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Thanks for the commentary and the entertainment!

<https://www.facebook.com/448720325467547/posts/1214691625537076/?>

I'll be glad to meet with anyone who feels the need to discuss who may need big boy pants!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2020, at 3:23 PM, Seabaugh, Rep. Alan (Chamber Laptop) <aseabaugh@legis.la.gov> wrote:

Buddy,

We apparently have a fundamental disagreement over a very key point. You made several references to members of our delegation encouraging people to contact other members on behalf of the petition. That is something that has never occurred to my knowledge. If you have Evidence or an example of a member of this delegation encouraging people to call other legislators to encourage them to sign the petition, that is news to me. Regardless of what you call it, you are casting stones and accusations at members of the delegation and accusing them of something that has not occurred.

And if you think those ads constitute an "attack," you should probably go buy some big boy pants.

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On Jul 3, 2020, at 2:58 PM, Mincey, Rep. Buddy (Chamber Laptop) <bmincey@legis.la.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your perspective Alan and the response. Although I think names have been shared with outsiders, I don't take specific issue with who may have supplied any names, and I haven't implied that anyone did share them. I agree it can be reasonably deciphered over time, but let's get real on the "attack".

We are all realistic enough to recognize that when someone encourages others to contact another on a contentious topic, the outcome often results in **an attack of some form or another**. I recognize this is part of the political process. I expect it from those who oppose my legislation, and I even expect it from the other party. **However, I take extreme exception when members of my delegation tell the masses to contact me and my colleagues to either do something or to not do something**. The encouragement may be subtle and portrayed as being innocent and even misunderstood. Regardless of how it's played out or what it's called, the results are the same.

Your petition has been out there long enough for each member of our delegation to determine whether they support or oppose. The only reason for anyone in our delegation to rally the **masses is to either**

intimidate or pressure our members to conform. In fact, many of my colleagues have told me that they only signed the petition because of the pressures. Your petition is an extremely contentious topic for those who want it signed and for those who don't want it signed.

For our delegation's best interest, I do not think we should ever turn the masses on fellow delegation members! We have been able to overcome the divisiveness of the Speaker's race. We did work well together in the regular and special sessions. We do have bigger issues to fight. We do need each other. Strength is in numbers. All of these points are the very reason I now ask members of our delegation who want to override the Governor's Emergency Declaration to focus their efforts on the Governor, leave our delegation alone, and take down any social media posts or videos encouraging others to contact us on this issue.

Finally, I agree that I should have not used the word fringe. It was not intended to degrade anyone's position. I also shouldn't have referred to our general delegation leadership in a subsequent text. I actually had to ask who all was in leadership roles, so I could call and explain what I meant. Please don't let these comments detract from my message. Regarding the efforts of some in our delegation to encourage others to pressure members to conform and sign the Seabaugh Petition - enough is enough!

I hope everyone has a Happy Fourth. Enjoy your family and stay safe!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2020, at 1:02 PM, Seabaugh, Rep. Alan (Chamber Laptop) <aseabaugh@legis.la.gov> wrote:

I have tried to stay out of the "back-and-forth" regarding the Petition and the group pushing it, but with the recent activity, I feel compelled to chime in. First, let me stress that I have not provided a list of who has and has not signed the Petition to anyone. Neither has Blake. I can say that with 100% certainty, because I am the only one who knows who has signed and I have not told anyone (not even Blake). So any attacks on Blake regarding this whole issue are completely baseless and need to stop immediately!

The group running the ads has been calling legislative offices, talking to your legislative assistants and asking whether you have signed for weeks. They have been in the capitol personally talking to legislators and also have access to the picture that we took on the Capitol steps. If your office has refused to answer, I assume they are taking that as a "No." I know that several people that have signed the petition have publicly declared so. The point is that there are multiple avenues for them to have obtained their "list" other than from the delegation. Again, I assure you, that I have not divulged the names of those who have signed or not signed to anyone.

Second, a social media ad encouraging people to call their Representative and encourage the signing of the Petition is NOT AN ATTACK! The ability to revoke the governor's authority to declare a state of emergency is specifically, a legislative function. As members of the House of Representatives, each of us has to make a decision one way or the other whether we will support the Petition. I have put the Petition out there, but I have not twisted anybody's arm nor have I put pressure on ANYONE! Each of us have constituents on each side of this issue and each of us must make a decision. Whether we end up revoking the governor's authority or not, our decision is going to have both positive and negative ramifications on our constituents. Your decision whether to sign the petition or not, is going to both

positively and negatively affect some of your constituents. Those negatively affected by the shut down have every right in the world to contact their representative and ask them to act. That is not an attack.

If you want to see an attack, see the attached screenshots. That is an attack. More importantly, it came from a group with close ties to some members of this delegation. However, you did not hear me whining about it. As far as I can tell, I am the only one who has been personally attacked on this issue. Think about that for a second before you go sending out whiney and naive text messages. I would also like to point out that the group sending out the ads encouraging people to contact their representative have been extremely critical of me for not giving them a list. I wish they were not posting the ads encouraging people to sign the petition for the very reason that it has caused strife within the delegation and resulted in finger-pointing and accusations between us.

Third, 2 of every 3 members of the Republican delegation have signed the Petition. That is not "the fringe" as referred to in one of the text messages. Using phrases like that to refer to your colleagues is inaccurate, divisive, out of line, and should never happen.

Let me conclude by saying that this was by far, the most successful legislative session in my 10 years in the House. In fact, there is not even a close comparison. The Delegation stuck together on most significant issues. We had each other's backs and worked very well together. Obviously, we did not all agree on everything, but given the divisiveness of the Speaker race, I found the degree to which we worked together to be remarkable and am very encouraged going forward. The Petition is obviously an issue on which we are not ALL going to agree, but let's not let an outside group divide us and cause finger pointing within the delegation. We have too many battles left to fight and we still have a liberal Democrat Governor. We are stronger together.

If any of you who have not signed, would like a blank copy of the petition, please let me know.

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