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To: Mr. DeLancey, WCPO-9

Unfortunately, I will not be available today for an interview. I am not sure what Ed Massey's criticisms are since you did not relay them to me, but referencing your emailed points about the Southern Poverty Law Center and a supposed "schism" within the party, see below:

The SPLC did write an article alleging candidate T.J. Roberts is antisemitic and a "white nationalist," however, they provided zero reliable evidence, and frankly continued a long history of falsely accusing political opposition in an effort to further their radical far-left agenda. The SPLC has been found liable in the past for these tactics, [and have had to pay millions in judgements](#). The fact that candidate Ed Massey would choose to capitalize on this particular false narrative, with no evidence, is consistent with his liberal-left tendencies and past political positions.

In Boone County, all elected officials are Republican, and Ed Massey knows that the only way to get elected is to run in the Republican Primary. He has chosen to do so, despite his well-documented past support for Democrats, their policy positions, and their radical leftist agenda. The Boone County Republican Party is one of the largest, most active Republican Parties in the state of Kentucky, and their committee is made up of precinct officers from across all 64 voting precincts in our county. They saw fit to recognize Ed Massey for what he is, a Democrat in disguise, [and censured him earlier this year](#), with over 99% of the vote in favor. The only "schism" in the Republican Party is in Frankfort, where many of the "Republican" elected officials and leadership have decided to abandon the Republican Party platform, no longer representing the Republican voters in their districts, but instead various special interest groups, generally aligned with radical left agendas.

When Ed is ready to part with his Democrat tendencies and adhere to the Republican Party Platform, then the Boone County Party will consider supporting him. Until then, T.J. Roberts is the clear choice for Republicans in House District 66 looking for a strong, conservative voice in Frankfort.

Regards,

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**Chet Hand, Chairman**  
Boone County Republican Party

*"All that is needed for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing"*  
~ Edmond Burke