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Republicans Stoop to New Low to Slander Candidate

BLAINE (October 24, 2008) — In recent days the Minnesota Republican Party has proven it is willing to sink to incredible lows and resort to any means necessary to win an election. This week the House Republican Campaign Committee released a new, vicious, and misleading ad attacking Minnesota State Legislature candidate Shawn Hamilton. This advertisement is a crude distortion of the truth and was solely made for the purpose of prejudicing the voters of District 51A.

The Republican Party's advertisement alleges that Shawn Hamilton was arrested or cited for stealing gasoline. This is simply a misrepresentation and distortion of the truth. The truth is Shawn accidentally left a gas station thinking he had paid for it when he had not. Shawn was notified of his mistake and returned to the station within fifteen minutes and corrected his error. To allege that there was anything malicious or criminal behind Shawn's actions is nothing more than a deliberate lie.

Additionally, as previously stated by this campaign, five years ago Shawn Hamilton was cited for possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Shawn was never arrested; it was a petty misdemeanor and he paid a fine. Shawn has spoken about how his past negative experiences have made him a different, more responsible and mature person today and have helped him gain a valuable perspective on the pitfalls facing Minnesota's youth. However, the Republicans have on repeated occasions attempted to portray Shawn as a threat to children with the prominent display of playground imagery. Again, the Republican Party will do or say anything in their attempt to gain political power. Let it be clear that Shawn's citation occurred in a parking lot well after dark and there were absolutely no children in the vicinity.

The people of Blaine deserve a representative who does not resort to and does not condone vicious character attacks as a replacement for honest policy discussion. Shawn Hamilton is a lifelong resident of the area and is by far the best suited candidate to represent Blaine in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Clearly, Shawn Hamilton's qualifications have made him a threat to the Republicans and have forced them to resort to such dirty political attacks. The Hamilton campaign holds itself above this type of negative campaigning and believes strongly that the people of Blaine deserve better.

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