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HOWARD

for State Representative 48

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For Immediate Release

Statement from 48th District State Representative Democratic nominee Terra Costa Howard

Today my lawyers began sending cease-and-desist letters to every television station that is airing a false and defamatory political ad about me.

The ad – which is funded by a shadowy super PAC, Liberty Principles – accuses me of using “the most disgusting lies” to win my campaign against incumbent Peter Breen.

This ad shows that my opponent and his right-wing allies are willing to stoop to any depths to mislead and deceive voters who do not share their extremist views.

In my own ad, I state clearly that Peter Breen “stands with Republican insiders who backed a politician accused of repeatedly preying on young girls.” That statement is backed up by the facts.

FACT: Richard Uihlein was the top donor for a super PAC supporting Roy Moore, the Republican Senate candidate in Alabama who was accused of sexually molesting and assaulting several young teen girls. Uihlein continued to back Moore even after his victims came forward publicly.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/politics/ct-met-richard-uihlein-roy-moore-super-pac-contribution-20171127-story.html>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/07/us/politics/liz-dick-uihlein-republican-donors.html>

FACT: Peter Breen has accepted a total of \$16,000 from Richard Uihlein. Breen also has accepted \$15,293.45 from Illinois Liberty PAC, for which Uihlein is by far the largest contributor.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/politics/meet-radio-host-dan-profit-the-man-behind-liberty-principles-pac>
<https://illinoissunshine.org/committees/25560/>

FACT: Richard Uihlein and his wife have a well-earned national reputation for “their own brand of political engineering, with candidates and tactics sometimes audaciously distorting the truth.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/07/us/politics/liz-dick-uihlein-republican-donors.html>

FACT: Liberty Principles, which paid for this defamatory ad, has accepted more than \$17 million from Richard Uihlein.

<https://illinoissunshine.org/committees/24614/>

FACT: Peter Breen has not returned a penny of Uihlein's contributions. Peter Breen has not spoken out against his sponsor's support of a candidate who faced credible accusations of molesting young girls. Peter Breen has stayed silent in the face of Richard Uihlein's ads that hurl baseless accusations at me and attempt to defame my character.

FACT: Peter Breen continues to "stand with Republican insiders who backed a politician accused of repeatedly preying on young girls."

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For more information, or to set up an interview with Terra Costa Howard, please contact Elizabeth Austin at 708-912-2247.