

Special Investigative Committee
Report of Findings and Recommendations
Representative Wendy Horman

Summary:

The Special Committee recommends that no action be taken towards Representative Horman in regards to the allegations listed in the petition that we were asked to review. We wish to thank her for the written responses/explanations that she provided to the committee.

We do recommend a reminder to pay attention to the levels of government spending. We also encourage Representative Horman to engage the Republican party and initial committees before arguing about the process in public media. We acknowledge that both party and elected officials are learning how to navigate this new process to handle complaints by the membership. The process requires the committee to give fair consideration to not only the representative but also those making claims, with the party platform as the judge of the actions. The initial meetings are confidential so that an independent party can mediate between those making the claims and the representative, to determine if there are substantial differences between the party platform and the record which warrant any further consideration. Ultimately, the final decision to take any public action is made by the entire Legislative District Committee, regardless of recommendations made by the Special Committee.

Statement of Facts and Issue:

On April 18, 2022, Representative Wendy Horman signed and submitted an Integrity in Affiliation document (Exhibit A attached hereto) which provides that:

"I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated."

On September 28, 2023 a Petition was delivered to Doyle Beck, Chairman of Legislative District 32 Committee (LD32) containing allegations made against Representative Wendy Horman (hereinafter "Respondent") pursuant to Article XX Idaho Republican Party Platform Enforcement in connection with possible violations of Article XIII Integrity in Affiliation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

At a meeting on October 19, 2023, LD32 sought and received volunteers, who were unanimously approved, for a Special Investigative Committee (SIC) to investigate the allegations. Chairman Doyle Beck appointed Barbara Miller to chair the SIC. Members of the SIC are: Keith Banner, Tom Harrison, Josh Golden and Ben Baker, with Mark Bitter as an alternate. John Cutler who originally volunteered withdrew due to unavailability.

The Petition was provided to Respondent on November 4, 2023. On November 18, Respondent provided responses to the allegations (Exhibit B attached hereto). On November 21, 2023 the SIC Chair

noticed Petitioners and Respondents of a SIC meeting on November 27, 2023 to review the allegations and make recommendations (Exhibits C and D attached hereto). On November 21, 2023 Representative Julianne Young provided a letter in support of Respondent (Exhibit E attached hereto). Respondent did NOT appear at that meeting, asserting on public media that the meeting had been re-scheduled. The meeting proceeded on November 27, 2023 with all committee members present, and Petitioners John Jensen, Rusty Devereaux and Carolyn Harrison initially present and then excused.

At issue is Respondent's assertion that ***"I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated."***

Allegation 1

Aye vote on HB138

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: That no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 2

Nay vote on HB265

Finding: The bill violates Article XIV, Section 4 of the Republican Party Platform. However, Respondent provided a counterbalancing statement supporting her vote.

Recommendation: While we would like to see Representative Horman stand stronger on principles, we recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 3

Aye vote on SB1147

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D; Article III, Section 8 and Article XIV, Section 3 of the Republican Party Platform. However, Respondent provided a counterbalancing statement and evidence supporting her vote.

Recommendation: That Representative Horman be reminded that the Republican Party stands strongly against abortion, Critical Race Theory and transgender-based medicine and that NO taxpayer funds should be used in furtherance of those items; that the Republican Party stands strongly against growing government, including the growth of government school employees; and that Representative Horman consider the legality of Idaho's association with another State governmental entity that is potentially violating Idaho Code 18-8705 and Idaho's laws regarding critical race theory and transgender-based medicine. Other than those reminders we recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 4

Aye vote on SB1176

Finding: The bill violates Article I, Section 1 Paragraphs A and D and Article III, Section 8 of the Republican Party Platform. However, Respondent provided a counterbalancing statement and evidence supporting her vote.

Recommendation: That Representative Horman be reminded that pursuant to Article III, Section 8 the Republican Party clearly states that a Republican elected official should work to support financial measures that PROHIBIT universities, colleges or public schools from including social indoctrination theories into their policies, curriculum and/or course materials; and that the Republican Party stands strongly against growing government. Other than that reminder we recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 5

Idaho Freedom Foundation Spending Index of 9.6%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We are very much concerned with the sustainability of the spending in Idaho, the growth of the government workforce, and the State's reliance on Federal funding, and would recommend that Representative Horman work on reining that in as stated in the Republican Party Platform, as opposed to supporting it. Other than that reminder we recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 6

Idaho Freedom Foundation Education Index of 81.4%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We appreciate all of Representative Horman's efforts to advance the Republican Party Platform values on the education front and recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

Allegation 7

Idaho Freedom Foundation Freedom Index of 66.5%

Finding: Not a violation of the Idaho Republican Party Platform.

Recommendation: We recommend that no action be taken by LD32 with regard to this Allegation.

IDGOP Integrity in Affiliation - Jotform Inbox

Wendy Horman

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Submission Date

Apr 18, 2022 7:50 AM

Name

Wendy Horman

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What Office Are you running for?

State Representative Seat B

What LD are you Running for?

32

Please Select One

I have read the Idaho Constitution and the Idaho Republican Party Platform. I support the Idaho Republican Platform and accept it as the standard by which my performance as a candidate and as an officeholder should be evaluated. I certify that I am not a candidate, officer, delegate or position holder in any party other than the Republican Party

Signature

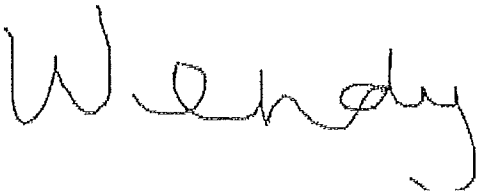


Exhibit A

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**WWAMI MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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February 2, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Representative Horman and Senator Grow:

On January 27, during testimony for the Idaho WWAMI program, I was asked to report back on a specific question from Representative Herndon regarding state resources for courses taught by the University of Washington School of Medicine. The following courses were mentioned in the testimony and in an email from Senator Herndon:

CONJOINT 570 TRANSGENDER PATIENTS
FAMED 550 CRITICAL RACE THEORY
FAMED 561 LGBTQ HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES
OBGYN 628 FAMILY PLANNING AND ABORTION CARE
OBGYN 638 PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER WASHINGTON AND NORTH IDAHO

On January 30, we contacted Dr. Suzanne Allen, Vice Dean for Academic, Rural and Regional Affairs for the University of Washington School of Medicine to provide information regarding the funding for the above-mentioned courses. On February 2, Dr. Allen responded with the following:

"Funding from the State of Idaho supports the required curriculum for Idaho WWAMI medical students to graduate from UWSOM. The five courses and clerkships asked about are all elective courses and clerkships and [are] not part of the required curriculum".

Each year the University of Idaho sends the following statement along with trustee benefits invoiced from the University of Washington:

In the 2021 Idaho Legislative Session, the Idaho Legislature passed a bill entitled the No Public Funds for Abortion Act. This bill was signed by Governor Brad Little on May 10, 2021 and went into effect on May 10, 2021. Among other things, it created a new criminal statute prohibiting the use of public funds for abortion related activity. This law applies to the electronic payment referenced above. Thus, under Idaho Code § 18-8705(2), you may not use any of these funds to perform or promote abortion, provide counseling in favor of abortion, make referral for abortion, or provide facilities for abortion or for training to provide or perform abortion. "Abortion" is defined in Idaho Code § 18-8702(1) as "the act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance, device, or means with the intent to terminate the clinically diagnosable pregnancy of a woman with knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the unborn child. Such use, prescription, or means is not an abortion if done with the intent to save the life or preserve the health of the unborn child, remove a dead unborn child caused by spontaneous abortion, or remove an ectopic pregnancy."

Thank you for the opportunity to answer the questions and for the ability to provide evidence that state resources are not spent on the elective courses in question.

Sincerely,

JEFF SEEGMILLER EdD, AT
Regional Dean/ Director, Professor

Exhibit B

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 14:21:31 Mountain Standard Time

Subject: RE: Follow-up re: WWAMI
Date: Monday, February 20, 2023 at 11:14:27 AM Mountain Standard Time
From: Nate Osborne
To: Representative Wendy Horman, Senator Scott Herndon, Senator Scott Grow
Attachments: Letter to JFAC-WWAMI.pdf

Good Morning Senator Herndon,

I appreciate the follow-up. I have some information on your inquiry into curriculum for WWAMI, as well as answers from the University of Utah which I recently received. I have attached a letter from Jeff Seegmiller, the regional dean/director of the WWAMI program for Idaho. The director addresses your funding inquiry in this letter.

I also received an email from Dr. Benjamin Chan, associate dean of admissions and Idaho affairs from the University of Utah School of Medicine.

From the University of Utah:

"In discussion with our leadership team as well as Office of General Counsel, we can report that:

- 1) Elective courses are voluntarily opted-in by our medical students
- 2) Elective courses are also housed within the individual clinical departments and hospital and, as such, are voluntarily taught by faculty from those departments.
- * 3) The Idaho funds sent to our medical school are not given to departments to teach this elective
- 4) FERPA precludes us from sharing any individual data regarding students that is identifiable.
- 5) There were no Idaho-sponsored medical students who took this elective this past year."

I hope this information is helpful, please feel free to reach out if I can be of any further assistance.

Best,
Nate

From: Representative Wendy Horman <WendyHorman@house.idaho.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:31 PM
To: Senator Scott Herndon <SHerndon@senate.idaho.gov>; Senator Scott Grow <SGrow@senate.idaho.gov>; Nate Osborne <NOSborne@Iso.idaho.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow-up re: WWAMI

Nate - Can you share the response you gave the work group today at lunch? Thanks, Wendy

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11/21/23, 9:38 AM

Yahoo Mail - Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

From: Barbara Miller (hwy101investments@yahoo.com)

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Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 09:38 AM MST

Dear Legislators:

The Special Investigative Committee (SIC) will be meeting on **Monday November 27, 2023 at 6:00pm** at Smith's Chevrolet (upstairs room), 3477 Pioneer Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, to review the allegations made in the Petitions.

To the extent that you have provided responses, we thank you for them. To the extent that you have any additional information, or have not provided responses, we would very much appreciate your attending this meeting so that we are able to determine if there are any counterbalancing statements to take into consideration prior to making our recommendations to the Legislative District 32 Committee.

Please feel free to bring anything/anyone with you that you feel may assist us in making our recommendations.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and your service to our state and your desire to responsibly carry out your stewardship duties.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this meeting notice.

Thank you.

Barbara Miller
Chair SIC

Exhibit C

11/21/23, 10:03 AM

Yahoo Mail - Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

Special Investigative Committee (SIC) Meeting

From: Barbara Miller (hwy101investments@yahoo.com)

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ben_baker33@hotmail.com; markbitter23@gmail.com

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 10:02 AM MST

Dear Petitioners:

The Special Investigative Committee (SIC) will be meeting on **Monday November 27, 2023 at 6:00pm** at Smith's Chevrolet (upstairs room), 3477 Pioneer Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, to review the allegations made in the Petitions.

If you have any additional information that is not contained in the Petitions, please bring it with you on that date so that it may be furnished to the Respondents and Respondents have the opportunity to respond to it.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this meeting notice.

Thank you.

Barbara Miller
Chair SIC

Exhibit D

Rep. Julianne Young
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November 21, 2023

LD 32 Committee
Idaho Falls, ID

To whom it may concern:

I write today as a legislative colleague of Representative Wendy Horman. In that capacity, I have seen, first hand, many things that members of the public do not and cannot see. This firsthand knowledge of Representative Horman's service and personal sacrifice leads me to believe that, if this committee understood the things that I know, they would recognize that, rather than meriting censure, Representative Horman merits the sincere appreciation and support of this committee.

During the legislative session I consistently arrive at the capitol building before 7 AM. When I pull into the legislative parking lot, usually at around 6:30, there is only one other vehicle there—consistently, day after day. It is Representative Horman's. When I leave late each night there is only one car still left in the parking lot—consistently, day after day. It is Representative Horman's. For two years I had the privilege of having office space directly across from hers. Frequently, when I would arrive at my office in the morning, her door would be open and we would talk about the things we anticipated during the day and the challenges we faced.

Contrary to the image that she has somehow failed to uphold the Republican platform or stem the tide of big spending, I have personally seen her proactively lead out in exposing corruption and fraud, opposing pornography and inappropriate content in education, and tirelessly working to root out entrenched administrative practices that undermine our ability, as a legislature, to reign in out-of-control state agencies and bureaucracies.

Talk is cheap. Many go to Boise talking big about doing the kinds of things that Representative Horman is actually, quietly, consistently, and articulately accomplishing. Few have succeeded in moving the ball or bringing about meaningful change as she has. She is one of my heroes.

In spite of pressures that would have overwhelmed many other people, Representative Horman has stood apart from and refused to become a tool for the political elite or to participate with the leftist political machinery that seeks to weaken and destroy the conservative voice of the Idaho Republican Party. She has been one of only a handful who have deliberately avoided association with the Main Street Caucus, in spite of being in the political minority, and she has been a stalwart strength to me and others. Again, she is truly one of my heroes.

Exhibit E

In fact, as I consider our current struggle to maintain a semblance of fiscal and moral sanity against the overbearing pressures of amoral government expansion, I see Representative Horman plugging the hole in the dike with one arm while, at the same time, building brand new infrastructure to empower the rest of us to stem the flood with the other arm. It has truly been an exhausting labor of love for her, and the changes she is in now the process of successfully implementing will undoubtedly help to curb government growth for years to come. Truly, her accomplishments in this regard are remarkable! As I said before, she is one of my heroes.

I have watched Representative Horman stand like a stone wall in the face of incredible pressure, tirelessly advocating for greater fiscal conservatism (in spite of a committee and bureaucratic establishment that regularly undermine her efforts), for reform that strengthens the voice of the people's representatives, and for the moral values that are fundamental to civil society. Her knowledge, which is the direct result of tireless hours of study of state budgets and processes gives her an edge that even entrenched bureaucrats cannot compete with. If you were to ask me to name a single Most Valuable Conservative Player in the Idaho House, it would be Representative Horman. She is accomplishing things no one else could possibly get done, and those accomplishments are placing every conservative representative on stronger footing.

Do Representative Horman and I agree on every vote? No. But there is no doubt in my mind that our differences are the result of perspective and experience and not a difference in allegiance to principle. Are there things that still need to be done? Absolutely! But that is not the result of a lack of effort or desire on her part. It is the reality of an incredibly challenging political environment. It can be easy to criticize the execution of a battle plan when you are not on the field.

I remember my Grand-dad telling me, with a twinkle in his wise eyes, that one can be right and still do wrong. Time has taught me that rightness or wrongness is not just a question of logic in regard to details, it is a question of big-picture effect. I have not read the complaint, and we could probably spend a long time examining the accuracy, or not, of individual points, but censoring Representative Horman is the wrong thing to do. I appreciate the role of political parties in providing clarity and accountability, but this prerogative can be exercised to the detriment of the very principles we are organized to support if we are not careful.

I have spent significant time in discussions surrounding our House Ethics Committee hearing process. Like the House ethics process, this hearing process has the potential to be abused. The reality is that the process IS the punishment. Contrary to being a neutral event, just exercising the authority to call an investigation is an act of hostility. It requires the individual so called up to divert precious time and resources away from other responsibilities in order to with what could be characterized as "friendly fire," although I'm not sure what is friendly about it beyond the fact that it comes from those who ought to be friends. **The exercise of this power to investigate and censor should be reserved for circumstances where legislators express open hostility toward or opposition to the party platform,** not situations where there are nuanced disagreements and reasonable explanations for differences; certainly not just

as an ordinary exercise to require someone to 'justify a vote.' To exercise this power where it is not truly justified strips the process of meaningful significance where it IS justified.

Not only does broad exercise of this authority sow discord and distrust, it impedes our capacity to accomplish the real objectives that are critical to our future success. This is the most brutal and punishing aspect of the process. As public servants, we care much more about our ability to make a difference than we do about ourselves! We have already placed everything on the altar in order to make a difference. When those who should support our efforts choose, instead, to impede those efforts by taking up precious, irreplaceable time, and making the already challenging struggle even more difficult, I can see how this could be perceived as a form of betrayal. The fact that this comes at a time when the good Representative is already pressing forward in spite of significant personal challenges that others do not and cannot see only adds insult to injury.

Rather than making the fight more challenging for those striving to defend the summit, I encourage the committee to seek to understand how they can support the objectives the good Representative is so tirelessly laboring for; objectives which are consistent, in every way, with the conservative platform of the Idaho Republican Party.

I'm not only happy to vouch for the character and values of my colleague, I would be glad to stand beside her on the worst of days, and I feel, in a genuine way, that our ability to effectively advocate for the Republican values we both espouse is inextricably intertwined. I urge discretion, discernment, and temperate compassion on the part of committee members and respectfully encourage the prompt dismissal and termination of the complaint process in regard to Representative Horman.

In the Interest of Faith, Family, and Freedom,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julianne Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Julianne Young