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COLBECK CALLS FOR CENSURE OF MCBROOM, THEIS, AND BIZON BY MI GOP

Every lawmaker in the State of Michigan takes the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of senator according to the best of my ability.”

Senators Ed McBroom, Lana Theis and John Bizon are no exception, yet on June 23, 2021 they voted in favor of the release of a report which they authored that clearly violated this oath of office.

“The Committee recommends the attorney general consider investigating those who have been utilizing misleading and false information about Antrim County to raise money or publicity for their own ends. The Committee finds those promoting Antrim County as the prime evidence of a nationwide conspiracy to steal the election place all other statements and actions they make in a position of zero credibility.”

With this declaration, the Committee has declared the constitutional rights to freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom to seek redress for our grievances to be null and void. They are asserting that anyone who disagrees with their flawed assessment of the election particularly in matters regarding Antrim County should be investigated by the Attorney General. They have in fact weaponized the state against citizens who disagree with them.

In contrast with their assertions, the Republican Platform asserts the following:

“In a free society, the primary role of government is to protect the God-given, inalienable rights of its citizens. These constitutional rights are not negotiable for any American. We affirm that all legislation, regulation, and official actions must conform to the Constitution's original meaning as understood at the time the language was adopted.”

In this light, it is imperative for the integrity of our party that the MI GOP **censure** Senators McBroom, Theis and Bizon for their actions at the next meeting of the MI GOP state committee in August. These actions are responsible for fomenting division not unity within not only the Michigan Republican Party but the Republican party nationally. Failure to censure these Senators for their actions will further divide our party and separate us from our core principles. We cannot sit idly by as prominent members of our party promote the corruption of Republican ideals.

While I firmly believe that myself and others concerned with election integrity certainly have substantive grounds to disagree with their statements regarding the integrity of the 2020 election as evidenced in [my analysis of their “report”](#) posted at LetsFixStuff.org, please do not mistake this call for censure as a derivative of a profound disagreement with their conclusions. This call for censure is a direct result of their abject disregard for their oaths of office and for the Republican platform to which they claim alignment. We either maintain the integrity of our party by affirming its principles or we do not. This choice is now before the delegates, state committee members, and officers of the Michigan Republican Party.

- Patrick J. Colbeck, Former MI State Senator (7th District)