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Patriot Pastors of Tennessee pursues truth regarding Bill Lee, candidate for Governor of Tennessee.

I was stunned to read a man's comments responding to trial attorney John Harris, lobbyist for Tennessee Firearms Association campaigning for Senator Mae Beavers, that this man "personally knew and worked for Bill Lee in the 70s and personally experienced his greedy despicable mistreatment of his employees and business associates, with only the almighty dollar as his god", a devastating accusation.

I knew and informed this misguided lie spreader that Bill Lee was 11 years old in 1970, born in 1959, graduated from Auburn University with a Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1981 and only then did he start to work for Lee Company, first earning certification as a Master Plumber before much later assuming entry level leadership roles in Lee Company, which under Bill Lee was voted a "TOP 5 Employer Award" in 2016 and 5 other years prior. So the response when confronted with the truth was "well the apple never falls far from the tree..." an outrageous attempt to hold an innocent 11 year old boy accountable for a fantasy of hate in this man's mind.

This is just one ridiculous, despicable lie from "former anonymous, unnamed employees and business associates" spread on social media in various forms by persons repeating not what they experienced, but what "somebody they know" told them, with some lie buyers now claiming it was their own personal experience.

I am saddened by some good Tennessee citizens buying lies, spreading social media lies and misinformation opinions about our candidate for Governor, Bill Lee, whom I personally observed since 1986 when I helped Carl Carlson that started the YCAP mentoring program for inner city juvenile delinquents. Bill Lee quietly invested his time since 1986 to mentor an inner city juvenile delinquent. I know Bill's intervention on his behalf to get the kid in a better school turned a life doomed and hopeless into an awesome success, decades before Bill ever thought about running for public office. It fuels Bill's desire for school choice for all Tennesseans.

I am amazed at good citizens, yet misinformed political activists that attacks Bill Lee by spreading misinformation, among such attacks as Bill Lee signing a check for two groups that represented themselves to Bill or someone in his Lee Company, as strong conservative values advocates, then later, without his knowledge, abused his trust.

"Bill Lee should have known, should have checked that group out' is the standard criticism, but the truth is at the time he signed the check, those 2 groups had not revealed their intent to abuse his trust, so no amount of "checking them out" would have revealed their hidden, fraudulent, future intent to abuse his trust.

In fact, of the hundreds of checks from Lee Company annually donating to groups that represent themselves as being conservative and/or Christian intent, just 2 checks out of these many thousands of checks in his decades of generosity, is an awesome good record proving Bill's intent as a solid conservative and as a Christian. Bill Lee didn't sign any checks for Lee Company. The CEO signs checks. Bill is the Chairman of the Board.

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Here is the truth...

(1) No Lee or Lee Company representative ever cut a check to Williamson Strong.

Williamson Strong is a 501(c)(4) so their donations are not public. Bill Lee being viciously attacked on their social media page by this group proves reasonable citizens know Bill did not/does not support this group.

(2) You can review all of Advance Tennessee PAC public filing disclosures to prove there are no checks from any Lee or Lee Company representative there.

- 2014 pre-primary https://apps.tn.gov/tncamp-app/search/pub/report_full.htm?reportId=61409

- 2014 4th qtr https://apps.tn.gov/tncamp-app/search/pub/report_full.htm?reportId=58760

- 2014 pre-general https://apps.tn.gov/tncamp-app/search/pub/report_full.htm?reportId=56976

- 2014 https://apps.tn.gov/tncamp-app/search/pub/report_full.htm?reportId=56240

There's no explanation about those two claims other than they are patently false.

Lee Company cut only one check even close to this false claim, to the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce PAC, who later used those checks in school board races without his knowledge or consent.

Supporting your local Chamber of Commerce is quite normal for a business. It's likely people are conflating this with Williamson Strong and Advance Tennessee PAC false claims, but both claims are patently false.

Now, here is what I personally know that Conservative Bill Lee wants to do for Tennessee...in addition to solid business strategy to prosper and educate all citizens in Tennessee, Bill opposed the gas tax increase, wants to CUT state government size and spending, CUT the 43% of our state revenue with mandates from the Federal Government, CUT taxes, CUT state fees citizens and businesses pay, CUT state and local regulations and fees on citizens and businesses, CUT tyranny of our children forced to attend one assigned school only instead of having a choice that best suits their needs, CUT lobbyist receptions that entertain Legislators, CUT monopoly of state government to build Public/Private bridges empowering Faith Based groups with resources to meet the needs of our citizens in greatest need, CUT the alarming erosion of Tennessee Rural quality of life and preserve that awesome Tennessee Treasure that made Tennessee great.

Since Bill Lee is the ONLY honest Tennessee cattle farmer candidate for Governor with over 400 cattle constantly providing quality beef for Tennessee restaurants from his cattle farm operating in Williamson County since 1796, who would know more about our rural Tennessee Treasure and how to preserve it? If we lose it, we surely lose it forever and all Tennessee citizens will surely regret losing it.

Bill Lee is a Lifetime NRA member, but Tennessee Firearms Association denounces the NRA as their competition for member dues and donations in Tennessee. Bill Lee knows Constitutional Carry in Tennessee not a Governor issue, but a Legislature issue as only the Legislature can pass such a Bill he could sign into law.

Bill has committed 100% to eliminating state carry permit fees since the Legislature will not pass a Constitutional Carry Bill. How curious some political aristocracy activists, gun lobbyists, even 3 candidates from our state Legislature, all personally failing for 20 years to get Constitutional Carry passed in Tennessee, but attack Bill on this issue instead of accepting responsibility for not getting it done while in the Legislature.

Bill Lee as a private citizen worked hard to get Tort Reform legislation passed, a truly Conservative Bill voted into law by conservative legislators like Tony Shipley, Stacey Campfield, Mae Beavers, and the great majority of Legislators. Tennessee Firearms Association lobbyist and trial attorney John Harris, criticizes Bill Lee for

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supporting Tort Reform, but his candidate Senator Mae Beavers agrees with Bill Lee on it and voted for it. Tort Reform law set a reasonable ceiling on ridiculous damages awards that has nothing to do with “the right to a jury trial” but does limit trial attorney income, since they get a percentage of what damages are awarded.

Now, who is the most capable Conservative in truth... Bill Lee has proven over decades to be a Conservative Christian family man not tainted by any public office swamp experience who led Lee Company from \$20 million annual sales to \$250 million annually, assuring 1,150 employee paychecks weekly while running his 400 head cattle farm, raising children, active in his Church and community, mentoring inner city juvenile delinquents, mentoring felons in prison...so compare and see Bill Lee has no peer in this race. Not even close.

This truth stated here is why Patriot Pastors Network, including Patriot Pastors of Tennessee, is very proud to endorse and support Bill Lee as our next Governor of Tennessee.



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