

## Response to Tim Burchett's Press Release regarding PayPal Irregularities

Unfortunately I am compelled once again to respond to Tim's public attacks on me and his false and grossly misleading statements. Tim must understand that when he accuses me of criminal behavior, I will respond truthfully and publically. I have tried to refrain from any discussions involving the divorce, but since Tim is insistent on repeatedly bringing it up, I will address it as briefly as possible and only in the context necessary.

There are so many inaccuracies in Tim's press release that would easily be cleared up by releasing our bank statements which I am happy to do. I have never denied spending money out of our joint account, for example, on clothing, at the salon, or for our foster child. As many married couples, we lived out of our joint account and based on Tim's instructions, money from the campaign account was routinely transferred in to that account. Tim told me the campaign funds were his to use as he please and I had no reason to doubt him. As I have said before, I invite a full investigation of our joint bank account and all of the various campaign accounts and agree to release any and all records to the public which Tim refuses to do. I do not appreciate Tim's repeated attempts to paint me as a criminal. Tim campaigned on "honesty and transparency" yet he shows none, and further, by continuing to attack me in this manner he is being a bully and a coward. Yes, I am angry and I am sorry the public has to hear all this. It is clear Tim's public statements are being made in an attempt to divert attention from his own misdeeds and misuse of his campaign contributions which has been ongoing for the past 15 years, to the best of my knowledge.

Recent reports of inaccuracies occurred in 2006 when Tim failed to report contributions and was discovered by the state election commission. Then in 2007, while in the State Senate, Tim actually sponsored a bill so the election commission couldn't fine candidates when they failed to report contributions. Then in 2008 he was fined for failing to report correctly. This is a pattern that long predated my involvement in Tim's campaigning. The campaign finance problem lies with Tim, not me or our divorce.

When Tim left the marital home in March of 2012 he did so without notice in the middle of the workday using several county employees. I had no knowledge or forewarning of his departure. Tim took everything he wanted with him, including all the records he now claims are in my possession. The only things he left in the home were unwanted gifts from donors, a convertible car top and a lot of trash. I have no information as to where he moved or took all of his belongings, which included two cars, motorcycles and other such large items. Tim has stated many times he "no longer has access" to the house, however he has both legal and physical access to the house and has come and gone from the marital home on a number of occasions.

To my knowledge, Tim maintains the campaign checkbook at his office, as evidenced by his most recent financial disclosures. I have also attached an email from January 2012 stating "Tim has the checkbook" and providing him a printout of all transactions to reconcile the books, yet on the Jan. 2012 disclosure statement (which I did not complete) there were still 2 expenditures left off by Tim. {Items 7 & 5}

Tim and I both worked in the campaign account (as did others) and the personal account. Attached is evidence of Dean Rice and Tim working in the campaign account. It is untrue that I had any more control over either than Tim did. Tim lived out of our personal account just as I did, like all families do. {Item 6}

I did not complete all documents as Tim maintains. Tim signed many checks and other documents. {Items 1-6} Other people such as Dean Rice and others also signed checks and complete various forms and documents through time. The campaign treasurer was and is Al Miller, not Allison Burchett. I simply acted on instructions from Tim just as anyone working for a candidate does. Tim told me the funds were his to do with as he saw fit, and I believed him as I had never been in a political campaign and he had over a decade of experience. There are 14 disclosure statements listed online, I am simply the witness on 2 forms. I have read headlines saying "wife failed to disclose"—it's not my job to disclose, it is Tim's responsibility to disclose. He is the candidate. He signed the forms; he swore them to be true when he know

thousands and thousands of dollars had been pulled out of the account for strictly personal uses. The fact remains; the money was deposited into our JOINT bank account and spent on JOINT expenses. The problem lies in the fact that Tim did not disclose those funds.

During 2010 I did not work outside of the home. Alongside Tim, I was knocking on doors, making phone calls, hosting events, and creating the perfect married image that he needed to win. More importantly, I spent time at home caring for our foster child. That said, Tim knew our joint bank account would have to pay for my condo just as it paid for his home in West Hills and our marital home and both of our personal expenses.

I wrote no checks for personal expenditures as Tim maintains. I ask him to produce one check that was written to me for myself and not deposited into our joint account. All checks written to me were deposited into our joint account, which we both lived out of. Mortgages, taxes, insurance, utilities, and joint living expenses were paid out of the joint account. Tim's monthly check as a Senator was \$1,800 while the marital home mortgage was \$2,100. We simply could not pay all of our joint bills from Tim's salary. Again, Tim has lied and accused me of acting without his knowledge and using money for my personal gain. I attended a function or event every day of the week as the candidate's wife, Tim was fully aware what I spent money on, and routinely bought me items such as clothing for these events himself.

As to the PayPal account, there are two of them. There is the Elect Burchett account, and there is Tim Burchett's personal account. If you notice in Tim's statement he made no mention of his personal PayPal account. That is because he and he alone owns and controls it. Tim initiated all transfers of funds from the campaign account into his personal account. I had no access to his personal account nor any reason to move money into his personal account. The money he moved into his personal account was never reported on any campaign financial disclosure, (nor was it reported as ordinary income to the IRS). There are four contributions into the Elect Burchett PayPal Account which were never reported on a campaign financial disclosure form. There were four payments by Tim to his personal PayPal account from the campaign PayPal account which were never disclosed on any campaign financial disclosure form. I had no reason to fail to report either of these, nor any reason to make the transfers into Tim's personal account. Tim and Tim alone controlled these monies. The Elect Burchett PayPal is run by [tim@electburchett.com](mailto:tim@electburchett.com) and his personal PayPal is run by [tibu64@yahoo.com](mailto:tibu64@yahoo.com) which are Tim's personal email addresses. I do not have access to either of these email addresses and for Tim to say that I control this is beyond ridiculous. Each time these transactions took place, an email was sent to Tim's personal email [tibu64@yahoo.com](mailto:tibu64@yahoo.com) saying "You've got money!" from the Elect Burchett Campaign. Then he would have seen it show up in his personal PayPal account, and then he would have had 3 choices: He could have either spent it (for example on eBay, Amazon or other online store), he could have transferred the money into our joint account, or he could have had a check mailed directly to him. Since I do not have control of the account, I cannot tell you for certain which one he did.

Anyone that knows Tim knows that for years he has bragged about making his living from selling things on EBay. Tim was an EBay regular long before I met him. His EBay transactions are and have been paid via PayPal for years and now he would state that his wife actually controlled all that. This is blatantly untrue. You can do a simple Google search for tibu64 and eBay and pull up all of Tim's old transactions, dating as far back as 2004, and there are almost 1000 transactions on record and more than likely many more without note.

None of this is about our divorce, but rather it is a diversion Tim is attempting to use to shift the focus away from his incorrect actions and onto our divorce issues. It is very plain; Tim converted campaign funds for his on personal use and also failed to report contributions. The donations and the checks for personal use should have all been reported and were not. Tim was found guilty and fined for this same behavior in 2006 and 2008, saying he "just messed up" long before we were married. His actions continue and he wishes to again pretend he did nothing wrong. He instructed me each time I wrote a check or made an entry into a ledger. Tim did not disclose \$2,000 in PayPal contributions. He has yet

to take responsibility for his actions, and rather than admit his wrongdoings he chooses to hide behind our pending divorce for a pattern of actions that have been taking place since years before we even met.

I again ask that Tim agree to make public all our personal bank statements, the many campaign statements, as well as all of his Elect Burchett PayPal and Tim Burchett PayPal accounts. Once these accounts are seen it is evident that money was going into both our joint checking account as well as Tim's personal PayPal account.

I resent Tim attempting to blame me for his failing to report correctly and for taking money into his personal PayPal account. Tim transferred that money to himself and only he controls his personal PayPal account. Any monies that went into the joint checking account benefited both of us and I freely admit that. Tim, however, attempts to paint me as the only one that benefited from the money and that simply is not true. We both benefited from it, together, as a married couple. I loved Tim at the time and believed in him. I had no reason to act in any way other than to trust my husband and act according to his wishes. But now he attempts to paint me as a criminal which I cannot and will not let go uncontested.