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Dear Friends:

Many have asked me recently who are these LIARS that call themselves Empower Texans?

Since the legislative session ended in June, they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars falsely attacking me.

They also go by the name "Texans for Fiscal Responsibility" and are connected to a dishonest pro-life group out of Houston and an out-of-state front group named "Watchdog.org." These groups are connected to a secretly funded (DARK MONEY) nonprofit corporation out of Midland, Texas. This dubious DARK MONEY funded operation tries to bully legislators with negative and false attacks in pursuit of their hidden agenda.

Their paid lobbyist and leader (Michael Sullivan) has recently been fined for violating state law for unethical lobbying activity. This group also has an ethics complaint pending against them before the Texas Ethics Commission for unlawful campaign activity. Newspapers statewide have documented their dishonesty and dirty campaign tricks.

In short, these LIARS are attacking me because I stood up to them and proposed ethics legislation to make them disclose who funds their campaign activities.

The Dark Money disclosure legislation I proposed was also supported by Ronald Reagan while he was President.

So, what are the TREATS they want to achieve from their dishonest TRICKS? They want to give Texas the highest state sales tax in the nation. They also want to take money away from our local school districts. And they want to keep the public in the DARK as to who funds their unethical and false attacks.

Please don't be fooled by their LIES about me; nor by their HIDDEN and DISHONEST agenda.

I am humbled to serve you and will not be bullied by such cowardly LIARS.

Sincerely,

Byron Cook | State Representative District 8