

## Nominations Committee Follow Up

12/10/24

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in last evening's interview relating to my candidacy for State Party Chair. I am truly excited by the potential for the Republican Party of Minnesota to promote our message, and most importantly to recruit and elect candidates for office at all levels.

There was one issue that you raised last evening that I feel needs to be clarified. In particular, there seemed to be an inaccurate assumption that I did not disclose the Texas incident regarding my failure to timely return a TV cable box. In fact, I did supplement my application for Chair on December 9<sup>th</sup> to disclose this incident. Attached is a copy of my updated application that was sent to the attorney for the Party. Given the questions I received last evening, I am wondering if perhaps you were not provided with a copy of this updated application.

As I explained in this application, "In 1984, to save my military career, I pled guilty to a misdemeanor for failing to timely return a TV cable box. It was a misdemeanor, a \$200 fine & 180 days probation. I have never been engaged in any criminal activity"

As you are probably aware, Article II, Section 8A of the Party by-laws reads,

"All candidates for the office of State Party Chair and State Party Deputy Chair, subsequent to their interview with the Nominations Committee, will authorize the Nominations Committee to obtain a criminal background check."

Despite your committee acting outside of its scope of authority in requesting a criminal background check prior to my interview, I have provided full disclosure of all items that you have requested. It would be factually inaccurate (and probably illegal) for your committee to claim that my "non-disclosure" of the TV Cable Box incident disqualifies me, or as a basis for any reservations about my qualifications to serve as Chair.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I remain available to answer any questions any of you may have regarding my qualifications, and vision for the future of our Party.

Sincerely,  
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