

**Subj: Proposed contract**  
**Date: 4/18/2002 12:11:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time**  
**From: jdchec@swbell.net**  
**To: WRobold1@aol.com**  
**CC: jim@buckham.com**  
*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

As a general rule, I want to know about calls to Texas lobbyists before they happen. We have a delicate balancing act because of Speaker politics and I want to inform and direct how we handle those calls.

I raise this specifically because your draft contract reads:  
"TRMPAC....shall exercise no control over the manner, timing or place of the day-to-day conduct of such services" in reference to your work as a consultant to TRMPAC.

I will not sign a contract with that type of provision. Furthermore, I will insist that contact with the Austin lobby be pre-cleared through me.

We also need to discuss the proposed compensation, but I feel very strongly about the aforementioned point and wanted to put it in writing.

Subj: **Re: TEXAS House Races**  
Date: 10/20/2002  
To: Sidney [REDACTED]  
CC: [Warren@goptoday.com](mailto:Warren@goptoday.com)

Sidney,

I have raised 40% of the dollars that TRMPAC needs in the final weeks. We still need \$125,000 of Corporate funds to finish the project and pay our obligations. The House is looking good. But we take nothing for granted. We want to get to 84-85 Texas State House seats and insure the election of the first Republican Speaker in the State's history.

Please let me know if there are other potential supporters that may be able to help on a corporate basis. We can also make use of personal money to help candidates as well if corporate funds are not available. Also, just as a reminder, all corporate funds are unlimited and non reportable by Texas State law.

Thank you again for your assistance,

*Warren RoBold*  
[REDACTED]

Subj: **Spence Abraham**  
Date: 9/27/2002  
To: [jdchec@swbell.net](mailto:jdchec@swbell.net)  
CC: [Warren@goptoday.com](mailto:Warren@goptoday.com)

John,

Contact is John Shaw who works in the office of Secretary. Said they would look at giving us a date in late Oct. early Nov. or after the election. His message to me seemed quite sincere at helping out in any way they could to support Congressman DeLay. I would put together a letter that focus's on TRMPAC and DeLay's role as well as the strong energy support in Texas from local, regional, and national companies. I believe they will be responsive. Also, list where you would like him to go. I am sure after they receive this they may want more specifics. Will give that to them afterwards. John's phone number is [REDACTED], fax letter to: [REDACTED].

*Warren RoBold*  
[REDACTED]

**Subj: Spence Abraham**  
**Date: 9/20/2002 11:28:01 AM Eastern Daylight Time**  
**From: jdchec@swbell.net**  
**To: jim@goptoday.com, WRobold1@aol.com**  
**CC: k.brannon@attbi.com**  
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**JIM: Sec. Abraham will be doing an event for Congressman Barton a week from Monday. We have a request in to him for a TRMPAC event. Can you follow up with the White House and DOE to see if we can have him for an hour in the Dallas area?**

**KEVIN: Since Barton has been totally cooperative with our efforts, can you ask him to make a back channel request to Abraham?**

**Thanks.**

**Subj:** Spence Abraham  
**Date:** 10/4/2002 5:26:45 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** jdchec@swbell.net  
**To:** WRobold1@aol.com  
**CC:** jim@goptoday.com  
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Craddick faxed the request yesterday. You can follow up with Shaw.

TRMPAC Post-election thank you

name  
addr  
addr  
city, state zip

Dear [Salutation],

On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Republicans not only swept all statewide offices for the second consecutive cycle, but we won an historic victory in the Texas House of Representatives.

For the first time since Reconstruction, Republicans took control of the Texas House by electing 88 House candidates. Already, that has meant a rapid shift in the Speaker's office.

Texans for a Republican Majority (TRMPAC) – a political action committee formed to capture a House Republican majority – was critical to the outcome of the election. And your support for TRMPAC enabled us to win this smashing victory. Thank you!

In the final analysis, we raised and contributed (either directly or through in-kind contributions) over \$530,000 to Republican candidates and lived up to our commitment not to use one cent of your personal contribution to cover administrative expenses.

Going into the general election, we targeted 20 races: 15 of the 20 candidates were victorious on election night with wins in marginal districts that were never anticipated by many political pundits in Austin. (We were equally successful in the primary elections with 83% of TRMPAC endorsed candidates winning in the Republican Primary nomination.)

TRMPAC was about more than raising and contributing money. We provided a network of support. Our team developed and distributed candidate issue briefings, assisted on message development, completed opposition research, executed our own targeted phone GOTV program and engaged statewide officeholders to endorse and campaign for our targeted candidates.

Our success was unprecedented; our future is extraordinarily bright because we stayed focused on our objective and brought the necessary resources and energy to bear. We won a major victory election night, and all of us involved with TRMPAC owe you a deep debt of gratitude. We look forward to building on TRMPAC's success and having you as part of our team. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Tom Craddick  
Speaker-elect  
Texas House of Representatives

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March 12, 2002

Mr. John Colyandro  
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Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Corporate Donations to your Texas General Purpose Political Committee

Dear Mr. Colyandro:

This responds to your request for my opinion on whether corporate donations to your Texas General Purpose Political Committee must be reported under Texas law.

Although subchapter D of Election Code chapter 253 prohibits most political contributions and expenditures by corporations, section 253.100(a) provides as follows:

A corporation, acting alone or with one or more other corporations, may make one or more political expenditures to finance the establishment or administration of a general-purpose committee.

Section 253.100(d) provides that "an expenditure made under this section is not reportable by the general-purpose committee as a political contribution under Chapter 254."

Chapter 254 is the chapter that details the reporting provisions of Texas campaign finance law. Therefore, section 253.100(d) exempts these corporate expenditures from the Texas reporting requirements.

Ethics Advisory Opinion 132 (1993) confirms that such corporate contributions are not reportable under Texas law.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Shack