been there. With the leaking of these DNC emails, we now have the full picture...and it is just as bad as we had anticipated."

Small business owner and President of Marrins' Mooving, Josh Oliver, relocated his entire company from Hillary Clinton's "home" state New York because of North

Carolina's thriving business tax climate. "Quite honestly, we were struggling in New York state. The taxes were unbelievably high, the regulations were unbearable, and we simply couldn't tread water fast enough. So we picked up and moved our entire operation to North Carolina where the taxes were lower and where we had the breathing room to grow and thrive. Since this move, our company has grown by 200% every quarter," said President of Marrins' Mooving, Josh Oliver. "If anyone knows the long hours and big sacrifices it takes to run a small business, you'll know how frustrating it is to hear that people— regardless of party— sought out to make it MORE difficult for us to business in this state, and provide for over 40 families that are in our extended Marrins' family is unthinkable. The DNC, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, and Roy Cooper should be ashamed of themselves for being willing to lie and cheat for political gain. The people of North Carolina, and business owners like myself, deserve better."

Another small business owner in **Charlotte**, **North Carolina**, **Jeff Berlin of The Berlin Company** made an emotional plea, "I grew up in this city [Charlotte], the DNC and others took actions to hurt us. This doesn't bode well with me as someone who is impacting the economy here by creating jobs and investing in Charlotte. Roy Cooper and his DNC friends acted dishonorably, and I am thoroughly disappointed."

Senator Joyce Krawiec, in Greensboro, shared her frustration as a legislator, as well. "When I go to work each day, one of my top priorities is to make it easier for small businesses to thrive and grow in North Carolina. What a shame it is to see evidence that the Democrats and Roy Cooper are rooting for North Carolina to fail," said North Carolina Senator Joyce Krawiec. "Rooting for your own state to fail should disqualify you from any kind of leadership. Roy Cooper knows better, and I hope the people of North Carolina see how he has clearly allowed his ambition for power to rule his decision-making, instead of the well-being of North Carolinians."

Participants at each location were as follows:

CHARLOTTE— Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J.M. Keynes Dr. Charlotte, NC 28262

- Dallas Woodhouse, Executive Director of the NCGOP
- Mr. Jeff Berlin, CEO of The Berlin Company
- Claire Mahoney

GREENSBORO— Greensboro's GOP HQ's, 5002-K High Point Rd. Greensboro, NC 27407

- Dallas Woodhouse, Executive Director of the NCGOP
- Senator Joyce Krawiec
- Representative Kyle Hall
- Linda Cooper, Walnut Lane

RALEIGH— NCGOP Headquarters, 1506 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC

- Dallas Woodhouse, Executive Director of the NCGOP
- Mr. Josh Oliver, President of Marrins' Mooving
- Mr. Andrew Turkington, CFO Marrins' Mooving

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BACKGROUND

From:ManriquezP@dnc.org
To: BHATNAGARA@dnc.org
Date: 2016-05-08 13:10

Subject: Re: Fox News Sunday

TJ: After the rush, I'm going to send the 2nd half of this interview to Team Maddow. If there's anything else we should add -- especially within the realm of video content - about this moronic little bigot of a tarheel governor or the bathrooms they're using to distract from their epic failings as human beings and party officials, let me know. No idea who else on Comm_D would have relevant information for crafting a decent hit piece on the pro-prejudice backwater of the NC statehouse...but if you do, feel free to slack it to me! Thanks!

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From:CrystalA@dnc.org
To: JeffersonD@dnc.org, Comm_D@dnc.org
Date: 2016-04-25 18:01
Subject: RE: Shot and a chaser: Canceled Pearl Jam concert costs Raleigh hotels
$60,000; McCrory on repeal: "Not going to happen"
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From: Jefferson, Deshundra
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Comm_D
Subject: FW: Shot and a chaser: Canceled Pearl Jam concert costs Raleigh hotels
$60,000; McCrory on repeal: "Not going to happen"

From: Dave Miranda [mailto:davemiranda@ncdemocraticparty.org]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Dave Miranda
Subject: Shot and a chaser: Canceled Pearl Jam concert costs Raleigh hotels $60,000;
McCrory on repeal: "Not going to happen"
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https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/20995

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/21971

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/22407

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/15764

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/22407

DNC Political Operation Pushed National Attack Against North Carolina: Political Briefings On Strategy, Polling And Messaging Sent To Top Democratic Operatives And officials across the country attempt to push the false narrative that HB2 is bad for business.

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/2401 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/3389 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/1358

DNC Communications operation also pushed national attack against North Carolina and Governor Pat McCrory:

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/7636 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/4119

National Democrats closely tracked Governor McCrory's media appearances and overall media coverage of

the HB2 debate, turning it into a web video targeted to anger the LBGT community:

Web video:

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/5873 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/12647

Staffers congratulate each other on release of web video:

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/8272 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/10194

Pat McCrory "Being the worst"

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/4416 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/5066 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/5585 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/11431 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/6105 https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/6508

DNC communications staffers pushed false narrative of lost revenue to national press:

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/11509

DNC engaged in anti-North Carolina push on social media:

https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/11974

DNC's LGBT political outreach operation was active in pushing anti-North Carolina message: https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/18350

A. P. Dillon, <u>"Campaign Finance Report Shows Donor to Roy Cooper is Party in HB2 Suit,"</u> Lady Liberty, 6/25/2016

Monica Langley, "Salesforce's Marc Benioff Has Kicked Off New Era of Corporate Social Activism," The Wall Street Journal, 5/2/2016

Will Doran, "The facts about what Roy Cooper, Pat McCrory said about education in the first debate," The News & Observer, 6/24/2016



