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A Letter to Friends and Neighbors

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This week I was the subject of a vicious negative attack by the state Republican Party that greatly distorts and misrepresents the truth.

Five years ago I was cited for possession of marijuana paraphernalia. I was never arrested; it was a petty misdemeanor and I paid a fine. That citation was one of the low points in my life. I am very sorry for my past poor choices and in no way do I condone my prior action. But I am a different, more responsible and mature person today.

While I fully admit to the paraphernalia citation, the recent negative literature being circulated by the Republican Party contains extreme and totally false allegations regarding the presence of children. The event occurred well after dark on a weeknight in October and there were absolutely no children in the area. These insinuations are a politically motivated tactic employed by the same people exaggerating claims against numerous candidates

Having set the record straight, I firmly believe a mistake is a learning opportunity and has helped me gain a valuable perspective on the pitfalls facing Minnesota's youth and how we can help them find purpose and direction for themselves. In the coming weeks I look forward to continued constructive discussion and debate of the issues facing our community this November.

Very truly yours,

Shawn Hamilton
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