



April 23, 2020

The Honorable Susan Wagle
Kansas Senate President
P.O. Box 781991
Wichita, Kansas 67278

Via US Mail and email

Re: Kansas U.S. Senate race

Dear Senator Wagle,

I write to follow up on our telephone conversation from yesterday afternoon regarding the U.S. Senate race. It is critical that Kansas Republicans maintain control of the Senate seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Senator, Pat Roberts. Kansas Republicans have held both Kansas U.S. Senate seats since 1930. We must continue this long-standing trend. In order to accomplish our goal, all Republicans must put the good of the Party and the good of our country ahead of all personal interests.

We are appreciative of your effort in running for the U.S. Senate as well as your three decades in the Kansas Legislature. There is no doubt, you would be an excellent U.S. Senator. However, based on the polling and fundraising data, there is simply no path to victory for your campaign. In order for Republicans to protect the U.S. Senate seat, it is time to clear the field for a candidate that has a path to victory against the Democrats.

I mentioned to you in our telephone call that the polling data consistently shows you at approximately five percent, but in any event, always in single digits. I requested that you provide any polling that your campaign has that demonstrates that you are polling higher than low single digits. I understand that your campaign does not have any polling data showing you performing better than single digits and that you do not currently have any polls underway.

Polling is only part of the equation. I am also looking at fundraising. When looking at your campaign's funding, I have considered four important metrics:

1. You have only \$515,128 cash on hand.
2. However, \$275,000 of your cash on hand is cash you loaned to your campaign.

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3. Looking at cash from supporters, you have cash on hand of \$240,128.
4. In nine months, you have received donations from supporters of only \$453,481.

The polling and the fundraising data clearly display that there is no reasonable path to victory, and not a deep enough well of support, for your campaign.

I ask that you put the good of the Party - as well as the good of our state and country - ahead of all personal interests. If that is indeed your first priority, it is clear that the best course is to end your campaign. It is time to allow our Party to coalesce behind a candidate who will not only win, but will help Republicans down the ballot this November. On the other hand, failure to suspend your campaign could negatively impact the outcome of the race – something we've seen in recent Kansas history - and could possibly cost Kansas Republicans the U.S. Senate seat.

Senator Wagle, I do not take lightly the magnitude of my request. However, the objective data in this race supports this request. If we clear the field and coalesce around the Republican candidate that can beat the Democrats, we will continue our winning record. I appreciate your serious consideration of ending your campaign so we can be victorious this November.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Kuckelman", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Michael J. Kuckelman, Chairman
Kansas Republican Party