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Subj: McCaul Fundraising Letter

From: Ted Ankrum for Congress 2010

To: Media Outlets, open use

The Ankrum campaign team recently obtained copies of fundraising letters from our opponent, 3-term incumbent Congressman Michael McCaul (R-Westlake Hills). The remarks in the letter range from petty to desperate, as he pleads for more money to add to his campaign account, an account he raised almost \$1,000,000 for – in the last quarter alone – to fight for “reform.” It is clear that incumbent Congressman McCaul seems to think people aren’t smart enough to see right past his diluted appeals.

Furthermore, his letter is misleading. The Democrats in Washington haven’t targeted him for defeat, as he claims. In fact, they aren’t involved at all. The Ankrum campaign is on its’ own – we are Texans running a campaign for other Texans. Secondly, Austin tech millionaire Jack McDonald contributed for “initial efforts,” and gave us just enough money to pay for a filing fee, so that McCaul, a multi-millionaire himself, did not get the benefit of running unopposed. Our campaign will admit that McCaul did get one thing right. Ted Ankrum is going to expose his record for what it really is: nothing. If “attack dog” is how the incumbent wishes to describe the challenger, Ted Ankrum wears the label proudly; the citizens of the Tenth District deserve an attack dog to work for them. McCaul is an unremarkable, do-nothing Congressman who won’t vote for any of our hard-earned tax dollars to come back to the district – he says it himself. Which isn’t surprising, considering he won’t even try to maintain defense contracts that help employ thousands in the district either. Congressman McCaul talks about reform as if it is some banner that incumbents can wrap themselves in and fool voters with. Voters, however, will not be fooled.

The unfortunate part of this fundraising letter is that the donors he is beholden to are paying attention too. They are well funded and scared – scared that voters will finally see that six years of cronyism, inaction, and comfortable incumbency have allowed Washington to poison their Congressman. They would be right. Six years of broken promises & cozy relationships to big oil, pharmaceuticals, & Wall Street are the culprits. McCaul is part of a broken system, and voters will assert their disapproval in November. It is time to remind Rep. McCaul, and every other do-nothing Congressman, who they really work for.

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