

Acknowledging the Findings of the Wyoming House Special Investigative Committee

WHEREAS, a concern regarding events occurring on February 9, 2026 involving the distribution of campaign contribution checks on the floor of the Wyoming House of Representatives after adjournment was raised through the media, bypassing the formal rules and processes of the House, resulting in the formation of a Special Investigative Committee to review the matter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee found that campaign contribution checks from Don Grasso in the amount of \$1,500 were distributed after adjournment on February 9, 2026 to Representatives Joe Webb, Marlene Brady, Darin McCann, and Christopher Knapp; and

WHEREAS, the Committee unanimously determined that the evidence and testimony presented did not reveal a violation of Article 3, Sections 42 or 43 (bribery) of the Wyoming Constitution as alleged by Representative Provenza, and did not reveal an explicit violation of any specific Rule of the House of Representatives or Joint Rules of the Wyoming Legislature as alleged by Representative Yin; and

WHEREAS, accusations of bribery against Rebecca Bextel were partly based on the fact that “campaign season had not opened yet” and “these recipients haven’t even filed for office yet”, but no one brought up the reported pre-session donations given to sitting Democrat and certain Republican legislators; and

WHEREAS, it was only after the events of February 9th that the House and the Senate hastily wrote Rules to prevent this from happening again; and

WHEREAS, private citizens have the constitutional right to participate in the political process, including making and delivering lawful campaign contributions in support of candidates for public office, and such participation is protected political speech under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, including the right to participate in free and open elections as affirmed in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*;

WHEREAS, the Investigation Committee failed to investigate the refusal of LSO to draft a motion countering Rep. Yin’s motion, and also failed to acknowledge, much less investigate, the violation of House Rules regarding complaints by Reps Provenza and Yin; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Provenza’s excuse for disregarding those Rules – “I didn’t want it swept under the rug” – demonstrates her total contempt for the Republican leadership of the House, despite recent Republican leadership punishing one of its own over a hot mic event; and

WHEREAS, long-time observers of the legislature have noted that the only difference between this event and past events of impropriety is “a Democrat took a picture”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party acknowledges the limited findings of the Wyoming House Special Investigative Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party supports and emphasizes that the House investigation concluded that no bribery or House rule violations occurred thereby exonerating Representatives Nina Webber, Darin McCann, Marlene Brady, Joe Webb, Christopher Knapp, and private citizen Rebecca Bextel under House rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party affirms its support for the constitutional right of citizens to participate in the political process, including through lawful campaign contributions and participation in free and open elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party considers the matter fully reviewed, and the subjects of the investigation fully exonerated through the legislative investigative process and encourages Republicans to refrain from further Republican Party actions or resolutions regarding these events so that the party may remain focused on advancing Republican principles and priorities for the people of Wyoming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party demands further action by House Leadership regarding Reps Provenza and Yin, and LSO Director Matt Obrecht.

Adopted by the Lincoln County Republican Party Convention on March 7, 2026