



October 13, 2021

RE; Statement of Senator Katrina Robinson Regarding Status of Trial

Dear Friends,

As many of you may now know, over a year ago, the US Attorney's office brought a criminal case against me consisting of a 48-count indictment, accusing me of embezzlement of over \$600,000 in federal grant funds. This indictment was reduced to 17 counts in January of 2021. Three weeks before trial the federal government sought to supersede its indictment, once again - adding 3 charges of wire fraud based on data entry administrative reports completed by my company. We proceeded to trial with a 20 count indictment. During trial, Hon. Sheryl Lipman acquitted me of 15 of the 20 counts at the conclusion of the government's case due to their failure to produce sufficient evidence of a crime. Therefore, the case that ultimately went to the jury consisted of 5 counts - the three wire fraud counts pertaining to the reports and two counts based on two transactions with a monetary sum of \$3,400.

On September 30, 2021, despite the prosecution's lack of evidence, the jury reached a guilty verdict on four of the remaining counts. However, this case is not over and our fight is not done. An integral part of the trial is still in progress. My legal team has filed a renewed motion for judgment of acquittal asking her honor to do what we maintain the law requires- enter an order acquitting me of the remaining charges. In the event that the acquittal is not granted we will ask for a new trial.

Please know that while these matters are being decided, I remain committed to my work as your Senator and am thankful for the support I have received from so many of you. Your prayers, texts, calls, and investment in my defense have made a world of difference during this trying time for myself and my family. I look forward to the day that we can put this all to rest and maintain our focus on forward progress for our community.

Your Senator,

Katrina Robinson

State Senator, TN District 33