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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**REPORT**

Review No. 14-2533

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on July 25, 2014, adopted the following report and ordered it to be transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.

SUBJECT: Representative Paul Broun

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: From June 2012 to March 2014, Representative Paul Broun retained O’Donnell & Associates, owned and operated by a communications adviser, to provide communications services to his congressional office. Representative Broun’s office paid O’Donnell & Associates \$43,750 for services rendered between June 2012 and March 2014. During the exact same period of time, Communications Adviser provided extensive campaign communications and debate consulting services to Representative Broun’s election campaigns.

If Representative Broun used funds from his Members’ Representational Allowance (“MRA”) for an impermissible purpose—to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office—then he may have violated House rules and federal law.

If Representative Broun used MRA funds to pay for services provided to one or more of his election campaigns, then he may have violated House rules and federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the above allegation concerning use of the MRA to retain a consultant, as there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office, in violation of House rules and federal law.

The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the above allegation concerning use of the MRA for campaign-related services, as there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to compensate an individual for services provided to one or more of his election campaigns, in violation of House rules and federal law.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 6

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR STAFF DESIGNATED TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Omar S. Ashmawy, Staff Director & Chief Counsel.

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On July 25, 2014, the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”) adopted the following findings of fact and accompanying citations to law, regulations, rules and standards of conduct (*in italics*).

The Board notes that these findings do not constitute a determination of whether or not a violation actually occurred.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. From June 2012 to March 2014, Representative Paul Broun retained O’Donnell & Associates to provide various communications services to his congressional office. Pursuant to a Consulting Agreement, Representative Broun’s congressional office paid O’Donnell & Associates \$43,750 for services rendered between June 2012 and March 2014.
2. O’Donnell & Associates is owned and managed by Communications Adviser, and the payments made to O’Donnell & Associates were for services provided by Communications Adviser to Representative Broun. These services included extensive communications consulting for the congressional office, including hour-long consulting sessions with Representative Broun that occurred on approximately a weekly basis while Congress was in session. Communications Adviser also provided extensive campaign communications and debate consulting services to Representative Broun’s 2012 and 2014 election campaigns. The services provided to Representative Broun’s campaigns coincided with the dates of the Consulting Agreement with the congressional office.

**A. Summary of Allegations**

3. Representative Broun may have violated House rules and federal law by using funds from his Members’ Representational Allowance (“MRA”) for an impermissible purpose—to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office.
4. Representative Broun may have violated House rules and federal law by using MRA funds to pay for services provided to one or more of his election campaigns.
5. The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the above allegation concerning use of the MRA to retain a consultant, as there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office, in violation of House rules and federal law.

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6. The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the above allegation concerning use of the MRA for campaign-related services, as there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to compensate an individual for services provided to one or more of his election campaigns, in violation of House rules and federal law.

**B. Jurisdiction Statement**

7. The allegations that were the subject of this review concern Representative Paul Broun, a Member of the United States House of Representatives from the 10th District of Georgia. The Resolution the United States House of Representatives adopted creating the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “OCE”) directs that, “[n]o review shall be undertaken . . . by the board of any alleged violation that occurred before the date of adoption of this resolution.”<sup>1</sup> The House adopted this Resolution on March 11, 2008. Because the conduct under review occurred after March 11, 2008, review by the Board is in accordance with the Resolution.

**C. Procedural History**

8. The OCE received a written request for preliminary review in this matter signed by at least two members of the Board on March 28, 2014. The preliminary review commenced on March 29, 2014.<sup>2</sup> The preliminary review was scheduled to end on April 27, 2014.
9. At least three members of the Board voted to initiate a second-phase review in this matter on April 24, 2014. The second-phase review commenced on April 28, 2014. The second-phase review was scheduled to end on June 11, 2014.<sup>3</sup>
10. The Board voted to extend the second-phase review for an additional period of fourteen days on May 29, 2014. The second-phase review ended on June 25, 2014.
11. Pursuant to Rule 9(B) of the OCE Rules for the Conduct of Investigations, Representative Broun presented a statement to the Board on July 25, 2014.
12. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics for further review and adopted these findings on July 25, 2014.
13. The report and findings in this matter were transmitted to the Committee on Ethics on July 31, 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Res 895, 110th Cong. §1(e) (2008) (as amended).

<sup>2</sup> A preliminary review is “requested” in writing by members of the OCE Board. The request for a preliminary review is “received” by the OCE on a date certain. According to the Resolution, the timeframe for conducting a preliminary review is thirty days from the date of receipt of the Board’s request.

<sup>3</sup> According to the Resolution, the Board must vote on whether to conduct a second-phase review in a matter before the expiration of the thirty-day preliminary review. If the Board votes for a second-phase, the second-phase begins when the preliminary review ends. The second-phase review does not begin on the date of the Board vote.

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**D. Summary of Investigative Activity**

14. The OCE requested documentary, and in some cases testimonial, information from the following sources:

- (1) Representative Paul Broun;
- (2) Representative Broun's Chief of Staff ("Chief of Staff");
- (3) Representative Broun's Director of Operations ("Director of Operations");
- (4) Representative Broun's Press Secretary ("Press Secretary");
- (5) Representative Broun's Campaign Manager ("Campaign Manager");
- (6) Representative Broun's Campaign Consultant ("Campaign Consultant");
- (7) Representative Broun's District Director ("District Director");
- (8) Representative Broun's Deputy Press Secretary ("Deputy Press Secretary");
- (9) Representative Broun's Legislative Director ("Legislative Director");
- (10) Representative Broun's Legislative Correspondent ("Legislative Correspondent");
- (11) Representative Broun's Congressional Staffer ("Congressional Staffer");
- (12) Representative Broun's former Communications Director ("Former Communications Director");
- (13) Representative Broun's Communications Adviser ("Communications Adviser");
- (14) Paul Broun Committee Treasurer ("Treasurer"); and
- (15) The Committee on House Administration.

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**II. REPRESENTATIVE BROUN MAY HAVE USED OFFICIAL FUNDS TO RETAIN AN IMPERMISSIBLE CONSULTANT**

**A. Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

15. 31 U.S.C. § 1301(a)

*“Appropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made . . . .”*

16. House Rule 23, clause 1

*Members “shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.”*

17. House Rule 23, clause 2

*Members “shall adhere to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House . . . .”*

18. House Ethics Manual

*“Members may be personally liable for misspent funds or expenditures exceeding the MRA.”<sup>4</sup>*

*“Members must regularly certify that all official funds have been properly spent. A false certification may bring criminal penalties, and the government may recover any amount improperly paid.”<sup>5</sup>*

*“The Members’ Handbook provides examples of items for which reimbursement with the official allowances may be permitted, as well as a list of prohibited expenditures . . . . Included among impermissible uses are expenditures for . . . consultants.”<sup>6</sup>*

19. Committee on House Administration Members’ Congressional Handbook

*“During each session of Congress, each Member has a single Members’ Representational Allowance (‘MRA’) available to support the conduct of official and representational duties to the district from which he or she is elected. Ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the Member or the Member’s employees within the United States, its territories, and possessions in support of the conduct of the Member’s official and representational duties to the district from which he or she is elected are*

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<sup>4</sup> House Ethics Manual at 323 (2008) (internal citations omitted).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 126 (citing 18 U.S.C. § 1001).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 325.

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*reimbursable in accordance with the regulations contained in this Members' Congressional Handbook.*"<sup>7</sup>

*"Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 72a, only committees are authorized to procure the temporary services of consultants. Member offices are not authorized to procure consultant services."*<sup>8</sup>

*"Members may contract with firms or individuals only for general, non-legislative and non-financial, office services (e.g., equipment maintenance, systems integration, data entry, staff training, photography, custodial services, web services) for a specified time period not to exceed the Member's current term. Such contracts are reimbursable. Such contractors are not employees of the House and are ineligible for government-provided personnel benefits. Contractors do not count against the Member's Employee Ceiling. Members are advised to consult the Committee on House Administration when entering into such contracts."*<sup>9</sup>

**B. Representative Broun Retained Communications Adviser in June 2012 and Paid Him \$43,750 from Official Funds for Services Rendered between June 2012 and March 2014**

20. In spring 2012, Representative Broun was looking for someone to join his congressional office's communications team and work with him on an ongoing basis to improve his communications skills.<sup>10</sup> To that end, Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director interviewed candidates for a "media-coach-consultant" or "messaging coach" position.<sup>11</sup>

21. In late May 2012, Communications Adviser, who was referred to Representative Broun by another Member of Congress, emailed Chief of Staff to offer his services.<sup>12</sup> A meeting between Communications Adviser, Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director was held on May 31, 2012, at the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC").<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Members' Congressional Handbook at 1 (2012).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> Transcript of Interview of Representative Broun, June 25, 2014 ("Representative Broun Transcript") (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00002-00006); Transcript of Interview of Chief of Staff, June 24, 2014 ("Chief of Staff Transcript") (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00084-00085); Transcript of Interview of Former Communications Director, June 19, 2014 ("Former Communications Director Transcript") (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00193).

<sup>11</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00002-00006); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00083); Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00194); Transcript of Interview of Director of Operations, June 24, 2014 ("Director of Operations Transcript") (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00281, 00284-00285).

<sup>12</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated May 22-31, 2012 (Exhibit 5 at 14-2533\_00333).

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun's Calendar, dated May 31, 2012 (Exhibit 6 at 14-2533\_00335); Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00006).

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22. On June 1, 2012—the day following the initial meeting—Communications Adviser emailed Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director, attaching a work proposal and offering to meet to “discuss the proposal in more detail.”<sup>14</sup>
23. Communications Adviser’s proposal (the “Proposal”) stated that Communications Adviser’s services would include “assisting with fine tuning communication, public speaking and media interview skills;” references “preparing for media interviews and speeches as well as debates;” and states that “this proposal will cover assisting with messaging, and other strategic communication campaign or official activities, including specific media interview prep for each appearance as they are scheduled.”<sup>15</sup>
24. Representative Broun told the OCE that he recalls receiving the Proposal but did not look at it, and that Chief of Staff was charged with sorting out the details.<sup>16</sup> Chief of Staff told the OCE that he does not think he looked at the Proposal.<sup>17</sup>
25. It appears that Communications Adviser met with Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director for a second interview on June 8, 2012, in Representative Broun’s congressional office.<sup>18</sup>
26. Communications Adviser remembered two meetings taking place before he was retained: an initial meeting at the NRCC and then a second meeting to discuss the Proposal.<sup>19</sup>
27. Former Communications Director told the OCE that during the interviews they discussed what they were looking for in a “messaging consultant.”<sup>20</sup>
28. Shortly after the second interview, Representative Broun decided to retain Communications Adviser. On June 14, 2012, Chief of Staff emailed Representative Broun’s congressional staff announcing Communications Adviser as a “New Addition to Team Broun” as “a communications and messaging consultant to our official office.”<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director, dated June 1, 2012 (Exhibit 7 at 14-2533\_00337).

<sup>15</sup> Communications Adviser Proposal, dated June 9, 2014 (Exhibit 8 at 14-2533\_00339-00348). The Board notes that the date listed on the Proposal is June 9, 2014. It appears that when the Proposal was produced to the OCE that the date was automatically updated. The Proposal was originally sent to Representative Broun on June 1, 2012. *See id.*

<sup>16</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00007).

<sup>17</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00090).

<sup>18</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser, dated June 8, 2012 (Exhibit 9 at 14-2533\_00350-00351); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated June 8, 2012 (Exhibit 10 at 14-2533\_00353).

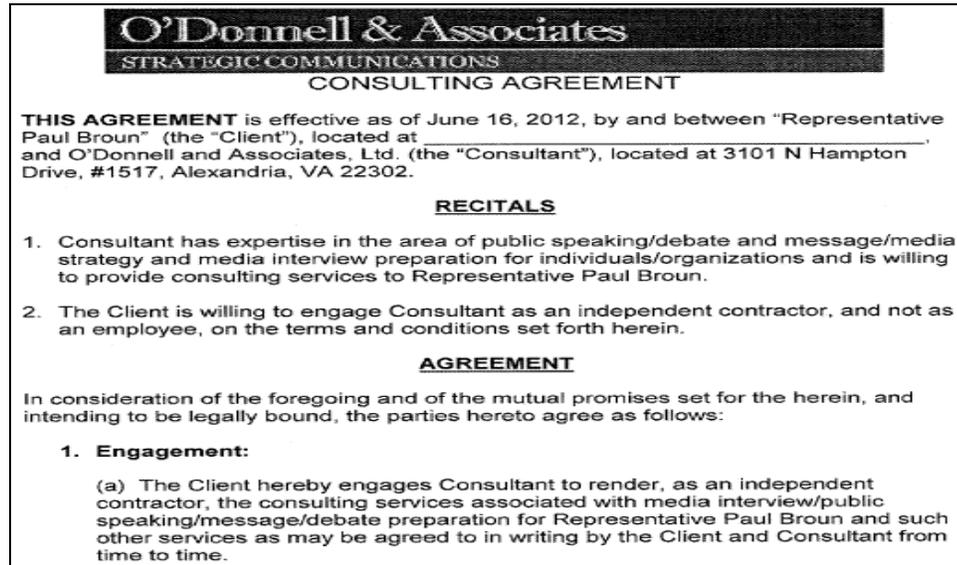
<sup>19</sup> Transcript of Interview of Communications Adviser, dated June 23, 2014 (“Communications Adviser Transcript”) (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00359).

<sup>20</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00196-00199).

<sup>21</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser and various recipients, dated June 14, 2012 (Exhibit 12 at 14-2533\_00454).

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29. The Consulting Agreement entered into between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun described Communications Adviser's role as being that of a "Consultant" providing "consulting services to Representative Paul Broun." The "Engagement" clause provided: "The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun . . . ."<sup>22</sup>



30. Chief of Staff told the OCE that the Consulting Agreement accurately reflected the services provided.<sup>23</sup> Communications Adviser said that the Consulting Agreement is "a boilerplate consulting agreement,"<sup>24</sup> but said that the Engagement clause accurately describes the services he was to provide.<sup>25</sup> Representative Broun told the OCE that he had not seen the Consulting Agreement.<sup>26</sup>
31. According to evidence provided to the OCE, Communications Adviser was retained by Representative Broun's office on a trial basis from June 16, 2012, until August 3, 2012; retained again for the period of September 1 through December 31, 2012;<sup>27</sup> and retained thereafter on a continuing month-to-month basis from January 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.<sup>28</sup> The terms of the agreements in place during these periods were identical,

<sup>22</sup> Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated June 16, 2012 (Exhibit 13 at 14-2533\_00457-00460).

<sup>23</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00093).

<sup>24</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00364).

<sup>25</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00365.

<sup>26</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00010).

<sup>27</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated September 12-13, 2012 (Exhibit 14 at 14-2533\_00462-00463); Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated September 1, 2012 (Exhibit 15 at 14-2533\_00465-00468).

<sup>28</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00365-00366); Emails between Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated January 4-8, 2013 (Exhibit 16 at 14-2533\_00470).

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with the exception of the effective dates of the agreements and the monthly retainer amounts.<sup>29</sup>

32. According to House Chief Administrative Officer Statements of Disbursements and documents provided to the OCE, Representative Broun's office paid Communications Adviser \$43,750 for services rendered between June 2012 and March 2014.<sup>30</sup>

<b>REPRESENTATIVE PAUL BROUN'S MRA DISBURSEMENTS TO COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER</b>				
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Service Dates</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	6/15/12	7/31/12	Training	\$3,750
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	9/01/12	9/30/12	Training	\$1,875
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	12/01/12	12/31/12	Training	\$1,875
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	01/01/13	01/31/13	Training	\$1,250
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	02/01/13	02/28/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	03/01/13	03/31/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	04/01/13	04/30/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	05/01/13	05/30/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	06/01/13	06/30/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	07/01/13	07/31/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	08/01/13	08/31/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	09/01/13	09/30/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	10/01/13	10/31/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	11/01/13	11/30/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	12/01/13	12/31/13	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	1/01/14	1/31/14	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	2/01/14	2/28/14	Training	\$2,500
O'DONNELL & ASSOC LTD	3/01/14	3/31/14	Training	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$43,750</b>

<sup>29</sup> Compare Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated June 16, 2012 (Exhibit 13 at 14-2533\_00457-00460) with Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated September 1, 2012 (Exhibit 15 at 14-2533\_00465-00468). See also Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00365-00366).

<sup>30</sup> See O'Donnell & Associates Invoices dated June 15, 2012, through March 2014, and United States House of Representatives Voucher Cover Sheets dated May 2, 2013, through April 1, 2014 (Exhibit 17 at 14-2533\_00472-00501). See also U.S. House of Representatives Chief Administrative Officer, *Statements of Disbursements of the House*, January 1, 2012 – March 31, 2014, available at <http://disbursements.house.gov/>.

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33. The invoices from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun described his services as “Public Speaking-Media Educational Training,” and the services were described by Representative Broun’s office in submissions to the House Office of Finance as “TRAINING.”<sup>31</sup>

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VOUCHER COVER SHEET						
1132000064 Initiating Office Reference Number						
Org Code	GA10BRP	Office Name THE HONORABLE PAUL BROUN				
Payment for Vendor						
Vendor/Payee Information			Payment Information			
Vendor or Emp ID Number			Vendor Invoice Number	BROUN		
Vendor Name	O'DONNELL AND ASSOCIATES LTD		Vendor Invoice Date	04/01/2014		
Address Line 1	3101 N. HAMPTON DRIVE		Payment Grand Total \$	2500.00		
Address Line 2	#1517					
City	ALEXANDRIA	State	VA	Zip	22302	
Product or Service Information						
BOC Category	BOC	BOC Sub-Code	Expense Description	Amount	Date(s) of Service(s) Begin Service Date End Service Date	
25	2527		TRAINING	2500.00	03/01/2014	03/31/2014

34. In March 2014, Communications Adviser resigned.<sup>32</sup> Communications Adviser then ceased providing services of any kind—on a paid or volunteer basis—to Representative Broun’s congressional office or campaign.<sup>33</sup>

35. Representative Broun’s campaign committee, Paul Broun Committee, made only one disbursement to Communications Adviser during the period the Consulting Agreement was in effect, which was a travel reimbursement of \$838.75 made on April 12, 2013.<sup>34</sup>

**C. Communications Adviser’s Services to Representative Broun’s Congressional Office Were Likely Beyond Those Permitted to be Paid for with Official Funds**

36. As noted above, Member offices are flatly prohibited from hiring consultants.<sup>35</sup> Member offices may hire contractors, but only for “general, non-legislative and non-financial, office services (*e.g.*, equipment maintenance, systems integration, data entry, staff training, photography, custodial services, web services).”<sup>36</sup> In light of the evidence and the witness statements obtained by the OCE, it appears that Communications Adviser was indeed a “consultant” to Representative Broun’s congressional office.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>31</sup> See *id.*

<sup>32</sup> See email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated March 25, 2014 (Exhibit 18 at 14-2533\_00503); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00366); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00152).

<sup>33</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00384).

<sup>34</sup> See Paul Broun Committee, July 2013 Quarterly Federal Election Commission Report, dated July 15, 2013, available at <http://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/059/13020362059/13020362059.pdf>.

<sup>35</sup> See *supra* at Section II.A.

<sup>36</sup> Members’ Congressional Handbook at 5.

<sup>37</sup> The Board notes that even if Communications Adviser were labeled a contractor rather than a consultant, the services he provided very likely exceeded those that a contractor may provide a Member’s office.

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37. Communications Adviser was introduced to, viewed by, and referred to by the congressional office and by himself as a “communications and messaging consultant.”<sup>38</sup> Former Communications Director told the OCE, “He was just a true messaging consultant.”<sup>39</sup> When asked if Communications Adviser was “a consultant to the office,” Chief of Staff said, “Yes, sir.”<sup>40</sup>

38. Communications Adviser described his own role as:

As a consultant, both as an instructor in terms of teaching him communications skills at a general level in terms of media interview, prep messaging, floor speeches, both delivery and substance and I’d be consulted on to help write floor speeches or to prep him for specific interviews, or if he was doing . . . a town hall that he would do frequently to speak to his district, I’d prep him for those.<sup>41</sup>

39. Communications Adviser was so closely integrated into the office’s operations that he was viewed by many congressional staff members as a “member of the communications team.”<sup>42</sup> When asked to describe Communications Adviser’s role with the office, in looking at the totality of the services he provided, Former Communications Director stated, “I would say that he was part of the communications team.”<sup>43</sup> She also remarked that Communications Adviser “more or less” did the same things that she did as Communications Director.<sup>44</sup>

40. Specifically, Communications Adviser provided the following services that appear to exceed general non-legislative and non-financial office services: weekly communications sessions; preparation for media interviews and public appearances; drafting and advising on official speeches; and consulting on congressional office communications. These services concerned not only general media interview or public-appearance techniques, but also the specific content of the message that Representative Broun would convey and how he would convey it.

41. As stated by Representative Broun, Communications Adviser conferred with the staff “on a routine basis about what was coming up, about what our messaging was going to be, how to deal with that messaging, what our -- whenever I was requested to do a TV interview or radio interview, it’s my understanding that my Communications Director

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<sup>38</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated June 14, 2012 (Exhibit 12 at 14-2533\_00454); *See also* Email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated December 19, 2012 (Exhibit 19 at 14-2533\_00505-00506).

<sup>39</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00200).

<sup>40</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00093).

<sup>41</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00367, 00424).

<sup>42</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00008, 00065) (Representative Broun told the OCE that “I made it very clear to [Communications Adviser] all along that he was being hired to be part of our communications team.”). *See also* Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated March 17, 2014 (Exhibit 20 at 14-2533\_00508) (remarking that Communications Adviser is “a member of the communications team in an official capacity”); Transcript of Interview of Press Secretary, June 24, 2014 (“Press Secretary Transcript”) (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00561).

<sup>43</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00208).

<sup>44</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00210.

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would contact him about what our message was, what our bottom line -- statement would be and I would talk to him about how to approach the interview and what to do with it and that's the way we operated."<sup>45</sup> Representative Broun added, "I did try to touch base with him before every interview that we did -- most every interview unless I already had it -- and about what we were doing."<sup>46</sup>

#### Weekly Communications Sessions

42. Communications Adviser conducted hour-long communications consulting sessions with Representative Broun and his communications staff on approximately a weekly basis when Congress was in session.<sup>47</sup> The sessions typically occurred in Representative Broun's congressional office,<sup>48</sup> but at times were held elsewhere or via telephone.<sup>49</sup>
43. During the weekly sessions, Communications Adviser reviewed Representative Broun's past appearances and speeches, providing Representative Broun feedback.<sup>50</sup> Videos of Representative Broun's appearances were typically provided to Communications Adviser in advance so that he could prepare for the session accordingly.<sup>51</sup> For example, on December 3, 2013, Representative Broun was interviewed by Lou Dobbs. The next day, Communications Adviser wrote to Chief of Staff that they would review the interview in next week's session, which took place on December 11, 2013.<sup>52</sup>

<b>From:</b>	Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]
<b>Sent:</b>	Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:04 PM
<b>To:</b>	Bowser, David
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Dobbs tonight

I thought he did very well. Was proud of him. We'll review next week.

Brett  
On Dec 3, 2013, at 7:50 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

> PR did great on Dobbs, lots of Patient Option plugs and took a good swing at Kingston, Dave Bossie thought it went well too.

<sup>45</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00016).

<sup>46</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00017-00018.

<sup>47</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00019; Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00367); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00106); Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00290, 00308); Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00211-00212, 00246); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00527).

<sup>48</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00212-00213).

<sup>49</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00373).

<sup>50</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00368-00369, 00373; Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00106, 00111-00113); Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00214); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00529-00530).

<sup>51</sup> *See, e.g.*, Emails between Communications Adviser and Former Communications Director, dated December 18-19, 2012 (Exhibit 22 at 14-2533\_00578-00579); Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated August 11, 2013 (Exhibit 23 at 14-2533\_00581).

<sup>52</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated December 3, 2013 (Exhibit 24 at 14-2533\_00583); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun's Calendar, dated December 11, 2013 (Exhibit 25 at 14-2533\_00585).

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44. The weekly sessions also were used to prepare for upcoming appearances.<sup>53</sup> Representative Broun told the OCE that Communications Adviser would talk to him about how to approach an interview, and teach him how to organize his thoughts and express himself.<sup>54</sup> Typically, Communications Adviser would assist with determining what Representative Broun's "first sentence" and "bottom line" was for an interview.<sup>55</sup> The sessions also were used to discuss current events, so that if Representative Broun was unexpectedly asked to comment on something he would know what to say.<sup>56</sup>
45. Communications Adviser also conducted issue research for Representative Broun to give him more background on an issue in anticipation of an interview, and even prepared an "issue book" at Representative Broun's request for Representative Broun to study.<sup>57</sup>
46. The weekly sessions also were used to discuss how Representative Broun should "message" legislative actions. For example, Communications Adviser told the OCE that they would talk about how to message his Patient OPTION Act and "different votes that he was going to be taking, how to message those."<sup>58</sup> Chief of Staff told the OCE that assistance with messaging the OPTION Act was one of the reasons Communications Adviser was brought on, because it was a complicated piece of legislation and Representative Broun needed help communicating the aims of the legislation.<sup>59</sup>

#### Preparation for Media Interviews and Public Appearances

47. In addition to the weekly communications consulting sessions, Communications Adviser also frequently conducted abbreviated "messaging calls" or meetings with Representative Broun shortly before media interviews, public appearances, or floor speeches.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00373); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00106).

<sup>54</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00018-00019).

<sup>55</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00020.

<sup>56</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00213, 00227-00228).

<sup>57</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00021-00022, 00025).

<sup>58</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00369).

<sup>59</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00091-00092).

<sup>60</sup> *See, e.g.*, Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser, dated January 22, 2014 (Exhibit 26 at 14-2533\_00587).

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48. Representative Broun’s congressional office often prepared a “communications plan” in advance of each week that was shared with Communications Adviser. The following plan, which indicates that Communications Adviser would conduct “Messaging calls with Dr. Broun throughout the week” is typical of those shared with Communications Adviser during the course of his Consulting Agreement:<sup>61</sup>

<b>Communications Plan for Week of August 19, 2013</b>	
<b>To Do (DC):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sirius XM Radio, Andrew Wilkow, talk Obamacare &amp; Immigration (Wed)</li> <li>• Messaging calls with Dr. Broun throughout week (Brett)</li> <li>• Work with Fireside to get website updated. Find way to post E-News on website (start posting on social media).</li> <li>• Update website survey, post on social media</li> <li>• Handouts for Patient OPTION Act</li> <li>• Upload pictures from district, save on S drive</li> </ul>
<b>To Do (GA):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Address on Constituent Services (Wed)</li> <li>• Weekly E-Newsletter, wrap up from events last week (Thurs)</li> <li>• Upload/update pictures onto website</li> <li>• Upload pictures of events throughout the week on social media</li> </ul>
<b>On the Radar:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling Dr. Broun on WGAU at end of recess (Jane)</li> <li>• Op-ed on Patient OPTION Act, finding placement for after recess.</li> <li>• Radio Town Hall at WDUN (Mon)</li> <li>• Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Rally on defunding Obamacare</li> </ul>

49. The OCE identified numerous instances of messaging calls in the documents provided by witnesses to the OCE. For example, they included calls to prepare for: a keynote speech at a religious freedom event on August 22, 2013;<sup>62</sup> a Fox Business interview on the government shutdown on August 26, 2013;<sup>63</sup> a speech at a “Defund Obamacare” or “Exempt America” rally held on September 10, 2013;<sup>64</sup> a *Wilkow!* radio program interview on September 19, 2013;<sup>65</sup> a CNN interview on the government shutdown on October 8, 2013;<sup>66</sup> and a Veteran’s Town Hall event on November 8, 2013.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>61</sup> Email from Press Secretary to various recipients, dated August 19, 2013 (Exhibit 27 at 14-2533\_00589). *See also* Email from Press Secretary to various recipients, dated December 2, 2013 (Exhibit 28 at 14-2533\_00591-00592); Email from Press Secretary to various recipients, dated January 13, 2014 (Exhibit 29 at 14-2533\_00594-00595); Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser, dated August 11, 2013 (Exhibit 23 at 14-2533\_00581).

<sup>62</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated August 22, 2013 (Exhibit 30 at 14-2533\_00597).

<sup>63</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated August 26, 2013 (Exhibit 31 at 14-2533\_00599); Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser, dated August 26, 2013 (Exhibit 32 at 14-2533\_00605-00606); and Emails between Press Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Communications Adviser, dated August 26, 2013 (Exhibit 33 at 14-2533\_00608-00609).

<sup>64</sup> Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated September 9, 2013 (Exhibit 34 at 14-2533\_00615-00616).

<sup>65</sup> Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated September 19, 2013 (Exhibit 35 at 14-2533\_00618-00621).

<sup>66</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Press Secretary, dated October 7-8, 2013 (Exhibit 36 at 14-2533\_00623-00624).

<sup>67</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser, dated November 8-11, 2013 (Exhibit 37 at 14-2533\_00627).

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50. Press Secretary told the OCE that if Representative Broun “had an interview coming up, we liked to meet with [Communications Adviser] beforehand just to go over issues that were important to Dr. Broun’s constituents, Obamacare, spending, jobs, and really just try to stay on topic with those issues.”<sup>68</sup>
51. Director of Operations, who managed Representative Broun’s schedule, told the OCE that, “if we knew we had a big floor speech or something like that coming up” they “would make sure that [Communications Adviser and Representative Broun] talked beforehand -- or press conferences or whatever related to his legislative stuff.”<sup>69</sup>
52. In addition to the many scheduled messaging meetings or telephone calls, impromptu discussions were common. Director of Operations said that, “[A] lot of times, I think Dr. Broun would call [Communications Adviser] himself without it being officially scheduled.”<sup>70</sup> Representative Broun also stated that “sometimes” but “rarely” would he call Communications Adviser on his own, adding, “Not on an ongoing basis, but he had my cell phone. I had his.”<sup>71</sup>

#### Drafting and Advising on Official Speeches

53. Communications Adviser regularly assisted Representative Broun and his congressional office with official speeches, including drafting speeches as well as reviewing and providing feedback and edits on speeches drafted by Representative Broun or his congressional staff.<sup>72</sup>
54. Press Secretary told the OCE that floor speeches were discussed during the weekly sessions with Communications Adviser, and at times they would “even start working on a speech” during the session and “practice it . . . to go out to speak on the floor.”<sup>73</sup> Press Secretary further explained that, “Usually I would draft the speeches and we [referring to Communications Adviser] would run them by with Dr. Broun. He would practice them. [Communications Adviser] would give him suggestions and we’d make edits together on them, all three of us.”<sup>74</sup>
55. Former Communications Director told the OCE that Communications Adviser did not write the first draft of any speeches.<sup>75</sup> Press Secretary likewise told the OCE that she could not recall any instances in which Communications Adviser wrote the first draft of an official speech.<sup>76</sup>

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<sup>68</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00527) (noting that in addition to the weekly sessions, “if we had a big interview come up last minute, we would phone [Communications Adviser] and talk to him . . .”).

<sup>69</sup> Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00287).

<sup>70</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00322.

<sup>71</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00018).

<sup>72</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00370).

<sup>73</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00530).

<sup>74</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00532.

<sup>75</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00216-00218).

<sup>76</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00533).

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56. Communications Adviser said that sometimes he would write the initial draft of a speech, and sometimes the initial draft would be written by Former Communications Director or Press Secretary.<sup>77</sup> Chief of Staff also told the OCE that Communications Adviser drafted speeches for the congressional office.<sup>78</sup>
57. For example, it appears that Communications Adviser edited a speech Representative Broun gave at an “Exempt America” rally held on September 10, 2013 regarding Obamacare. The speech appears to have been drafted by Press Secretary, who forwarded the draft to Communications Adviser for his review.<sup>79</sup>
58. Communications Adviser also drafted a script for Representative Broun on “Big Govt & Spending” for a floor speech and for a video featuring several Members of Congress filmed by the TeaParty.Net organization on July 9, 2013.<sup>80</sup> Communications Adviser also accompanied Representative Broun to the filming session.<sup>81</sup>

#### Consulting on Congressional Office Communications

59. Communications Adviser regularly provided Representative Broun’s office with strategic advice regarding its official communications. This advice addressed which requests the office should accept or decline;<sup>82</sup> whether or not to respond;<sup>83</sup> advising on language to be included in official communications such as quotes for articles, op-eds, and press releases;<sup>84</sup> the timing of placement of such communications;<sup>85</sup> providing talking points and advice to Representative Broun regarding his communication of legislative issues to

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<sup>77</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00370, 00374).

<sup>78</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00111-00113).

<sup>79</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Press Secretary, dated September 9, 2013 (Exhibit 38 at 14-2533\_00629).

<sup>80</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser, Chief of Staff, and Director of Operations, dated July 8, 2013 (Exhibit 39 at 14-2533\_00631-00633); Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated July 9, 2013 (Exhibit 40 at 14-2533\_00635) (attaching the speech with revisions made by Representative Broun); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00375).

<sup>81</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated August 8, 2013 (Exhibit 41 at 14-2533\_00637).

<sup>82</sup> *See, e.g.*, Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated November 6, 2013 (Exhibit 42 at 14-2533\_00642).

<sup>83</sup> *See, e.g.*, Emails from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated September 12, 2012 (Exhibit 43 at 14-2533\_00647).

<sup>84</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00369, 00374). *See, e.g.*, Email from Communications Adviser to Former Communications Director, dated September 14, 2012 (Exhibit 44 at 14-2533\_00650) (Communications Adviser advising on the content of a quote); Email from Communications Adviser to Former Communications Director, dated March 6, 2013 (Exhibit 45 at 14-2533\_00652-00653) (advising on a statement by Representative Broun regarding his vote against a continuing resolution to fund the government through fiscal year 2013); Email from Communications Adviser to Former Communications Director, dated December 4, 2012 (Exhibit 46 at 14-2533\_00655-00656) (advising on the language of an official press release).

<sup>85</sup> *See, e.g.*, Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated November 8, 2013 (Exhibit 47 at 14-2533\_00658-00659) (advising that the office should “stay out in front of this and beam everything we do back to GA” regarding a Special Order held by the GOP Doctors Caucus); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00530) (stating that op-eds were discussed in the weekly sessions with Communications Adviser).

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the media and public; and advising on how official actions would be perceived and portrayed in the media.<sup>86</sup>

60. When asked about his role in forming Representative Broun’s official communications strategy, Communications Adviser explained, “I would talk to [Former Communications Director and Press Secretary] about what media we wanted to do and even helped them from time to time reach out to different folks. Yea, I was -- and then what we wanted to say in that -- in those interviews. I was reasonably integrated into that process.”<sup>87</sup>
61. When asked if he recalled drafting talking points for Representative Broun, Communications Adviser responded that there were a “truckload of them. I mean, pretty much if he was doing radio, we would draft talking points . . . There were many, many times where we drafted talking points for media interviews that he was doing.”<sup>88</sup>
62. Communications Adviser was shown an email in which he provided Chief of Staff four pages of research and talking points on the Federal Aviation Administration and sequestration,<sup>89</sup> and told the OCE that he provided this type of work product to the congressional office “on a regular basis” and at times more than once per week.<sup>90</sup> In referring to the email, Chief of Staff stated it was “probably” common for Communications Adviser to provide such information.<sup>91</sup>
63. Former Communications Director told the OCE that Communications Adviser “in no way shaped policy”—referring to legislative actions taken by the office—but that he assisted with shaping how the office communicated legislative matters.<sup>92</sup> For example, Communications Adviser advised with regard to the office’s communications promoting Representative Broun’s Patient OPTION Act, including endorsement announcements,<sup>93</sup> House floor speeches touting the Act,<sup>94</sup> and public statements promoting the legislation.<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00375-00376); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00113-00115); Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00215-00216). *See also*, Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated May 8, 2013 (Exhibit 48 at 14-2533\_00661) (providing talking points on universal background checks); Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated April 29, 2013 (Exhibit 49 at 14-2533\_00663-00666) (providing talking points on sequestration’s impact on the FAA); Email from Communications Adviser to Former Communications Director, dated February 8, 2013 (Exhibit 50 at 14-2533\_00668) (suggesting language for Representative Broun to use regarding the sequester); Email from Communications Adviser to Former Communications Director, dated March 26, 2013 (Exhibit 51 at 14-2533\_00670) (advising on handling questions about Second Amendment rights).

<sup>87</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00379).

<sup>88</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00375-00376.

<sup>89</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated April 29, 2013 (Exhibit 49 at 14-2533\_00663-00666).

<sup>90</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00376-00378).

<sup>91</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00112).

<sup>92</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00201).

<sup>93</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated December 10, 2013 (Exhibit 52 at 14-2533\_00672).

<sup>94</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated November 19, 2013 (Exhibit 53 at 14-2533\_00676) (suggesting text for Representative Broun’s floor speech); Email from Press Secretary to Chief of Staff, dated July 31, 2013 (Exhibit 54 at 14-2533\_00681) (writing, “Here’s a final copy of Dr. Broun’s 5-min on the

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64. Representative Broun told the OCE that he did not recall Communications Adviser drafting any speeches for him related to the OPTION Act,<sup>96</sup> but recalled some assistance from him with a special order speech on the Commerce Clause.<sup>97</sup>

Communications Training

65. Representative Broun told the OCE that he considered all of Communications Adviser's work for the congressional office as "training, 'cause that's what I hired him to do, help train me to be a better communicator."<sup>98</sup>

66. Communications Adviser told the OCE he provided training to Representative Broun, Former Communications Director, and Press Secretary, which included a "message video" and four or five initial training sessions when he was first retained, as well as ongoing discussions about "how I approach prepping a candidate for interviews."<sup>99</sup>

67. However, Former Communications Director, Press Secretary, and Director of Operations told the OCE that they did not receive training from Communications Adviser.<sup>100</sup>

68. In conclusion, Communications Adviser appears to have been retained and compensated as an impermissible consultant and provided Representative Broun's congressional office with a range of communications services that were impermissible for even a contractor to provide a Member's office. Therefore, there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office, in violation of House rules and federal law.

**D. Communications Adviser's Consulting Agreement Was Never Reviewed by the Committee on Ethics or the Committee on House Administration**

69. Representative Broun was not involved in any discussions with the Committee on House Administration or Committee on Ethics regarding Communications Adviser, but told the OCE that he recalls always telling his Chief of Staff that he was adamant they not get "close to the line."<sup>101</sup> When asked when he gave this instruction to his staff, he stated

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OPTION Act for tomorrow morning. [Communications Adviser], Dr. Broun and I made our final changes to it this morning . . . "); Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated November 18, 2013 (Exhibit 55 at 14-2533\_00683) (advising on Obamacare messaging strategy).

<sup>95</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated August 15, 2013 (Exhibit 56 at 14-2533\_00685); Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated November 19, 2013 (Exhibit 53 at 14-2533\_00676).

<sup>96</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00028).

<sup>97</sup> *Id.*

<sup>98</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00030.

<sup>99</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00380-00382).

<sup>100</sup> *See* Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00229-00231); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00534-00535); Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00300-00301).

<sup>101</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00064).

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that he did not recall any specific conversations.<sup>102</sup>

70. Chief of Staff told the OCE that he spoke with the Committee on House Administration on two occasions regarding Communications Adviser, but acknowledged that he never provided a copy of the Consulting Agreement to the Committee.<sup>103</sup>
71. In the process of retaining Communications Adviser in spring 2012, Chief of Staff claims he first reached out to the Committee on House Administration, “and asked if we were allowed to retain outside consultants, and they indicated that we were . . . as long as it’s for official business.”<sup>104</sup> Chief of Staff does not recall who he spoke with and does not have any record of the phone call.<sup>105</sup> The Committee on House Administration has no record of such a conversation occurring.<sup>106</sup>
72. The second instance purportedly occurred in July 2013, after a reporter emailed Press Secretary inquiring into payments from Representative Broun’s congressional office to Communications Adviser.<sup>107</sup> This inquiry, which also was apparently directed to the Committee on House Administration, is claimed to have resulted in a phone call between Chief of Staff, Press Secretary, and a spokesperson for the Committee on House Administration. Shortly after this call, Chief of Staff emailed Communications Adviser, writing, “I just talked to Admin, let me know when you can chat, I have more info.”<sup>108</sup>
73. Communications Adviser does not remember any conversation with Chief of Staff regarding the Committee on Administration at that time, but recalled that Chief of Staff may have just told him, “Hey, I checked and everything is fine.”<sup>109</sup>
74. Press Secretary told the OCE that she and Chief of Staff spoke with the Committee’s spokeswoman, who, according to Press Secretary, “said that it was cleared by them and that was all completely legal.”<sup>110</sup> According to Press Secretary, neither she nor Chief of Staff explained Communications Adviser’s services to the spokeswoman during the call nor provided her with a copy of the Consulting Agreement to review. Instead, Press Secretary explained that the spokeswoman’s comment that Communications Adviser’s services were legal was based on the allegations the reporter was raising.<sup>111</sup> The Board

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<sup>102</sup> *Id.*

<sup>103</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00098-00100).

<sup>104</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00095-00096.

<sup>105</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00096.

<sup>106</sup> See Letter from Robert A. Sensenbrenner, Senior Counsel, Committee on House Administration, to Kedric L. Payne, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Congressional Ethics, dated May 21, 2014 (Exhibit 57 at 14-2533\_00687-00688).

<sup>107</sup> Email from Paul Singer, *USA Today*, to Press Secretary, dated July 17, 2013 (Exhibit 58 at 14-2533\_00690).

<sup>108</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated July 18, 2013 (Exhibit 59 at 14-2533\_00692).

<sup>109</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00422).

<sup>110</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00522).

<sup>111</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00525.

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notes that the issue raised by the reporter did not relate to whether Communications Adviser was a consultant or permissible contractor.<sup>112</sup>

75. In March 2014, after media articles questioned the relationship between Representative Broun’s congressional office and Communications Adviser, Representative Broun’s office did not reach out to the Committee on House Administration or the Committee on Ethics to seek advice on the permissibility of Communications Adviser’s services.<sup>113</sup> But, Representative Broun’s office did issue the following statement:<sup>114</sup>

From: Hardman, Christine Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov  
 Subject: Statement  
 Date: March 13, 2014 at 9:58 AM  
 To: Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com

“Brett O’Donnell is a contract member of Congressman Broun’s official communications team. As he does with several other members of Congress, he provides training with public speaking, on-camera interviews, and media appearances so that Dr. Broun can best communicate his legislative priorities, issues, and message with his constituents. As stated by the House Administration Committee, O’Donnell’s communications training is in compliance with all House rules.”

76. According to Press Secretary and Chief of Staff, who drafted the statement,<sup>115</sup> the statement that Communications Adviser’s services were “in compliance with all House rules” was based on a Committee on House Administration statement to *USA Today* in July 2013.<sup>116</sup> The Deputy General Counsel of the Committee on House Administration confirmed that a committee spokesperson issued the following statement:<sup>117</sup>

*Members may not use their official budgets for campaign purposes. Period. We are aware of the media training provided by O’Donnell and Associates, and our regulations permit such training services by contractors.*

77. The Deputy General Counsel also explained to the OCE that the statement addressed the permissibility of such services provided “by contractors,” writing, “the Members’ Congressional Handbook specifically denotes the difference between the duties that can be performed by a consultant and the duties that can be performed by a contractor.”<sup>118</sup> The Committee also explained that their spokesperson does not recall speaking with Representative Broun’s office, but that it “may be possible” they spoke over the phone.<sup>119</sup> The spokesperson explained that, “to the best of her recollection, at no point in this conversation, if indeed it occurred, was [she] asked to review or approve the specific

<sup>112</sup> Paul Singer, *Lawmakers hire GOP debate expert with taxpayer money*, USA TODAY, July 23, 2013, available at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/07/23/bachmann-mcmorris-rogers-odonnell-gop-consultant/2574119/>.

<sup>113</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00524); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00100).

<sup>114</sup> Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser, dated March 13, 2014 (Exhibit 60 at 14-2533\_00694).

<sup>115</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00558).

<sup>116</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00559; Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00161).

<sup>117</sup> Letter from Bob Sensenbrenner, Deputy General Counsel, Committee on House Administration, to Kedric L. Payne, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Congressional Ethics, dated June 25, 2014 (Exhibit 61 at 14-2533\_00696-00697).

<sup>118</sup> *Id.*

<sup>119</sup> *Id.*

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contract that Mr. Broun’s office entered into.”<sup>120</sup> The Committee also told the OCE it was unable to locate any records of “any informal or formal approval or consultation on contracts from [Communications Adviser] and a House Office.”<sup>121</sup>

### **III. REPRESENTATIVE BROUN MAY HAVE USED OFFICIAL FUNDS TO COMPENSATE COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER FOR CAMPAIGN RELATED SERVICES**

#### **A. Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

78. 31 U.S.C. § 1301(a)

*“Appropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made . . . .”*

79. 18 U.S.C. § 641

*“Whoever . . . knowingly converts to his use or the use of another . . . money, or thing of value of the United States . . . [s]hall be fined under this title or imprisoned . . . .”*

80. 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)

*“Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully — (1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact; (2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or (3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry; shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.”*

81. House Rule 23, clause 1

*Members “shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.”*

82. House Rule 23, clause 2

*Members “shall adhere to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House . . . .”*

83. House Ethics Manual

*The House Ethics Manual instructs that, “official resources of the House must, as a general rule, be used for the performance of official business of the House, and hence*

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<sup>120</sup> *Id.*

<sup>121</sup> *Id.*

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*those resources may **not** be used for campaign or political purposes. . . . The misuse of the funds and other resources that the House of Representatives entrusts to Members for the conduct of official House business is a very serious matter. . . . each Member should be aware that he or she may be held responsible for any improper use of resources that occurs in the Member's office. The Standards Committee has long taken the position that each Member is responsible for assuring that the Member's employees are aware of and adhere to the rules, and for assuring that House resources are used for proper purposes.*"<sup>122</sup>

*"Members may be personally liable for misspent funds or expenditures exceeding the MRA."*<sup>123</sup>

*"Members must regularly certify that all official funds have been properly spent. A false certification may bring criminal penalties, and the government may recover any amount improperly paid."*<sup>124</sup>

*"[A] Member or employee must take reasonable steps to ensure that any outside organization over which he or she exercises control — including the individual's own authorized campaign committee or, for example, a 'leadership PAC' — operates in compliance with applicable law."*<sup>125</sup>

**B. Communications Adviser's Proposal and Consulting Agreement Provided for Debate Preparation Services**

84. Communications Adviser's Proposal to Representative Broun included extensive information on campaign debate preparation services and specifically stated on the cover letter that, "this proposal will cover assisting with messaging, and other strategic communication campaign or official activities, including specific media interview prep for each appearance as they are scheduled."<sup>126</sup>

85. When asked why the Proposal mentioned campaign services, Communications Adviser explained that the Proposal was "kind of a boilerplate" used for both elected officials and candidates, listing "all of the range of services" he can provide "and then they can pick what they want. So it's not -- you know, it's not a 'Here's everything I will deliver.' It's 'What I could deliver.'"<sup>127</sup> When asked why the Proposal repeatedly referenced debate preparation services, Communications Adviser responded that it was referencing both candidate debates and debates undertaken in an official capacity, such as floor or committee debates.<sup>128</sup>

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<sup>122</sup> House Ethics Manual at 123-24 (emphasis in original).

<sup>123</sup> *Id.* at 323 (citations omitted).

<sup>124</sup> *Id.* at 126 (citing 18 U.S.C. § 1001).

<sup>125</sup> *Id.* at 123.

<sup>126</sup> Communications Adviser Proposal, dated June 9, 2014 (Exhibit 8 at 14-2533\_00339-00348).

<sup>127</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00360).

<sup>128</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00361-00362, 00401-00403.

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86. As noted above, both Representative Broun and Chief of Staff told the OCE that they did not look at the Proposal.<sup>129</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE, however, that the purpose of his second interview—on June 8, 2012—was to discuss the Proposal.<sup>130</sup>

87. The Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Broun’s congressional office also mentioned debate preparation, providing in the Engagement clause that, “The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun . . . .”<sup>131</sup>

**1. Engagement:**

(a) The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun and such other services as may be agreed to in writing by the Client and Consultant from time to time.

88. When asked if campaign services or debates were discussed during Communications Adviser’s interviews, Representative Broun responded, “Never.”<sup>132</sup> When asked if Communications Adviser offered to volunteer for the campaign when Representative Broun’s office was considering retaining him, Representative Broun told the OCE, “I wasn’t involved in those conversations at all, so I can’t comment about those.”<sup>133</sup>

89. Chief of Staff told the OCE that he does not recall discussing campaign matters with Communications Adviser during the interviews.<sup>134</sup>

90. Former Communications Director told the OCE that Representative Broun’s campaign and campaign debates were not discussed during the interviews.<sup>135</sup>

91. When asked if Representative Broun’s campaign was discussed during the two initial interviews, Communications Adviser told the OCE “[N]ot at all.”<sup>136</sup> When asked if campaign debates were discussed, he responded again “[N]ot at all.”<sup>137</sup>

92. Communications Adviser told the OCE that the Consulting Agreement is “a boilerplate consulting agreement,”<sup>138</sup> but that the Engagement clause accurately describes the

<sup>129</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00007); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00090).

<sup>130</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00359).

<sup>131</sup> Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated June 16, 2012 (Exhibit 13 at 14-2533\_00457-00460).

<sup>132</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00008-00010).

<sup>133</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00010-00011.

<sup>134</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00088).

<sup>135</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00196-00199, 00203-00204).

<sup>136</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00360-00361).

<sup>137</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00362.

<sup>138</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00364.

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services he was to provide.<sup>139</sup> He explained the inclusion of “debate preparation” was a reference to official debates, such as floor debates, rather than campaign debates.<sup>140</sup>

93. Chief of Staff told the OCE that the Consulting Agreement accurately reflected the services provided, and that the Consulting Agreement’s reference to “debate preparation” was not referencing campaign debates, because, “We didn’t need debate preparation.”<sup>141</sup>
94. As noted below, however, within just a few days of entering into the Consulting Agreement, Communications Adviser began providing Representative Broun with campaign debate preparation services.

**C. Communications Adviser Provided Consulting Services to Representative Broun’s 2012 Congressional Campaign**

95. In addition to providing consulting services to Representative Broun’s congressional office as laid out above, within a few days of entering into the Consulting Agreement, Communications Adviser also began preparing Representative Broun for and reviewing his performance in campaign debates related to his 2012 congressional campaign.
96. On June 14, 2012—the same day Communications Adviser was introduced to the congressional staff and two days before the Consulting Agreement went into effect—Chief of Staff emailed Communications Adviser, writing “As we discussed last week, there was a potential for a debate which has now turned into a scheduled event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> . . . . The Congressman would like to schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon [on June 21st] for debate preparations so we are going to hold from 3-6pm on our schedule and secure a conference room at the NRCC for this purpose.”<sup>142</sup> Communications Adviser responded that he could “be there for the entire time.”<sup>143</sup>

<b>From:</b>	Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com]
<b>Sent:</b>	Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:27 PM
<b>To:</b>	Bowser, David
<b>Cc:</b>	Griffanti, Meredith; Norton, Teddie; Chinouth, Jordan
<b>Subject:</b>	Re: Time next week

I can be there for the entire time. Let's talk early in the week about how to structure that session.

Brett

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2012, at 2:07 PM, "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Brett,

As we discussed last week, there was a potential for a debate which has now turned into a scheduled event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> on television from 9:30 – 10:30 am in studio. We are in session next week with last votes no later than Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. The Congressman would like to schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon for debate preparations so we are going to hold from 3-6pm on our schedule and secure a conference room at the NRCC for this purpose. Please let me know if we can plan on you attending some or all of this prep time.

<sup>139</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00365.

<sup>140</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00438-00440.

<sup>141</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00094).

<sup>142</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser, dated June 14, 2012 (Exhibit 62 at 14-2533\_00699).

<sup>143</sup> *Id.*

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97. Leading up to the June 21, 2012 campaign debate preparation session, Communications Adviser prepared potential questions<sup>144</sup> and was provided video of Representative Broun's previous campaign debates to review.<sup>145</sup>
98. Communications Adviser recalled that a campaign debate preparation session took place around June 21, 2012 at the NRCC.<sup>146</sup> Representative Broun told the OCE that he does not recall a June 2012 campaign debate preparation session,<sup>147</sup> however following the campaign debate preparation session, Communications Adviser emailed Representative Broun "reminders from the prep session today," indicating that the session occurred.<sup>148</sup>

Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com> Fri, Jun 22, 2012 at 12:05 AM  
 To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
 Cc: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Paul Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Dr. Broun,

Below are the reminders from the prep session today.

1) You win the debate if

--You drive the message of the debate "I am the leader in congress of cutting wasteful spending, and can lead to turn this economy around and create jobs." (Don't forget to use caterpillar as an example) and the submessage--"I stand on principle in Washington, not for party or politics and 4 questions I ask before voting for any bill."

--You are competent in answering questions

You only counterattack your opponent sparingly

99. It appears that on June 29, 2012, an hour-long session to review the June 22, 2012 campaign debate and prepare for a July 2, 2012 campaign debate on WGAU radio took place at the NRCC.<sup>149</sup>
100. Additionally, Former Communications Director and Communications Adviser had a call with Representative Broun on July 1, 2012 to prepare him for the campaign debate.<sup>150</sup> Communications Adviser was also involved in editing campaign debate talking points in advance of the debate.<sup>151</sup>

<sup>144</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff and various recipients, dated June 21, 2012 (Exhibit 63 at 14-2533\_00701-00702).

<sup>145</sup> See Emails between Former Communications Director and Communications Adviser, dated June 12, 2012 (Exhibit 64 at 14-2533\_00704-00711).

<sup>146</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00395-00397).

<sup>147</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00044-00045).

<sup>148</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated June 22, 2012 (Exhibit 65 at 14-2533\_00713-00714).

<sup>149</sup> Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated June 25, 2012 (Exhibit 66 at 14-2533\_00716-00721).

<sup>150</sup> Emails between Former Communications Director and Communications Adviser, dated July 1, 2012 (Exhibit 67 at 14-2533\_00725-00729); Transcript of Interview of Campaign Consultant, dated June 20, 2014 ("Campaign Consultant Transcript") (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00750) (explaining that the July 2, 2012 debate was hosted by Tim Bryant of WGAU radio).

<sup>151</sup> Emails between Former Communications Director and Communications Adviser, dated July 1, 2012 (Exhibit 69 at 14-2533\_00802).

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101. It also appears that Communications Adviser conducted a session to review Representative Broun's campaign debates on or about July 10, 2012, at the NRCC.<sup>152</sup> On July 3, 2012, Director of Operations emailed Communications Adviser, writing, "Dr. Broun wants to set up about 90 minutes next week to go over both debates."<sup>153</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE that the post-debate evaluation session "may have" occurred.<sup>154</sup>
102. Despite the extensive documentary evidence indicating that the campaign debate preparation and review sessions occurred, Former Communications Director told the OCE that she does not recall Communications Adviser being involved in campaign debate preparation or review sessions related to Representative Broun's 2012 congressional campaign.<sup>155</sup>
103. Representative Broun also told the OCE that he does not recall any campaign debate review sessions taking place related to the 2012 campaign.<sup>156</sup>
104. Despite Campaign Consultant being copied on emails regarding Communications Adviser's 2012 congressional campaign debate preparation and review sessions, he told the OCE that he does not recall any debate preparation or review sessions related to Representative Broun's 2012 campaign.<sup>157</sup> He did recall, however, that Communications Adviser advised him on his participation in a Lake Oconee campaign forum on Representative Broun's behalf during the 2012 congressional campaign.<sup>158</sup>
105. Communications Adviser told the OCE that he helped prepare Representative Broun for the 2012 congressional campaign debates at the request of Representative Broun or Chief of Staff, who, according to Communications Adviser, asked if he would be willing to give them some tips, outside of what he was doing for the congressional office, a couple of weeks after he began working for the congressional office.<sup>159</sup>

**D. Communications Adviser Provided Consulting Services to Representative Broun's 2014 Senate Campaign**

106. In addition to providing services to Representative Broun's 2012 congressional campaign, Communications Adviser also provided extensive services to Representative Broun's 2014 Senate campaign. Indeed, the documentary and testimonial evidence

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<sup>152</sup> Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated July 10, 2012 (Exhibit 70 at 14-2533\_00804).

<sup>153</sup> Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated July 3, 2012 (Exhibit 71 at 14-2533\_00806-00807).

<sup>154</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00408).

<sup>155</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00239-00243, 00254, 00261-00262).

<sup>156</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00045).

<sup>157</sup> Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00751-00752).

<sup>158</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00739-00741.

<sup>159</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00397).

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before the OCE indicates that Communications Adviser was part of Representative Broun's "core team" of campaign staffers and advisers.<sup>160</sup> Communications Adviser participated in conference calls reserved for the campaign's closest advisers and was included on numerous emails between the campaign's staff. He also attended a small gathering of Representative Broun's campaign "braintrust" in February 2013 that appears to have coincided with an official staff retreat in Georgia.<sup>161</sup>

107. Communications Adviser recalls traveling to Georgia, but does not recall an official staff retreat taking place, and told the OCE that his travel was in order to meet with his campaign team.<sup>162</sup>

108. The campaign services provided by Communications Adviser included: preparing for and reviewing Representative Broun's participation in several campaign debates and forums, including coordinating debate formats; conducting messaging calls to prepare Representative Broun for campaign media interviews and public appearances; drafting and preparing Representative Broun for campaign speeches; and advising the campaign on communications strategy.<sup>163</sup> Each of these areas of campaign activity is detailed below.

#### Campaign Debate and Forum Format Consulting

109. Communications Adviser assisted Representative Broun's campaign by tracking and negotiating campaign debate and forum formats.<sup>164</sup>

110. Acting on Representative Broun's behalf, Communications Adviser negotiated the format of Georgia GOP Senate debates. On November 14, 2013, Chief of Staff emailed Campaign Consultant, telling him, "We want [Communications Adviser] to take the lead in setting up our debates . . ." <sup>165</sup> On January 8, 2014, Communications Adviser emailed

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<sup>160</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser and various recipients, dated November 14, 2013 (Exhibit 72 at 14-2533\_00809-00810) (referring to Communications Adviser and several other recipients as the campaign's "core team"). Campaign Manager told the OCE that from his perspective Communications Adviser was not part of the core campaign team, but rather a part of an "expanded group" of confidants that was included on campaign emails or in certain campaign telephone calls. However, Campaign Manager was based out of Georgia and told the OCE that he did not personally interact with Communications Adviser, rarely interacted with Representative Broun, and was not "on the inner circle" of the campaign. Transcript of Interview of Campaign Manager ("Campaign Manager Transcript") (Exhibit 73 at 14-2533\_00821-00822, 00824-00825, 00867-00868).

<sup>161</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser and various recipients, dated February 14, 2013 (Exhibit 74 at 14-2533\_00877); Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_36-37). Chief of Staff told the OCE that they asked Communications Adviser to attend the staff retreat in Georgia so that he could discuss messaging with the staff, and that the reason for his travel was official rather than campaign related. Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00155-00156).

<sup>162</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00418-00419).

<sup>163</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00384-00387.

<sup>164</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00393-00395; Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00772-00773); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00137-00138); Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated September 4, 2013 (Exhibit 75 at 14-2533\_00879-00880) (Communications Adviser e-mailed Chief of Staff, writing "We need a debate and forum calendar started w contact info so I can help negotiate formats and we can track.").

<sup>165</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Campaign Consultant, dated November 14, 2013 (Exhibit 76 at 14-2533\_00882).

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Campaign Consultant and Chief of Staff, notifying them that he had spoken with the Georgia Republican Party, and that they “basically let [Communications Adviser] write the format.”<sup>166</sup> It appears that Communications Adviser remained a liaison with the Georgia GOP regarding the debates through March of 2014.<sup>167</sup>

111. Communications Adviser also advised the campaign regarding which debates to participate in and messaging surrounding the debates.<sup>168</sup> For example, Communications Adviser advised Chief of Staff that Representative Broun should participate in both the Gilmer County Tea Party candidate forum and the GOP debate in Kennesaw, Georgia on February 1, 2014 even though the events were scheduled to take place on the same day, writing to Chief of Staff, “Will be good warm up. And it’s our crowd. Do both.”<sup>169</sup>

Campaign Debate and Forum Preparation Sessions

112. Communications Adviser conducted several campaign debate or candidate forum preparation sessions with Representative Broun during Representative Broun’s 2014 Senate campaign. The preparation sessions typically occurred in the Washington, DC offices of a media consultant to Representative Broun’s Senate campaign. On certain occasions, the sessions occurred in Representative Broun’s Athens, Georgia campaign headquarters, with Communications Adviser joining via videoconference or teleconference.

113. The documentary and testimonial evidence indicates that Communications Adviser likely conducted campaign debate and forum preparation or review sessions on the following occasions during Representative Broun’s 2014 Senate campaign:<sup>170</sup>

<b>2014 SENATE CAMPAIGN DEBATE AND FORUM PREPARATION AND REVIEW SESSIONS CONDUCTED BY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location of Session</b>	<b>Debate/Forum</b>

<sup>166</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Campaign Consultant, dated January 8, 2014 (Exhibit 77 at 14-2533\_00884).

<sup>167</sup> See Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated March 4, 2014 (Exhibit 78 at 14-2533\_00888) (relaying to Chief of Staff information regarding the Macon, Georgia GOP Senate debate).

<sup>168</sup> Campaign Manager told the OCE that “it was common” for Communications Adviser to advise the campaign on whether or not Representative Broun should participate in a debate. Campaign Manager Transcript (Exhibit 73 at 14-2533\_00839).

<sup>169</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated January 6, 2014 (Exhibit 79 at 14-2533\_00890). Communications Adviser also advised the campaign to not say “Broun won the first debate” regarding the January 18, 2014 GOP Senate debate. Email from Communications Adviser to Press Secretary, dated January 18, 2014 (Exhibit 80 at 14-2533\_00893).

<sup>170</sup> The Board notes that a small number of these sessions may not have actually occurred, because in some instances witnesses could not specifically recall a session or recalled that a session described in the documents may not have actually taken place or may have been rescheduled. The Board also notes that other sessions between Communications Adviser and Representative Broun occurred in close proximity to campaign debates and forums, but were not specifically identified by documentary or testimonial evidence as campaign debate or forum preparation sessions. These sessions were not included in this list.

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June 2013 <sup>171</sup>	Preparation for forum	Not identified	June 29, 2013 C.H.A.R.G.E. Forum
July 9, 2013 <sup>172</sup>	“Meet w/[Communications Adviser]”	Teleconference	June 29, 2013 C.H.A.R.G.E. Forum
January 8, 2014 <sup>173</sup>	“debate prep”	Washington, DC	January 18, 2014 Adel, Georgia GOP Debate
January 10, 2014 <sup>174</sup>	“Prep w/ [Communications Adviser] for debate”	Washington, DC	January 18, 2014 Adel, Georgia GOP Debate
January 14, 2014 <sup>175</sup>	“debate prep”	Not identified	January 18, 2014 Adel, Georgia GOP Debate
January 16, 2014 and/or January 17, 2014 <sup>176</sup>	“Prep for Debate w/ [colleague of Communications Adviser]”	Washington, DC	January 18, 2014 Adel, Georgia GOP Debate
January 29, 2014 <sup>177</sup>	“Debate Prep with [Communications Adviser]”	Washington, DC	February 1, 2014 Kennesaw, Georgia GOP Debate
January 31, 2014 <sup>178</sup>	“Debate Prep”	Athens, GA	February 1, 2014 Kennesaw,

<sup>171</sup> See Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00047); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00410-00411). See also Emails between Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff, dated June 17, 2013 (Exhibit 81 at 14-2533\_00896). Communications Adviser also edited Representative Broun’s speech for the Forum. See Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated June 28, 2013 (Exhibit 82 at 14-2533\_00898); Email from Representative Broun to Communications Adviser, dated June 30, 2013 (Exhibit 83 at 14-2533\_00900).

<sup>172</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated July 8, 2013 (Exhibit 84 at 14-2533\_00902); Calendar Entries for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated July 9, 2013 (Exhibit 85 at 14-2533\_00904-00905).

<sup>173</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00051); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00414); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00144); Email from Director of Operations to Communications Adviser, dated January 2, 2014 (Exhibit 86 at 14-2533\_00907); Email from Director of Operations to Communications Adviser, dated January 8, 2014 (Exhibit 87 at 14-2533\_00909).

<sup>174</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00053); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated January 10, 2014 (Exhibit 88 at 14-2533\_00911); Email from Press Secretary to Chief of Staff, dated January 10, 2014 (Exhibit 89 at 14-2533\_00913); Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated January 10, 2014 (Exhibit 89 at 14-2533\_00913). *But see* Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00146-00147) (telling the OCE that he believes the January 10, 2014 session was not a campaign debate preparation session).

<sup>175</sup> Email from Director of Operations to Communications Adviser, dated January 2, 2014 (Exhibit 86 at 14-2533\_00907).

<sup>176</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00053-00054); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated January 16, 2014 (Exhibit 90 at 14-2533\_00915); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated January 17, 2014 (Exhibit 90 at 14-2533\_00916). See also Email from Press Secretary to Communications Adviser, dated January 16, 2014 (Exhibit 91 at 14-2533\_00918-00919) (recapping the day’s preparation session). According to documentary and testimonial information provided to the OCE, a colleague of Communications Adviser was “filling in” for him during this debate preparation session because Communications Adviser was away on travel. See Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00415-00416); Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated January 9, 2014 (Exhibit 92 at 14-2533\_00921); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00550-00551); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00143). It appears that there may have been only one session with Communications Adviser’s colleague. See Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00147-00148).

<sup>177</sup> Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated January 29, 2014 (Exhibit 93 at 14-2533\_00923).

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			Georgia GOP Debate
February 18, 2014 <sup>179</sup>	“Call w/[Communications Adviser] for debate prep”	Not identified	February 18, 2014 National Federation of Independent Business Senate Candidate Forum
February 21, 2014 <sup>180</sup>	“Debate Prep—skyping w/[Communications Adviser]”	Videoconference	February 22, 2014 Gainesville, Georgia GOP Debate
March 4, 2014 <sup>181</sup>	Debate preparation session	Not identified	March 8, 2014 Macon, Georgia GOP Debate
March 7, 2014 <sup>182</sup>	Debate preparation session	Not identified	March 8, 2014 Macon, Georgia GOP Debate

114. Communications Adviser also prepared an “attack grid” for Representative Broun to use in the campaign debates, which incorporated opposition research done for the campaign.<sup>183</sup> Representative Broun said he did not use it because he wanted to run a positive campaign.<sup>184</sup> Chief of Staff said that Communications Adviser produced the attack grid on his own and they never used it.<sup>185</sup>

115. Communications Adviser told the OCE that he was involved in “several” campaign debate preparation sessions with Representative Broun in Washington, DC, but he does not specifically recall the precise dates of the sessions he attended and that another campaign staffer was “steering that ship.”<sup>186</sup> He told the OCE that the sessions would typically last about an hour and involved “Q&A.”<sup>187</sup>

116. Representative Broun told the OCE that he could not recall many campaign debate preparation sessions specifically, but that “on a routine basis” he would talk to Communications Adviser prior to a forum or debate to touch base if he had any questions.<sup>188</sup> Representative Broun also told the OCE that they “never had what I would consider a sit down practice debate or anything like that ’cause these were forums where

<sup>178</sup> Emails between Press Secretary, Communications Adviser, and Director of Operations, dated January 30, 2014 (Exhibit 93 at 14-2533\_00925-00926); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated January 31, 2014 (Exhibit 94 at 14-2533\_00928).

<sup>179</sup> Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated February 18, 2014 (Exhibit 95 at 14-2533\_00930).

<sup>180</sup> Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun’s Calendar, dated February 21, 2014 (Exhibit 96 at 14-2533\_00932).

<sup>181</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_59); Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated February 25, 2014 (Exhibit 97 at 14-2533\_00934).

<sup>182</sup> *Id.*

<sup>183</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00412-00413). *See* Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated December 26, 2013 (Exhibit 98 at 14-2533\_00937); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated December 30, 2013 (Exhibit 99 at 14-2533\_00939-00940).

<sup>184</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00050).

<sup>185</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00138-00139).

<sup>186</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00395, 00413-00415).

<sup>187</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00415.

<sup>188</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00059).

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they ask questions and [Communications Adviser] and I would talk about questions that might be asked and what my answer would be . . . .”<sup>189</sup>

117. Congressional Staffer told the OCE that Representative Broun referred to Communications Adviser as his “debate coach” during the 2014 Senate campaign.<sup>190</sup>
118. Chief of Staff told the OCE that he believed Communications Adviser was involved in maybe three to four campaign debate preparation sessions with Representative Broun.<sup>191</sup>
119. Former Communications Director told the OCE that she recalled Communications Adviser being involved in preparing Representative Broun for campaign debates and interviews during the early stages of the 2014 Senate campaign, which occurred prior to her departure from the office in May 2013.<sup>192</sup>
120. Campaign Consultant recalled holding more than one campaign debate preparation session in his office in Athens, Georgia, but neither he nor Chief of Staff recalled Communications Adviser joining any debate preparation sessions via videoconference or teleconference.<sup>193</sup> Press Secretary, however, specifically recalled Communications Adviser joining, via videoconference, a debate preparation session that was held in Campaign Consultant’s office during the 2014 Senate campaign.<sup>194</sup> Representative Broun also recalled that on one or two occasions Communications Adviser joined a campaign debate or forum preparation session via videoconference.<sup>195</sup> Communications Adviser also recalled joining campaign debate preparation sessions taking place in Georgia via videoconference or teleconference “a couple of times.”<sup>196</sup>
121. Press Secretary, who joined the congressional office in July 2013, told the OCE that she participated in five or six debate preparation sessions related to Representative Broun’s 2014 Senate campaign and that during the sessions Communications Adviser—who attended all of the sessions she was present for—would often pretend to be the debate moderator, “asking [Representative Broun] questions like that.”<sup>197</sup>

Preparation for and Review of Campaign Media and Public Appearances

<sup>189</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00047.

<sup>190</sup> Memorandum of Interview of Congressional Staffer (“Congressional Staffer MOI”) (Exhibit 100 at 14-2533\_00941-00942) (recalling Representative Broun telling a campaign supporter, who suggested he hire a debate coach, that he already had a debate coach; Michele Bachmann’s debate coach). Exhibit 100 has been withheld from public release in order to protect the identity of the witness given the unique circumstances of their cooperation. Exhibit 100 will be made available to the Committee on Ethics.

<sup>191</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00151).

<sup>192</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00254-00256).

<sup>193</sup> Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00781-00783); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00150).

<sup>194</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00553).

<sup>195</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00059).

<sup>196</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00417).

<sup>197</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00530-00531, 00548-00549).

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122. As noted above, Communications Adviser held hour-long media consultation sessions with Representative Broun on approximately a weekly basis while Congress was in session. These weekly sessions may have at times been utilized to review previous, and prepare for upcoming, campaign media interviews and public appearances.<sup>198</sup> For the most part, it appears that if the weekly session was expected to address campaign matters, the session took place in a location other than the congressional office. However, at times it appears that campaign matters were discussed in the congressional office.
123. When asked if the weekly sessions sometimes were used to discuss campaign matters, Press Secretary told the OCE, “if there was like a campaign interview, that’s something that we would look at.”<sup>199</sup> When asked if the sessions that addressed campaign matters ever occurred in the congressional office, Press Secretary responded “it probably happened, once or twice in the office, but as I said, we were going over, you know, his media appearances whether they happened on a campaign side or official.”<sup>200</sup>
124. Communications Adviser was provided video of Representative Broun’s media interviews and public appearances so that he could provide feedback to Representative Broun. These videos were shared with Communications Adviser in a shared Google drive as well as a private YouTube account.<sup>201</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE that he was provided access to the videos so he could provide Representative Broun feedback.<sup>202</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE, however, that they did not discuss campaign matters in the official weekly sessions.<sup>203</sup> The documentary evidence provided to the OCE, however, suggests otherwise.
125. For example, Chief of Staff wrote to the campaign team in June 2013 urging them to do a better job at obtaining video of Representative Broun and his opponents, because of the role such video played in the weekly sessions. He wrote:

[W]e have significant time and resources invested in constantly improving the messaging abilities of Paul Broun and preparing him for reactions to opponents, which is tough to do when we have our weekly meetings with [Communications Adviser] and don’t have any video to review of either PB or his opponents.<sup>204</sup>

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<sup>198</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00536; Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00310-00311); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00108-00109).

<sup>199</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00542).

<sup>200</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00562.

<sup>201</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Press Secretary, dated March 10, 2014 (Exhibit 101 at 14-2533\_00945); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated February 24, 2014 (Exhibit 102 at 14-2533\_00947); Emails between Communications Adviser and Campaign Consultant, dated June 25, 2013 (Exhibit 103 at 14-2533\_00949); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00115); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00541).

<sup>202</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00392-00393).

<sup>203</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00384-00385).

<sup>204</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated June 13, 2013 (Exhibit 104 at 14-2533\_00951).

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126. Representative Broun initially stated that the weekly sessions were not used for campaign-related interviews or appearances.<sup>205</sup> He later stated that if they were used to discuss campaign matters it was “[n]ot much if any” because he and Communications Adviser “had more of those discussions by phone than anything else.”<sup>206</sup> When asked if he and Communications Adviser reviewed videos of his past campaign appearances in the congressional office, Representative Broun responded, “yes . . . it wasn’t every time but I tried to look at those TV interviews and -- and critique myself and listen to his critique . . . it was the purpose for having him was to help me be a better communicator and so we -- we would -- you know, we did that.”<sup>207</sup> Representative Broun again changed his answer, stating that he did not recall any instances in which campaign appearances were reviewed during the weekly sessions.<sup>208</sup>
127. Most of Communications Adviser’s weekly sessions that concerned political matters were held outside of federal buildings. However, some were held in Representative Broun’s congressional office.
128. Director of Operations told the OCE that the office tried to ensure that if Communications Adviser’s session was expected, even in part, to cover political or campaign matters that the meeting was not held in the congressional office.<sup>209</sup> Communications Adviser confirmed this practice, noting that they “rarely discussed campaign matters.”<sup>210</sup> Former Communications Director also confirmed this practice.<sup>211</sup>
129. OCE asked Director of Operations “what share of [the meetings] were scheduled places other than [the congressional office] because the subject matter was political?” Director of Operations estimated 40% of the meetings.<sup>212</sup> Former Communications Director confirmed that they would conduct Communications Adviser’s sessions at the NRCC “just to be safe” in case the topic was campaign related.<sup>213</sup> She estimated that approximately 80% of the sessions took place in the congressional office and 20% at the NRCC.<sup>214</sup>

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<sup>205</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00023).

<sup>206</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00024.

<sup>207</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00024-00025.

<sup>208</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00035-00036.

<sup>209</sup> *See, e.g.*, Emails between Director of Operations and Communications Adviser, dated July 30, 2012 (Exhibit 105 at 14-2533\_00953-00955) (Director of Operations emailed Communications Adviser asking whether that week’s session “Would be able to be in our office, considering the primary is tomorrow, or should I get a room across the street?” Communications Adviser responded, “In your office is fine.”); Emails between Director of Operations and Former Communications Director, dated December 13, 2012 (Exhibit 105 at 14-2533\_00954) (Former Communications Director emailed Director of Operations regarding scheduling sessions with Communications Adviser, writing “We could have it be official today and do NRCC stuff next week.”); Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00244-00249).

<sup>210</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00371).

<sup>211</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00244-00249).

<sup>212</sup> Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00298).

<sup>213</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00247).

<sup>214</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00249.

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130. Thus, while it appears Representative Broun's office took steps to ensure that campaign-related consulting sessions did not occur in the congressional office, it is evident that a number Communications Adviser's weekly consulting sessions were at least partially campaign related.

### Messaging Calls

131. In addition to discussing campaign matters during the weekly sessions, it appears that Communications Adviser also frequently conducted abbreviated preparation sessions—referred to as “messaging calls”—via telephone with Representative Broun shortly before many campaign media interviews and public appearances.<sup>215</sup> According to Press Secretary, these calls typically lasted from ten to fifteen minutes and Communications Adviser would go over current news items and “our main important messaging topics.”<sup>216</sup>

132. The evidence indicates that campaign-related messaging calls occurred on numerous occasions, including in advance of a December 2013 Georgia Public Broadcasting “get-to-know the candidate” piece;<sup>217</sup> a “Glynn County GOP & Tea Party” meeting on August 8, 2013;<sup>218</sup> a “Cobb GOP Women” lunch and “Barrow GOB BBQ” on August 22, 2013;<sup>219</sup> an interview with *The Martha Zoller Show* on September 13, 2013;<sup>220</sup> and in advance of a *New York Times* interview.<sup>221</sup>

133. It also appears that Communications Adviser conducted one or two messaging calls with Representative Broun's wife to “give her topline messaging and topics” as she started “making appearances at targeted events on PBs behalf.”<sup>222</sup>

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<sup>215</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00545); *See* Emails between Chief of Staff, Communications Adviser, Press Secretary, and Director of Operations, dated August 5, 2013 (Exhibit 106 at 14-2533\_00957-00960).

<sup>216</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00546).

<sup>217</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser, Chief of Staff, Director of Operations, and Press Secretary, dated December 2-10, 2013 (Exhibit 107 at 14-2533\_00961-00963); Emails between Communications Adviser and Press Secretary, dated December 19, 2013 (Exhibit 108 at 14-2533\_00965-00966); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00412).

<sup>218</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00545-00546); Email from Press Secretary to Chief of Staff, dated August 7, 2013 (Exhibit 109 at 14-2533\_00968).

<sup>219</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff, Communications Adviser, Press Secretary, Director of Operations, and Campaign Consultant, dated August 16, 2013 (Exhibit 110 at 14-2533\_00971-00972).

<sup>220</sup> *See* Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated September 12, 2013 (Exhibit 111 at 14-2533\_00974).

<sup>221</sup> Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00782-00783).

<sup>222</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff, Communications Adviser, Director of Operations, Press Secretary, and Campaign Consultant, dated August 16-19, 2013 (Exhibit 110 at 14-2533\_00971-00972); Email from Communications Adviser to Campaign Consultant, dated August 19, 2013 (Exhibit 112 at 14-2533\_00977); Director of Operations Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 14-2533\_00316); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00418).

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134. The following email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser is illustrative of how these messaging calls were arranged:<sup>223</sup>

**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted]@odacomcommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2013 12:40 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine; 'Jordan Chinouth'  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

Absolutely. I can't do Monday from 10:30-12:30, I'm open on Tuesday, can't do 3:30-6:00 pm on Wednesday, and can't do 8:30-10 on Thursday. Let me know what works

Brett  
On Aug 16, 2013, at 12:31 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Brett, if you are available, would like to setup some brief messaging calls with you, Christine, and PB next week:

Monday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm...speaking that evening at the Conservative Republican Women of North Atlanta event.  
Tuesday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup> we are holding 2-5pm for media opportunities while he is in Columbus, GA.  
Thursday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm...he will be the keynote speaker at an evening, the host is supposed to give Christine the topic. He also will be speaking Friday at lunchtime to the Cobb GOP Women (our biggest county) and Saturday evening at the Barrow GOP BBQ, all the candidates should be there and they will be speaking in alphabetical order, of course Broun is first.

135. Communications Adviser told the OCE that he may have done “a couple” of messaging calls with Representative Broun prior to campaign speaking events and campaign media interviews.<sup>224</sup> Chief of Staff stated that it was typical for Communications Adviser to do such calls.<sup>225</sup>

136. Representative Broun told the OCE that he “may” have had messaging calls with Communications Adviser before a campaign speaking engagement, but that it was not routine to do so, and only occurred “occasionally and it was just when I had a question.”<sup>226</sup>

137. Congressional Staffer told the OCE that Communications Adviser was part of the campaign staff, and that en route to campaign debates, interviews, and speeches, Representative Broun would call Communications Adviser, Press Secretary, and Chief of Staff to speak with them to prepare for the event.<sup>227</sup> Congressional Staffer told the OCE that such calls occurred dozens of times, and before “just about every” campaign debate, interview, or forum, and that Communications Adviser led the calls.<sup>228</sup>

<sup>223</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated August 16, 2013 (Exhibit 110 at 14-2533\_00972).

<sup>224</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00411).

<sup>225</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00135).

<sup>226</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00042-00043).

<sup>227</sup> Congressional Staffer MOI (Exhibit 100 at 14-2533\_00942-00943).

<sup>228</sup> *Id.*

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Drafting and Advising on Campaign Speeches

138. Communications Adviser said he was involved in drafting and preparing Representative Broun for campaign speeches.<sup>229</sup> These included Representative Broun's February 6, 2013 Senate campaign announcement speech;<sup>230</sup> 2013 Georgia GOP Convention speech;<sup>231</sup> a "10 minute stump" speech used repeatedly throughout the Senate campaign;<sup>232</sup> and the opening and closing statements for Representative Broun's campaign debates.<sup>233</sup>
139. Representative Broun told the OCE that he wrote his own campaign speeches with the help of his wife, and Communications Adviser "helped tweak them a little bit . . . ."<sup>234</sup>

Consulting on Campaign Communications Strategy

140. Communications Adviser provided Representative Broun's campaign with communications advice throughout the course of the 2014 Senate campaign.
141. For example, on August 13, 2013, Communications Adviser emailed Representative Broun talking points on Obamacare, writing, "So we know that Obamacare is a winning message. Here's the one you need to be a little sharper on -- strikes a populist message that will hit the voters we need."<sup>235</sup> In referencing this email, Representative Broun told

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<sup>229</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00385).

<sup>230</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00038-00039); Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00762-00763); Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00385); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00139); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated February 5, 2013 (Exhibit 113 at 14-2533\_00983); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated February 10, 2014 (Exhibit 114 at 14-2533\_00985-00987); Email from Former Communications Director to Communications Adviser and various recipients, dated February 4, 2013 (Exhibit 115 at 14-2533\_00989); Calendar Entry for Representative Paul Broun's Calendar, dated February 5, 2013 (Exhibit 116 at 14-2533\_00992); Email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser, dated February 5, 2013 (Exhibit 117 at 14-2533\_00994) (describing Communications Adviser and Former Communication Director's "job" as being to ensure the speech "is delivered well and looks like it.").

<sup>231</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00386-00388); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00140); Emails between Communications Adviser, Chief of Staff, and various recipients, dated May 13, 2013 (Exhibit 118 at 14-2533\_00997-00999); Emails between Communications Adviser and Campaign Consultant, dated May 21, 2013 (Exhibit 119 at 14-2533\_01001).

<sup>232</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00386); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated April 4, 2013 (Exhibit 120 at 14-2533\_01003); Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00036-00038); Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated August 20, 2013 (Exhibit 121 at 14-2533\_01005).

<sup>233</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00388-00389, 00414); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00139); Email from Communications Adviser to Chief of Staff, dated January 9, 2014 (Exhibit 122 at 14-2533\_01007); Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated January 10, 2014 (Exhibit 123 at 14-2533\_01009); Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated January 29, 2014 (Exhibit 124 at 14-2533\_01012); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00537-00538); Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00051).

<sup>234</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00024).

<sup>235</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Representative Broun, dated August 13, 2013 (Exhibit 125 at 14-2533\_01014).

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the OCE that he would “occasionally” receive talking points or messaging related to his campaign from Communications Adviser.<sup>236</sup>

**From:** Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>  
**Subject:** Obamacare  
**Date:** August 13, 2013 5:15:40 PM EDT  
**To:** Paul Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Dr. Broun,

So we know now that Obamacare is a winning message. Here's the one you need to be a little sharper on-- strikes a populist message that will hit the voters we need:

"President Obama and the democrats say they care about you and the middle class, but when the president had the choice between middle class Georgians and big business, he chose big business when he delayed the implementation of the employer mandate in Obamacare and he stuck it to the middle class by leaving the individual mandate in place. That means you have to still buy insure, but big business doesn't have to provide it. Guess who's going to pay--you and me! That's why we need to get rid of all the mandates and all of Obamacare and replace it with my patient option act...."

142. On February 10, 2014, Communications Adviser sent various members of the campaign team several paragraphs of his advice on the campaign’s messaging, urging the campaign to stick with the message contained in Representative Broun’s announcement speech, which he attached to the email.<sup>237</sup> One campaign consultant responded suggesting edits, but writing, “As always, you are the craftsman.”<sup>238</sup>

**E. Communications Adviser’s Campaign-Related Services Likely Were Provided For Compensation Rather Than Voluntarily**

143. The evidence before the OCE indicates that Communications Adviser’s services provided to Representative Broun’s 2012 and 2014 campaigns likely were provided for compensation, because: the services Communications Adviser is known for and typically provides are campaign related; the Proposal he submitted to Representative Broun’s congressional office specifically mentioned campaign services; the Consulting Agreement entered into with Representative Broun’s congressional office referred to debate preparation; Communications Adviser began providing campaign-related services within days of entering into the Consulting Agreement; and statements were made during the campaign to the effect that Communications Adviser was being paid for his campaign services.<sup>239</sup>

<sup>236</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00041).

<sup>237</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated February 10, 2014 (Exhibit 126 at 14-2533\_01016-01018).

<sup>238</sup> Email from Campaign Pollster to Communications Adviser, dated February 10, 2014 (Exhibit 114 at 14-2533\_00985).

<sup>239</sup> The Board notes that misuse of the MRA to pay for campaign-related services also implicates the source and amount restrictions, as well as the reporting requirements, contained within the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. See 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) (prohibited contributions); 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) (limits on contributions to a candidate’s authorized political committees); 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), (5)(A) (contribution and expenditure reporting requirements); 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(A)(ii) (defining the term “contribution” to include “the payment by any person of compensation for the personal services of another person which are rendered to a political committee without charge for any purpose”).

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144. Communications Adviser is a prominent campaign debate and campaign communications consultant. Communications Adviser's company describes itself as providing, in relevant part, "Strategic Communication Consulting Specializing In: Campaign Strategic Communications, Campaign Debate Preparation, Media Interview Preparation and Public Presentation Skills."<sup>240</sup>
145. The Proposal that Communications Adviser submitted to Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and Former Communications Director specifically mentioned campaign debate preparation services, and the Consulting Agreement entered into with Representative Broun specifically mentioned "debate preparation" as within the scope of services to be provided.<sup>241</sup>
146. Finally, Communications Adviser's services to Representative Broun's campaigns began and ended with the terms of his Consulting Agreement with Representative Broun's congressional office.
147. As noted above, Communications Adviser told the OCE that campaign work was not discussed in his initial interviews with Representative Broun.<sup>242</sup> Chief of Staff similarly told the OCE that, "at no point did we ever entertain the idea this would be a political adventure" referring to bringing Communications Adviser on in 2012.<sup>243</sup> Yet, in the process of interviewing and retaining Communications Adviser—indeed even before the Consulting Agreement was executed—the evidence suggests that Representative Broun's office discussed and scheduled campaign debate preparation sessions with Communications Adviser related to Representative Broun's 2012 campaign.
148. Chief of Staff told the OCE that when Communications Adviser was hired they were very clear that he was being hired only for official matters.<sup>244</sup> When asked if they had a conversation in which they made a clear distinction between campaign and official matters, Chief of Staff responded "no, we never said anything about -- we were just sitting down talking to him about official stuff."<sup>245</sup>
149. Although witnesses told the OCE that campaign matters were not discussed during Communications Adviser's two interviews, the June 14, 2012 email from Chief of Staff to Communications Adviser scheduling a campaign debate preparation session, as they had discussed "last week," indicates that Representative Broun's campaign debates were discussed with Communications Adviser during the week of June 4-8, 2012—the week prior to the execution of the Consulting Agreement and the same week as

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<sup>240</sup> See O'Donnell & Associates, *Home Page*, available at [http://odacomunications.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://odacomunications.com/Home_Page.html) (last visited Jul. 16, 2014).

<sup>241</sup> Communications Adviser Proposal, dated June 9, 2014 (Exhibit 8 at 14-2533\_00339-00348); Consulting Agreement between Communications Adviser and Representative Paul Broun, dated June 16, 2012 (Exhibit 13 at 14-2533\_00457-00460).

<sup>242</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00397-00398).

<sup>243</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00091).

<sup>244</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00129.

<sup>245</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00130.

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Communications Adviser's second interview with the office.<sup>246</sup> Further, in the same email exchange in which the executed Consulting Agreement was relayed, Communications Adviser responded asking, "Where is prep today?" referring to the campaign debate preparation session that day at the NRCC.<sup>247</sup>

150. When asked why campaign debate preparation was discussed in the same email exchange in which the Consulting Agreement was relayed, and if that suggested that a campaign debate preparation session was one of the first things Communications Adviser did after being retained, Chief of Staff responded that he does not recall the debate preparation sessions related to the 2012 campaign at all, and that any campaign debate preparation Communications Adviser may have done was separate from the Consulting Agreement.<sup>248</sup> Chief of Staff also told the OCE that Communications Adviser began working for the congressional office before the Consulting Agreement was executed and that two or three sessions occurred before campaign debates were even brought up.<sup>249</sup> However, the OCE could only identify one consulting session that may have occurred prior to the June 21, 2012 campaign debate preparation session.<sup>250</sup>

151. Further indication that Communications Adviser and Representative Broun's office discussed campaign debates during their initial meetings is found in an email from Communications Adviser to Director of Operations on June 12, 2012, wherein Communications Adviser sought to schedule a campaign debate preparation session with Representative Broun "since he has a debate on June 22."<sup>251</sup>

<p><b>From:</b> [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  <b>Subject:</b> Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  <b>Date:</b> June 12, 2012 at 10:52 AM  <b>To:</b> teddie.norton@mail.house.gov</p> <p>Hi Teddie,</p> <p>It was nice meeting you last week. I'd like to schedule two sessions with Dr. Broun next week since he has a debate on June 22. What would work for his schedule? I'd like to make sure we have one on the 21st since his debate is on the 22nd.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Brett</p>
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<sup>246</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser, dated June 14, 2012 (Exhibit 62 at 14-2533\_00699).

<sup>247</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser, dated June 21, 2012 (Exhibit 127 at 14-2533\_01021-01026).

<sup>248</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00123-00127).

<sup>249</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00170.

<sup>250</sup> Emails between Communications Adviser and Director of Operations, dated June 19, 2012 (Exhibit 128 at 14-2533\_01028-01045) (referring to a meeting between Communications Adviser and Representative Broun in the congressional office that may have occurred on June 19, 2012).

<sup>251</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to Director of Operations, dated June 12, 2012 (Exhibit 129 at 14-2533\_01047).

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152. Communications Adviser initially told the OCE that the June 22, 2012 campaign debate preparation session was the first session of any kind with Representative Broun, then stated that it might not have been the first session, but one of the “first few” sessions.<sup>252</sup>
153. When Communications Adviser was introduced to Representative Broun’s congressional and campaign staff, Campaign Consultant congratulated him on joining Representative Broun’s campaign, but confused his role as being that of a media consultant as opposed to a communications adviser. By email, Campaign Consultant wrote, “Congrats! Had no idea we were close to making a decision!” Chief of Staff responded, clarifying, “This is not a media consultant for the campaign...that part is dragging...”<sup>253</sup>
154. Certain evidence reviewed by the OCE also appears to directly contradict the claim that Communications Adviser’s services were voluntary. During January 2014 Communications Adviser asked a colleague of his to fill in for him while he was traveling to do one or two debate preparation sessions in advance of the January 18, 2014 GOP Senate debate in Adel, Georgia.<sup>254</sup> On January 14, 2014, Chief of Staff emailed Press Secretary, copying Communications Adviser, and wrote, referring to Communications Adviser’s absence, “Since our debate consultant actually abandoned us on our first debate for a bunch of Ethiopians who don’t pay him, I may need to send you to Adel this weekend if you are able to go?”<sup>255</sup>

<p><b>From:</b> David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  <b>Subject:</b> Re: [FWD: politico story]  <b>Date:</b> January 14, 2014 at 7:54 PM  <b>To:</b> Christine Hardman [REDACTED]@gmail.com  <b>Cc:</b> Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com</p> <p>Since our debate consultant actually abandoned us on our first debate for a bunch of Ethiopians who don't pay him, I may need to send you to Adel this weekend if you are able to go?</p>
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155. On February 24, 2014, Communications Adviser sent a lengthy email to one of Representative Broun’s campaign advisers, copying Representative Broun, Chief of Staff, and others, with his thoughts on campaign debate strategy.<sup>256</sup> In the email, Communications Adviser wrote, “You hired me to coach the candidate. I won’t make

<sup>252</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00405-00406).

<sup>253</sup> Emails between Chief of Staff and Campaign Consultant, dated June 14, 2012 (Exhibit 12 at 14-2533\_00454). This “media consultant” position should not be confused with Communications Adviser’s role or services to the campaign, but rather was a position involving the campaign’s paid advertisements and online media. This separate media consultant position appears to have been subsequently filled. Email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated November 14, 2013 (Exhibit 130 at 14-2533\_01051) (announcing the addition of a “new media consultant” replacing the campaign’s former media consultant). But it is also worth noting that although Chief of Staff and Representative Broun both explained that one indication Communications Adviser was not retained to provide services to his campaign is that very little campaign activity occurred during the period when Communications Adviser was retained, this email suggests that campaign matters were being considered at the time Communications Adviser was retained. Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00013-00014); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00094).

<sup>254</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00415-00416); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_000143).

<sup>255</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to Press Secretary, dated January 14, 2014 (Exhibit 131 at 14-2533\_01053).

<sup>256</sup> Email from Communications Adviser to various recipients, dated February 24, 2014 (Exhibit 132 at 14-2533\_01056).

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ads, write mail pieces, manage the online program or the campaign, but lets trust each other to play the roles we were hired to do.”<sup>257</sup> When asked about this email, Representative Broun said “beats me” why Communications Adviser would refer to himself as being hired to coach the candidate, “cause we never hired him.”<sup>258</sup>

156. The extent of services provided by Communications Adviser to Representative Broun’s campaigns—particularly his 2014 Senate campaign—also suggests that Communications Adviser was being compensated for his work. Communications Adviser told the OCE that he has provided his services on a volunteer basis to federal campaigns on “multiple occasions” in the past.<sup>259</sup> But when asked if he has had the same level of activity on a volunteer basis with any other federal candidates besides Representative Broun, Communications Adviser responded, “Not federal candidates. With state candidates.”<sup>260</sup>
157. Communications Adviser explained to the OCE that when he provides campaign debate preparation services to a candidate for pay he provides much more comprehensive services than the services he provided to Representative Broun, and is typically paid \$4,500 to \$6,000 per month for such services.<sup>261</sup> When asked if Communications Adviser’s payment of a lesser amount by Representative Broun—\$2,500 per month for most months—explained why he provided less comprehensive services to Representative Broun’s campaigns, he responded, “No.”<sup>262</sup>
158. Witnesses told the OCE that Representative Broun’s Senate campaign was short on financial resources.<sup>263</sup> The Board notes that if the campaign had wished to pay for Communications Adviser’s services—let alone expanded services—out of the campaign account, it may not have been feasible to do so.
159. The Board also notes that although Communications Adviser, Chief of Staff, and Representative Broun each told the OCE that Communications Adviser’s services for the campaign were voluntary, their explanations differed in how his volunteer status was established.
160. Representative Broun told the OCE that Communications Adviser’s status on his campaigns was always that of a “volunteer” and that Representative Broun “made that crystal clear to him and to my staff.”<sup>264</sup> When asked when he made it clear to Communications Adviser that his services were to be provided voluntarily, Representative Broun said, “all along.”<sup>265</sup> He added that such conversations occurred

<sup>257</sup> *Id.*

<sup>258</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00062).

<sup>259</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00356-00357).

<sup>260</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00431.

<sup>261</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00400-00404.

<sup>262</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00404.

<sup>263</sup> Campaign Manager Transcript (Exhibit 73 at 14-2533\_00816) (describing the campaign as “very underfunded”); Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00788).

<sup>264</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00031).

<sup>265</sup> *Id.*

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“periodically through the whole time that he was helping us. . . . I’d say, ‘I’ll remind you, this is -- you’re volunteering for this.’”<sup>266</sup>

161. Chief of Staff told the OCE that he recalls Communications Adviser offering to volunteer on the campaign if there was anything they needed him to do,<sup>267</sup> and that this conversation occurred around the time Representative Broun announced his candidacy for the Senate.<sup>268</sup> He later told the OCE that following one of their initial sessions in 2012, Communications Adviser offered to volunteer for the campaign.<sup>269</sup>
162. Communications Adviser also told the OCE that he discussed with Chief of Staff that if Representative Broun made it through the Senate primary election that he would work on a paid basis for the general election.<sup>270</sup> As he stated, “what Chief of Staff and I pretty much verbally agreed on was that if he made it through the primary, they would hire me on through the campaign.”<sup>271</sup> Chief of Staff told the OCE that he does not recall any such conversation or agreement.<sup>272</sup> When asked if he ever had a conversation about paying Communications Adviser out of the campaign if he made it through the Republican primary, Representative Broun responded, “Never.”<sup>273</sup>
163. Communications Adviser told the OCE that he never had any conversations with Representative Broun about the voluntary nature of his services to the campaign, but told the OCE that he recalled having such conversations with Chief of Staff.<sup>274</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE that he was asked if he would be willing to give Representative Broun “a few tips” for the 2012 campaign debates, and agreed to do so.<sup>275</sup> Communications Adviser told the OCE, “I never felt like any of my campaign work was expected as part of my duties,”<sup>276</sup> but explained, “Most of us have had bosses where they ask us to do something that’s outside of our regular duties and we say, ‘Okay. We’ll do that,’ knowing that it’s not expected of us but we’re doing it because we want to keep our boss happy.”<sup>277</sup>
164. The Board notes that although no witness told the OCE that they were directed to respond to the OCE’s questions about Communications Adviser’s role on Representative Broun’s campaigns in a certain way, there is evidence that Chief of Staff and Communications Adviser coordinated an effort to tell the OCE that Communications Adviser’s services to Representative Broun’s campaigns were voluntary rather than compensated, and, with

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<sup>266</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00062-00063.

<sup>267</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00101, 00120).

<sup>268</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00120-00121.

<sup>269</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00133.

<sup>270</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00418-00419, 00429-00430).

<sup>271</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00430.

<sup>272</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00121-00122).

<sup>273</sup> Representative Broun Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 14-2533\_00033).

<sup>274</sup> Communications Adviser Transcript (Exhibit 11 at 14-2533\_00436-00437).

<sup>275</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00398, 00406.

<sup>276</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00394, 00429.

<sup>277</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00427.

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regard to the Chief of Staff, may have suppressed certain documentary and testimonial evidence from being provided to the OCE.

165. Specifically, Press Secretary, Campaign Consultant, and Campaign Manager told the OCE that they believed Communications Adviser was volunteering for Representative Broun's campaign, but they did not have any personal knowledge of how or whether Communications Adviser was being paid for his campaign services.<sup>278</sup> These witnesses were told by Chief of Staff or Communications Adviser that Communications Adviser was volunteering for the campaign only after the media and the OCE began reviewing Communications Adviser's payments.

166. Campaign Consultant told the OCE that, "when the news articles broke, it was made clear that he was a part of the official side. So obviously, anybody that's doing anything campaign would be volunteering."<sup>279</sup>

167. Campaign Manager told the OCE that after media inquiries began questioning Communications Adviser's payments, Chief of Staff told him, "any work that [Communications Adviser] did on the campaign on those emails was volunteer stuff."<sup>280</sup>

168. Press Secretary told the OCE that she was told by either Communications Adviser or Chief of Staff that Communications Adviser was volunteering for the campaigns, but could not recall details of the conversation.<sup>281</sup> When asked if she spoke with Communications Adviser in the days leading up to her interview with the OCE, Press Secretary responded, "[N]o."<sup>282</sup> A few moments after her interview ended, however, she asked to go back on the record to tell the OCE that she had lied, and in fact, spoken with Communications Adviser in the morning on the day of her interview. Press Secretary explained that she called Communications Adviser and, as she stated, "we were just discussing the roles that -- the role that [Communications Adviser] had in this office."<sup>283</sup> When asked if the word "volunteer" came up during the conversation, Press Secretary stated that "it could have."<sup>284</sup>

169. Chief of Staff told the OCE that during the OCE's review process he had conversations with the congressional staff, and told "everybody that asked" that to the extent Communications Adviser did campaign work, it was as a volunteer.<sup>285</sup>

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<sup>278</sup> Former Communications Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 14-2533\_00206, 00233-00234); Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00516-00517, 00521); Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00790-00791); Campaign Manager Transcript (Exhibit 73 at 14-2533\_00863-00865).

<sup>279</sup> Campaign Consultant Transcript (Exhibit 68 at 14-2533\_00791).

<sup>280</sup> Campaign Manager Transcript (Exhibit 73 at 14-2533\_00858-00860).

<sup>281</sup> Press Secretary Transcript (Exhibit 21 at 14-2533\_00516-00517).

<sup>282</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00564.

<sup>283</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00565.

<sup>284</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00566.

<sup>285</sup> Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 14-2533\_00162-00163).

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170. Chief of Staff also told the OCE that he spoke with Communications Adviser between the times of Communications Adviser and Chief of Staff's interviews with the OCE, but claims that they did not discuss the questions asked by the OCE.<sup>286</sup> Chief of Staff told the OCE, however, that during the course of the OCE's review he and Communications Adviser did discuss Communications Adviser's role on the campaign as being that of a volunteer.<sup>287</sup>

171. In another instance, the OCE requested documents from and an interview with all Representative Broun's congressional staffers that the OCE believed may have knowledge of Communications Adviser's relationship to Representative Broun's campaigns. The OCE was told by Chief of Staff that many of the staffers identified did not have relevant information. Chief of Staff then sent those staff members an email. The email assumes that its recipients did not possess documents related to the OCE's review:<sup>288</sup>

<b>From:</b>	Bowser, David
<b>Sent:</b>	Monday, June 09, 2014 4:05 PM
<b>To:</b>	Hayes, Jessica; Reitz, Tim; Heenan, David; Paul Kilgore; 'Josh Findlay'
<b>Importance:</b>	High

Team, I spoke to the counsel at the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding the packets you all received from them last week. I told them that none of you really had any relevant, direct conversations or interactions with Brett O'Donnell (to my knowledge). If that is indeed the case, then you won't need to turn over any information (since you don't have anything outside of being on group emails that Brett was also on) and they won't need to interview you. What I need from you ASAP are the two pages that came with the packet (Acknowledgement of Receipt and Request for Information Certification) filled out, signed, scanned in and sent back to me along with a individual note from each of you along the lines as follows...obviously Kilgore and Josh will put "The Paul Broun Committee" instead of "Congressman Paul C Broun, Jr.". Please note, that depending on what the information shows, they reserve the right to contact you again later for an interview if they determine it appropriate. Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

172. In one instance, after receiving a similar email from Chief of Staff, Congressional Staffer interpreted the email as expressing an expectation that Congressional Staffer certify to the OCE that they did not have any information responsive to the OCE's request.<sup>289</sup>

173. Congressional Staffer, who had not provided information to the OCE, called the OCE to ask if "perjury" applied to documents or statements submitted to the OCE. The OCE recommended that Congressional Staffer direct such questions to their own legal counsel, but explained that the False Statements Act applies to both documentary and testimonial information submitted to the OCE. Congressional Staffer submitted documents to the OCE later that day.<sup>290</sup>

<sup>286</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00164-00165.

<sup>287</sup> *Id.* at 14-2533\_00165.

<sup>288</sup> Email from Chief of Staff to various recipients, dated June 9, 2014 (Exhibit 133 at 14-2533\_01058).

<sup>289</sup> Congressional Staffer MOI (Exhibit 100 at 14-2533\_00942-00943).

<sup>290</sup> *Id.*

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174. The following day, Congressional Staffer called the OCE to inquire when Representative Broun's office would become aware that Congressional Staffer had cooperated with the OCE's review. Congressional Staffer, audibly concerned and upset, explained that Chief of Staff expected Congressional Staffer to certify to the OCE that Congressional Staffer had no documents responsive to the OCE's Request for Information, and that Congressional Staffer feared an adverse employment action for cooperating with the OCE's review.<sup>291</sup>

#### IV. CONCLUSION

175. Representative Broun retained Communications Adviser in June 2012 as a messaging and communications consultant to his congressional office. Between June 2012 and March 2014, Communications Adviser was paid \$43,750 for various services to the congressional office that were impermissible for even a contractor to provide.

176. Between June 2012 and March 2014, Communications Adviser also provided various services, including campaign debate preparation services, to Representative Broun's 2012 congressional and 2014 Senate campaigns.

177. The evidence obtained by the OCE gives rise to a substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to retain an individual as a consultant to his congressional office, in violation of House rules and federal law.

178. The evidence obtained by the OCE gives rise to a substantial reason to believe that Representative Broun used MRA funds to compensate an individual for services provided to one or more of his election campaigns, in violation of House rules and federal law.

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<sup>291</sup> *Id.*

# **EXHIBIT 1**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN**

1           MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I'm here with Paul Solis and  
4 Ryan Cortazar with the Office of Congressional  
5 Ethics as well, and we are joined by Representative  
6 Paul Broun on June 25th, 2014.

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8           Q. And Congressman, we just went over the  
9 application of the False Statements Act to the  
10 interview, so I think we'll go ahead and get  
11 started with our questions.

12          A. Sure.

13          Q. Sir, first want to ask you how it was that  
14 you became acquainted with Brett O'Donnell and how  
15 it was that he came to be retained by the  
16 Congressional Office?

17          A. I was very eager to have somebody help me  
18 with our electronic media communications in our  
19 staff. Doing a lot of TV interviews and we  
20 actually had talked to several people prior to  
21 hiring Mr. O'Donnell.

22                 In fact, I had a conversation with -- with  
23 -- what's the guy's name that's on TV all the time  
24 with on Fox News that -- raising issues all the

1 time and is around here? Forgetting his name but  
2 he came here a day. We didn't hire him. I just  
3 talked to him about I wanted to communicate  
4 better --

5 Q. Um-hmm.

6 A. -- as a member of Congress with all these  
7 TV interviews and he came in, spent an hour or so  
8 just talking about words that work and things like  
9 that.

10 Q. Is that Frank Luntz?

11 A. Frank Luntz, Frank Luntz. I talked to  
12 Frank Luntz, wanted to hire him to be part of our  
13 communications staff to help me be able to  
14 communicate as a Congressman with the --  
15 particularly with TV interviews --

16 Q. Um-hmm.

17 A. -- and Frank was -- I got to know him just  
18 through my contact here as a member. He did not  
19 want to come on board.

20 So then we hired a lady that I had hoped --  
21 I don't remember her name either, but I had hoped  
22 to have an ongoing process of helping me to be a  
23 bit better communicator.

24 So we had a lady come in that my

1 communications director had searched out an  
2 individual. She spent a couple of hours with me  
3 and the communications director and gave us some  
4 suggestions.

5 I thought it was a bare -- beginning in the  
6 process but I still wanted somebody on an ongoing  
7 basis to help us with our electronic  
8 communications, with our radio interviews as well  
9 as our TV interviews.

10 So when the lady was -- if I remember  
11 correctly, is from out of town somewhere. That was  
12 not going to be an ongoing process. So I charged  
13 my staff to try to find somebody who can help me on  
14 an ongoing press -- on an ongoing basis to help  
15 with our communications here and our communications  
16 office. Principally, with -- from the electronic  
17 side, doing radio interviews as well as TV  
18 interviews and to help me learn how to communicate  
19 better.

20 As a medical doctor, my propensity is to  
21 overexplain things and to try to help my patients  
22 understand what's going on and so, I realized that  
23 I needed somebody to help me be a better  
24 interviewee for radio and TV and I wanted somebody

1 as part of our communications team to do so.

2 We -- we got some applications. We  
3 interviewed actually three individuals, and one  
4 took himself out of the consideration and the other  
5 two -- it was just a decision we made to hire Brett  
6 O'Donnell to -- to be that individual and either  
7 one of them I thought could do a good job and  
8 that's what he came on board for.

9 Q. I'm going to show you this document which  
10 is PBTN5 and this is a calender item on a calender  
11 managed by Teddie Norton. The subject is, "Meeting  
12 with Brett O'Donnell, Bachmann's debate coach at  
13 the NRCC." Date is May 31st, 2012. Do you recall  
14 was this, you know, end of May about the first time  
15 that you met with Brett O'Donnell?

16 A. I don't remember when we met him, and I've  
17 never seen this document as far as I know.

18 Q. Okay. You --

19 A. I don't -- I don't remember when we hired  
20 him. I know we hired him in 2012 --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- but I dont' remember. We started the  
23 process. As I said, we did several interviews, the  
24 three people that they brought to me as potential

1 -- as potential media advisors and part of our  
2 communications team. They -- I don't remember how  
3 many interviews. I think we did two interviews  
4 with Brett before we hired him. I don't know that  
5 for certain --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- but we -- I know I interviewed him one  
8 time and I think a second time.

9 Q. Do you recall where those interviews took  
10 place?

11 A. No, I don't. Most of them were over across  
12 the street at NRCC --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- just out of convenience.

15 Q. Out of convenience. Okay. Show you this  
16 -- well, this is PBDB120 through 130. This is an  
17 email from Brett O'Donnell on Friday, June 1st,  
18 2012 to you. That email address appears to be an  
19 email account belonging to you. Is that -- that  
20 right? This drpbroun?

21 A. Yes, that's my personal email address.

22 Q. All right. CC-ing David Bowser and  
23 Meredith Griffanti. You know, says, "Thank you for  
24 meeting with me yesterday." Skipping a sentence

1 there. He says, "Attached is my proposal to assist  
2 you," and then there's a proposal attached. Do you  
3 recall seeing this proposal?

4 A. I did not look at the proposal. I do  
5 recall getting this email but --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- what -- what I basically have counted my  
8 chief of staff on doing is -- is wean out any kind  
9 of staff hires to -- what I've told my chief is  
10 that what I'd for him to do is to sort all of those  
11 details out, just bring the bottom line to me,  
12 whether he thinks that we ought to hire this person  
13 or not and that's for all staff, not only with --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- Mr. Mr. O'Donnell but all our staff and  
16 so what -- since he is the manager, what I've said  
17 to him is that "Whoever we're going to hire --  
18 staff, unless I have a check -- in my spirit about  
19 hiring them, if this is a person that you think --  
20 I'm going to rely you." I'm not a micro manager.  
21 Maybe I ought to be. My wife thinks I ought to be  
22 more but anyway --

23 Q. Okay --

24 A. -- so I -- I didn't go through this

1 proposal at all.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So I let -- I just depended upon him to do  
4 so.

5 Q. Going back to those you said one or two  
6 meetings with Brett O'Donnell when you were  
7 interviewing him, what was discussed regarding what  
8 his role with the Congressional Office would be?

9 A. I made it very clear to Mr. O'Donnell all  
10 along that he was being hired to be part of our  
11 communications team. Actually, with anybody I talk  
12 to that -- being hired as part of our  
13 communications team here to hep me with my radio  
14 and TV interviews and that's solely the -- the  
15 purpose of -- of our interviews. That's the  
16 purpose of our looking to hire them.

17 Q. Okay. Did you discuss with him your  
18 campaign or your political activities during those  
19 interviews?

20 A. I don't remember doing so, no.

21 Q. Was there --

22 A. 'Cause it was -- this was a all on an  
23 official basis. I've -- all along, not only with  
24 Mr. O'Donnell but anybody else. I don't -- I've --

1 I tried not to even get near the line, so that you  
2 guys don't have to come talk to me, so and I've --  
3 I've always just been very clear to everybody no  
4 matter what we do that there is a division between  
5 the official side as well as campaign side.

6 So Mr. O'Donnell was hired strictly for the  
7 purpose of being part of our communications team to  
8 help us develop our messaging, to help me to  
9 understand how I can communicate better in my radio  
10 and TV interviews.

11 Q. Want to show you now the -- the consulting  
12 agreement that was entered into between your office  
13 and Mr. O'Donnell. This is PBDB114. So that this  
14 first page is an email from Brett O'Donnell to  
15 David Bowser attaching the consulting agreement.  
16 Attached to it is a consulting agreement, and one  
17 of the things mentioned in the consulting agreement  
18 in a couple of locations, more specifically under  
19 engagement on the first page there, it says,  
20 "Client hereby engages consultant to render as an  
21 independent contractor the consulting services  
22 associated with media interview, public speaking  
23 message, debate preparation for Representative  
24 Broun, such other services as maybe agreed to in

1 writing." Was campaign debate preparation  
2 discussed --

3 A. Never.

4 Q. -- in the process of entering into this  
5 agreement?

6 A. I haven't gone through this. I didn't see  
7 this document either.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Just like I did -- the other. It's -- I  
10 don't -- I can't make a comment about that 'cause  
11 we never talked about campaign function during this  
12 whole negotiation period of time. The --  
13 everything I had contact with Mr. O'Donnell about  
14 was just about being part of communications team on  
15 the official side.

16 BY MR. SOLIS:

17 Q. We had a chance to speak with David  
18 yesterday and he had mentioned to us that -- that  
19 there was some discussion that Brett had offered  
20 during that negotiation phase to do some  
21 volunteering for the campaign. So to what extent,  
22 you know, do you recall those -- those  
23 conversations?

24 A. Well, I wasn't involved in those

1 conversations at all, so I can't comment about  
2 those.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. You know, in this -- this email where the  
5 consulting agreement was attached, Brett writes, "I  
6 wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be  
7 paid, so I left the address blank." Were you  
8 involved in any discussions about how he would be  
9 paid?

10 A. Negative.

11 Q. What was your understanding at the time  
12 about how he would be paid?

13 A. My understanding was that he would be a  
14 part time independent contractor for us for our  
15 communications team.

16 Q. Be paid by the -- out of the --

17 A. Out of "MRA," right.

18 Q. Okay. So I mean, looking at this  
19 consulting agreement right now, this is the first  
20 time you've seen it or should I say --

21 A. I don't recall ever seeing that before.

22 Q. Okay. And wonder if you -- tell us the  
23 timeline a little bit? It appears like this  
24 consulting agreement was in place for a couple of

1 months and then it was renewed on a couple of  
2 occasions. Do you recall that?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Those conversations with Brett O'Donnell  
5 who would've had those with him --

6 A. Assume David --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- David Bowser 'cause like I say, I count  
9 on him being my chief and helping to -- to do  
10 whatever needs to be done as far as trying to hire  
11 staff and manage our staff.

12 Q. Okay. Show you this document here. This  
13 is PBDB86, and you -- you're on the first email  
14 here at the -- at the very bottom. This is an  
15 email from David Bowser on June 14, 2012 to Brett  
16 O'Donnell and to Broun, all staff, you know, the  
17 Congressional staff, CC-ing you and a few other  
18 individuals and he -- he -- he says, "We are  
19 pleased to announce the addition of Brett O'Donnell  
20 to Team Broun as a communications and messaging  
21 consultant to our official office." There's a  
22 response to that email from Jordan Chinouth --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. He says, "Had no idea we are close to

1 making a decision," and then David Bowser responds  
2 saying, "This is not a media consultant for the  
3 campaign. That part is dragging." Now, I don't --  
4 I don't know if you had seen those two emails  
5 before but was there some discussion around that  
6 same time that you were bringing Brett O'Donnell on  
7 about hiring a media consultant on the campaign  
8 side?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Never. In fact, we weren't going to hire a  
12 media consultant --

13 Q. So was there a discussion in which you  
14 decided that you wouldn't hire a media consultant  
15 --

16 A. No. There was no consideration of a media  
17 consultant at that time. We didn't have the money  
18 from the campaign respective -- to hire a media  
19 consultant. In 2012, the -- this -- I don't  
20 remember June 14th. It's probably just very  
21 shortly before the -- the primary which was -- I  
22 didn't have a -- a -- didn't have a general  
23 election opponent, so --

24 Q. But it was Mr. Simpson, I think for the

1 primary?

2 A. That's right. And we -- I'm not sure at  
3 what point but we -- we had decided that we weren't  
4 going to -- really going to engage in -- in any  
5 kind of a forum or debate or anything else. So  
6 there was just no consideration of having a media  
7 consultant. We weren't doing TV. We weren't doing  
8 radio. We weren't doing any of those types of  
9 normal things -- didn't feel like we needed to --

10 Q. Was that -- was that a competitive primary?

11 A. Not really.

12 Q. Not really.

13 A. Got 69 percent of the vote in the -- in the  
14 primary. Simpson didn't have any money and just  
15 didn't see any need of having anybody on board at  
16 that time.

17 Q. Okay. When --

18 A. It seems like he and I had one forum  
19 together and that was all.

20 Q. I do have a couple of questions about that.  
21 We'll get to that in a little bit, but do you  
22 recall when -- when it was that the consultant  
23 agreement with Brett O'Donnell ended?

24 A. I don't remember. The --

1 Q. He's not -- is he still a consultant for  
2 the --

3 A. No, no, no.

4 Q. When did that relationship end?

5 A. Well, it ended when he thought that his  
6 being part of our team because of -- of -- I guess  
7 y'all looking into him and what he was doing for  
8 other members -- he thought it might be  
9 advantageous for us -- for him to -- for us to  
10 cease that agreement. So he ceased being part of  
11 -- of our communications team at that time.

12 Q. Do you recall when about that was?

13 A. I do not remember.

14 Q. Would that have been, you know, shortly  
15 after the WSB-TV story and the initiation of our  
16 review --

17 A. I don't remember --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- I really don't remember.

20 Q. Okay. So want to ask you some questions  
21 about the work that Brett O'Donnell did on the  
22 official side --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. -- for the office. How would you -- you

1 know, he was introduced here by David Bowser as a  
2 communications and messaging consultant. The  
3 consulting agreement lays out some of his duties,  
4 but how would you, you know, looking back on what  
5 he did for the office, how would you describe his  
6 role?

7 A. Well, he helped us on an ongoing basis. It  
8 was -- I had phone conversations with him at times  
9 about how to deal with a radio interview or a TV  
10 interview. He would -- I think my staff talked to  
11 him on a routine basis about what was coming up,  
12 about what our messaging was going to be, how to  
13 deal with that messaging, what our -- whenever I  
14 was requested to do a TV interview or radio  
15 interview, it's my understanding that my  
16 communications director would contact him about  
17 what our message was, what our bottom line --

18 Q. Um-hmm.

19 A. -- statement would be and I would talk to  
20 him about how to approach the interview and what to  
21 do with it and that's the way we operated.

22 Q. Who, who in the Congressional staff did he  
23 -- he being Brett O'Donnell, interact with the most  
24 frequently?

1 A. Mostly with the -- with communications  
2 director who is Meredith Griffanti --

3 Q. And is now Christine Hardman?

4 A. She's not a communications director. She's  
5 a press secretary --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So a little different function.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. But Christine replaced Meredith.

10 Q. Who else would he interact with? Would he  
11 interact with chief of staff quite a bit --

12 A. I don't know.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I don't know. I'm sure he interacted some --  
15 or had some action with our scheduler just to  
16 schedule calls and sometimes he'd come here in the  
17 office and we'd sit down and talk about issues.  
18 That happened not infrequently, so.

19 Q. All right.

20 A. He'd come here and we'd talk about the  
21 interview or we'd consult by phone. He was -- he  
22 always told me that he was available anytime that I  
23 needed to call and I -- I did try to touch base  
24 with him before every interview that we did -- most

1 every interview unless I already had it -- and  
2 about what we were doing.

3 Q. Would you communicate with Brett  
4 independently of your staff? Would you reach out  
5 to him on your own or would that usually go through  
6 your staff?

7 A. Sometimes I would. Not on an ongoing basis,  
8 but he had my cell phone. I had his.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Rarely would he call me. Rarely would I  
11 call him. Most times, it was what -- we knew we  
12 had an interview scheduled and so, we'd schedule  
13 sometime for us to either talk in person. He'd  
14 come here, or we'd talk by phone.

15 Q. Okay. We've seen quite a bit of reference  
16 to weekly sessions that Brett would do with you --

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Does that -- describe those too...

19 A. Well, he would come in here and we'd just  
20 talk about how I needed to approach a TV interview.  
21 At the time, I was -- not done a lot and I'd get  
22 kind of uptight on the TV interview, particularly  
23 these national interviews -- national TV and  
24 sometimes my brain would freeze up and I couldn't

1 think about what I wanted to say and -- and he  
2 would just help me in that process of trying to get  
3 through it, so that I could do these interviews and  
4 so it was an ongoing process or just basically  
5 trying to teach me about how to organize my  
6 thoughts, how to express what I wanted to have the  
7 audience to hear with whatever interview I did  
8 about whatever the topic was.

9 Q. Did those sessions occur on about a weekly  
10 basis?

11 A. Pretty much, yeah. It was three or four  
12 times. Well, two to three times a month 'cause  
13 we're not here but generally two weeks and then off  
14 week, so -- or home a week. So he would come in  
15 here not every week that we were here but he would  
16 come frequently most weeks.

17 Q. Where were those -- where were those  
18 typically held?

19 A. Right here --

20 Q. Were they sometimes held over the NRCC as  
21 well?

22 A. I don't recall doing any over there. Most  
23 of them were right here --

24 Q. Okay.

1           A.    -- there may have been -- I can't remember  
2 any over there --

3           Q.    Okay.

4           A.    -- at all.

5           Q.    And so I want -- take me through what a  
6 typical session would entail? You said prep for  
7 interviews --

8           A.    We just sat down and talk about the -- what  
9 the interview was. If -- if we had an interview  
10 upcoming --

11          Q.    Um-hmm.

12          A.    -- what he and I would work through is try  
13 to -- as well as the communications director would  
14 try to determine what our -- my first sentence was  
15 going to be which was the bottom line of the  
16 interview.

17          Q.    Okay.

18          A.    The point we wanted to make and then we  
19 would -- from that point we wanted to make, we'd  
20 develop how I thought about the process, so that I  
21 could go through a three minute or five minute  
22 interview with --

23          Q.    Okay.

24          A.    -- with the TV personality, whether it was

1 a friendly one or sometimes an unfriendly 'cause I  
2 did some of those too and of course, more stressful  
3 to do those when you're dealing with somebody like  
4 Megyn Kelly, she can be a little bit forceful --

5 Q. Um-hmm.

6 A. -- if you ever watched -- so --

7 Q. Dick Cheney discovered that recently.

8 A. What's that?

9 Q. I think Dick Cheney discovered that  
10 recently as well from what I read but --

11 A. Anyway, so what -- what Brett was trying to  
12 help me do is to be able to -- to keep everything  
13 together, keep my mind functioning properly, so  
14 that when I made my first statement, I was making  
15 my point and then I would build the -- the case for  
16 that point and then end up basically restating that  
17 point. So --

18 Q. Um-hmm.

19 A. -- we would -- we would talk about what  
20 that interview was all about. Sometimes he would  
21 help me as far as if it was an issue that -- that  
22 he needed to help research a little bit to give me  
23 some more background. He would do that for me --

24 Q. Okay.

1       A.     -- on the outside.  So he was -- we were  
2     talking about issues and a whole raft of issues.  
3     In fact, he even prepared an issue book for me to  
4     -- to look at various issues, so that I would have  
5     it available to study as -- as we went along and we  
6     --

7       Q.     Where was -- would David Bowser typically  
8     participate in those sessions?

9       A.     Sometimes he would.  Sometimes he wouldn't.

10      Q.     And Meredith and Christine, would they --  
11     would they sit it on those as well?

12      A.     The -- I'm not sure where Meredith came.  I  
13     guess she followed --

14      Q.     It appears to us from the -- that she  
15     overlapped with Brett O'Donnell's role with the  
16     office for about a year --

17      A.     And then --

18      Q.     -- and then it was I think June or July of  
19     2013 when Christine came on.

20      A.     Yeah.

21      Q.     But do you recall Meredith, Christine or  
22     whoever was in that --

23      A.     Whoever was in on communications job 'cause  
24     there were -- he was helping to develop my

1 messaging too that we would do when we would put  
2 out press releases and things like that --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And so he was --he just part of our  
5 communications team.

6 Q. Okay. As you were preparing for the  
7 upcoming interviews and these sessions, would some  
8 of those interviews or some of the things you were  
9 preparing for be campaign related --

10 A. No.

11 Q. -- as opposed to official?

12 A. No.

13 Q. No?

14 A. Un-uh.

15 Q. If you had an upcoming campaign related  
16 speech or appearance or something like that, would  
17 it just not be addressed at all in the session?

18 A. Well, we didn't -- like I said, when he was  
19 hired, it was toward the tail end of the -- of the  
20 primary process --

21 Q. Um-hmm.

22 A. -- we didn't have an opponent that I was  
23 concerned about too much. Did not have a general  
24 election opponent. So there's -- campaign issues

1 were just not even discussed or even part of  
2 anything --

3 Q. We're going into --

4 A. -- so --

5 Q. -- you know, 2013 --

6 A. Okay.

7 Q. -- and then into, you know, 2014 --

8 A. Right.

9 Q. -- when you were having these weekly  
10 sessions and there was -- was more campaign related  
11 things happening in your life. Would you discuss  
12 campaign media appearances or campaign speeches or  
13 -- or debates in this weekly sessions?

14 A. Not much if any. It was -- he and I had  
15 more of those discussions by phone than anything  
16 else --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. We -- I wrote my own campaign speeches. He  
19 helped tweak them a little bit but actually, my  
20 wife was more my campaign media consultant than --  
21 until we hired a media person --

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. Would you review videos of your past  
24 campaign appearances either on, you know,

1 interview, on TV? Would you sometimes review those  
2 here during --

3 A. Oh, we did that, yes.

4 Q. Um-hmm.

5 MR. MORGAN: I want to --

6 MR. BROUN: In fact, it wasn't every time  
7 but I tried to look at those TV interviews and --  
8 and critique it myself and listen to his critique  
9 and we would try -- again, it was -- the purpose  
10 for having him was to help me be a better  
11 communicator and so we -- we would -- you know, we  
12 did that.

13 BY. MORGAN:

14 Q. You said he -- Brett O'Donnell prepared an  
15 issue book for you to study. Do you recall him  
16 briefing you or providing you with talking points  
17 or research on any -- any specific issues?

18 A. No. I asked him to help put the issue book  
19 together, just so that when we ever had an  
20 interview, that I would have it available to -- to  
21 look at -- at -- at the issues that were in the  
22 current news cycle and so --

23 Q. We --

24 A. -- there are a lot of issues that of course

1 all of us have to deal with and -- and so --

2 Q. We didn't see a copy of that issue book in  
3 the documents provided to us --

4 A. I don't have a copy.

5 Q. But --

6 A. I don't know if there is another copy --

7 Q. Okay. I want to just show you this  
8 PBDB151. This -- this was not sent to you but this  
9 is from Brett O'Donnell to David Bowser. Subject  
10 if "FAA material." So it was on April 29, 2013,  
11 and my question is just if this was typical of the  
12 type of an issue briefing or issue research that  
13 Brett O'Donnell would do? Appears to be you know,  
14 what four, five pages of material on FAA and then  
15 how it was perhaps impacted by the sequester.

16 A. Without studying this, I can't make a  
17 comment about the content --

18 Q. Right --

19 A. -- but this is the kind of thing that yes,  
20 that he prepared, so that I would know background  
21 history and -- and the -- the -- any issue that we  
22 may deal with. I didn't -- I've never seen that --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- that I know of.

1 Q. But that's typical of the type of issue  
2 research he would provide --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay. Did he have any role in drafting  
5 speeches on the official side? I think you said  
6 you wrote of your own speeches. He would maybe  
7 edit them. Floor speeches --

8 A. Most of those, I -- I do those myself or I  
9 did it along with my communications director or  
10 press secretary. We -- a lot of times those things  
11 occurred very rapidly. So we didn't have a lot of  
12 time to -- to really tweak them or edit them or  
13 anything else.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. So it was -- it as more a spontaneous type  
16 of -- of situation.

17 Q. One of the -- you know, of the newspaper  
18 articles this spring mentioned -- I think it  
19 attributed to you a comment that Brett had helped  
20 you prepare a floor speech about the VA after  
21 visiting a VA hospital down in Georgia. Does that  
22 ring a bell?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you recall making that statement?

1 A. No.

2 Q. It was a statement that was not in  
3 quotation marks but it was nevertheless attributed  
4 to you but you don't recall Brett working on a VA  
5 speech?

6 A. I do not, no.

7 BY MR. SOLIS:

8 Q. What about your Patient Option Act, did he  
9 draft any speeches, any floor speeches?

10 A. No. We talked about it. Just the same way  
11 we talked about any issue but no. Most of my  
12 speeches, the -- the one that I can remember that  
13 we talked about more than anything else, I did a  
14 special order on the Commerce Clause, and we had  
15 some conversation about that. He really didn't do  
16 a lot for that either, but we did talk about that  
17 one and that's the only one I can remember off the  
18 top of my head that -- that he actually -- he and I  
19 had any discussions about, so. And that was very  
20 limited, even at that.

21 Q. If he had been involved in working on  
22 drafts of speeches, would you have known about it?

23 A. I don't know. I don't know about any.  
24 Again, what -- normally what I do is I do my own

1 speeches --

2 Q. Um-hmm.

3 A. -- or I'll tell my press secretary,  
4 communications director, whatever, of what I want  
5 to say --

6 Q. Um-hmm.

7 A. And ask them to get some bullet points for me  
8 and I do more extemporaneously than -- than read a  
9 speech. I have a hard time just sitting and  
10 reading a speech and doing it effectively. So I  
11 feel more comfortable actually just doing it out of  
12 my head.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. And so that's generally the way we do it.  
15 Now, they have prepared some speeches that I have  
16 read and I've tried to learn to do that better by  
17 doing some one minute speeches. Most of those are  
18 prepared very quickly. We'll just talk when I come  
19 up. For our first day, we'll have a staff meeting,  
20 say, "Well, maybe tomorrow we're going to do a  
21 speech," or I'll tell my communications staff, "I  
22 want to do a one minute on this and this is what I  
23 want to say," and they'll put some talking points  
24 for me -- page and I'll go down the floor and give

1 them.

2 Q. Okay. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell ever  
3 providing you or your staff with any training?

4 A. This was an ongoing process.

5 Q. Um-hmm.

6 A. So I considered it all training 'cause  
7 that's what I hired him to do, help train me to be  
8 a better communicator. That's the purpose of him  
9 coming on board.

10 Q. We -- we talked to -- to Brett and he -- he  
11 mentioned that he does it like a -- at least when  
12 he's brought on by somebody during those first  
13 initial sessions, he has a little training thing  
14 that he does on more -- you know, talking about  
15 communication skills in -- in general. Do you  
16 recall anything like that, like an initial round of  
17 training that he did or --

18 MR. CORTAZAR: Video.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. -- video that he may have showed you?

21 A. We looked at some videos. He -- most of  
22 the videos we looked at were just a critique of  
23 what I've done on TV interview or floor speech but  
24 I don't recall a training video as such.

1 Q. Okay. I do -- I want to ask you some  
2 questions now about the work that Brett O'Donnell  
3 did on your campaigns, both in 2012 --

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. -- Congressional campaign and then the 2014  
6 Senate campaign. So how -- how would you describe  
7 Brett's role with -- with your campaigns?

8 A. He was always in a volunteer status. I  
9 made that crystal clear to him and to my staff that  
10 anything that he helped us with -- I don't recall  
11 him being engaged in the 2012 election at all --

12 Q. I do have -- I do have some documents I'll  
13 show you along those lines but you said you made it  
14 clear to your -- to him, to your staff?

15 A. Like I said, I don't recall -- I don't  
16 recall him being involved in that at all --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- and then I made it crystal clear to  
19 Brett as I do my staff when they volunteer for our  
20 campaign to do -- campaign type functions that --

21 Q. Do you recall when that was that you made  
22 it clear to Brett?

23 A. I had all along.

24 Q. All along?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Recall any specific conversation?

3 A. No, because I do this quite frequently.

4 Whenever I asked him to do something, I'd say to  
5 him, "I can't require you to do this. If you -- if  
6 you'd like to, I'd like for you to do this for me,"  
7 and it's something that I've been very diligent  
8 about telling all my staff, no matter they do is  
9 that it's all -- whatever they do on the campaign  
10 side, it has to be on a volunteer basis --

11 BY MR. CORTAZAR:

12 Q. And do --

13 MR. BROUN: -- and that they're not  
14 required...

15 BY MR. CORTAZAR:

16 Q. Excuse me. And do you think that when he  
17 first began volunteering, would have come up  
18 through his -- his coming to you or was that  
19 something that you would normally do -- propose to  
20 him?

21 A. I don't remember --

22 Q. The first instance?

23 A. No.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. Do you recall if you ever had a discussion  
2 with Brett about how if your senate campaign  
3 fundraising started kicking up or if you made it  
4 through the primary that you would then pay him out  
5 of the campaign?

6 A. Never.

7 Q. Do you recall if he ever was paid out of  
8 the campaign --

9 A. Never --

10 Q. -- for any services?

11 A. As -- never as far as I now. We paid a --  
12 the campaign paid for him to come to Georgia --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- to -- we had a staff retreat down there  
15 and the -- we just felt --

16 Q. Is that a congressional -- congressional...

17 A. Yeah. We had the staff in Georgia as well  
18 as the whole Washington staff came down. We --  
19 we've tried to -- I've tried to do that on a yearly  
20 basis to just kind of lay out the plan for the full  
21 year. We -- Dave and I talked about it. We felt  
22 that it was best to -- to -- since he was an  
23 official employee, that he ought to be there  
24 because we were talking about what we're going to

1 be dealing with but we paid for his expenses down  
2 there out of the campaign just to -- that was what  
3 David thought was the best and clearest way to keep  
4 from having any kind of a -- of a problem from an  
5 ethics perspective.

6 Q. I want to -- I want to discuss with you in  
7 some level of detail the different types of work  
8 that -- that Brett O'Donnell did for the campaign  
9 and first being you know, campaign speeches,  
10 campaign media appearances. I think you -- you  
11 mentioned that in these weekly sessions, did you  
12 review past campaign speeches or campaign media  
13 appearances with Brett in those weekly sessions?

14 A. I don't recall doing so. It --

15 BY MR. SOLIS:

16 Q. Congressman, I just want to be clear. You  
17 know, I had asked -- I had asked that same question  
18 about 10 minutes ago and you said you recall that  
19 you had reviewed and the whole package of things  
20 that Brett -- services Brett provided --

21 A. Right.

22 Q. -- you know, media appearances, even if  
23 it's on your campaign, I asked you if you reviewed  
24 those here on video or something and you -- you

1 said that you had. So I just want to be clear.

2 A. Well, let me make that clear. My answer  
3 was that we have looked at things not from a  
4 campaign perspective but from the official side.  
5 So I apologize for the confusion --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- there but I thought you were talking  
8 about all inclusive, "Has he done any of those?"  
9 And -- and so we -- we looked at --

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. So let me make sure --

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Let me make sure we're clear. When you say  
14 from an official perspective --

15 A. Right.

16 Q. -- were there instances in which you know,  
17 in those weekly sessions the videos or the  
18 appearances that you reviewed were campaign  
19 interviews or appearances?

20 A. I don't remember doing any campaign  
21 appearances during those weekly sessions, no.

22 Q. Reviewing those? Okay.

23 A. Yeah.

24 BY MR. SOLIS:

1 Q. You know, David had recalled that -- that  
2 you had done that a couple of times and I think  
3 Christine had recalled that that occurred a couple  
4 a couple of times.

5 A. I'd defer to them. I don't remember it.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

8 MR. BROUN: So.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

10 MR. BROUN: What I do remember is those  
11 times that we've looked at -- at TV interviews and  
12 those types of -- of reviewing --

13 MR. SOLIS: Um-hmm.

14 MR. BROUN: -- the -- the appearance on one  
15 of the TV networks and I don't recall the campaign.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. Show you -- show you a document here. This  
18 is BOD00193 and this is -- now want to ask you some  
19 questions about Brett's involvement in campaign  
20 speeches. This document is an email from Brett  
21 O'Donnell to -- well, to himself but CC-ing David  
22 Bowser, Brian Tringali, Bob Bibee, Meredith  
23 Griffanti where he says, "Attached is the 10 minute  
24 stump that Dr. Broun asked me to write. Wanted to

1 sent it around to your edits -- approve before  
2 sending it to Dr. Broun." Do you recall asking  
3 Brett to prepare a 10 minute stump speech for you?

4 A. What -- as I mentioned earlier, I basically  
5 write all my speeches and have the ideas of what I  
6 want to do --

7 Q. Um-hmm.

8 A. -- I talk to him about what should be  
9 included or not included. So it's -- basically, my  
10 speeches were my speeches --

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. -- and he did help tweak them some and that  
13 sort of thing. So we were --

14 Q. So would you -- would you tell him in  
15 person or over the phone the types of things you  
16 wanted to talk about and then would he then  
17 actually put it to paper? Is that --

18 A. No.

19 Q. No?

20 A. What -- what I -- what I did is talk to him  
21 about taking my whole 20 minute stump speech --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- and helping me to pare it down to 10  
24 minute or 3 minute speech, what he thought was most

1 important to help me in that. This was all done on  
2 a volunteer basis.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Was not done out of what we were doing from  
5 the "MRA."

6 Q. Okay. Do you recall if he had any role in  
7 -- in your 2013 Georgia GOP convention speech?

8 A. He -- yes, he did and again, it was to help  
9 me basically put -- he made some suggestions about  
10 what -- what I needed to say and that sort of  
11 thing. So he did help in that process, yes.

12 Q. Did you rehearse that speech with him?

13 A. No.

14 Q. No. Do you recall if -- if that speech was  
15 filmed and he provided you feedback on that  
16 delivery?

17 A. I don't know. I don't remember him doing  
18 so.

19 Q. Okay. What about your -- your speech when  
20 you announced your candidacy for the Senate? Do  
21 you recall if he had any role in that speech?

22 A. I don't remember that.

23 Q. Show you one email here. This is BOD01551.  
24 I'll sort of point out the part I want to ask you

1 about. Take your time to review that. It's an  
2 email from David Bowser to -- to Brett O'Donnell,  
3 CC-ing Bob Bibee, yourself, Meredith Griffanti and  
4 Jordan Chinouth on February 5th, 2013. David  
5 writes, "For the sake of brevity, I will get to the  
6 point. There are two -- two things only that we  
7 care about with this announcement. One, it is  
8 delivered well and looks like it. Two, what is the  
9 story and main theme we want printed?" And then he  
10 says, "The first is Brett and Meredith's job." So  
11 referring to it being Brett and Meredith's job to  
12 make sure the speech is delivered well and looks  
13 like it. Was -- was Brett involved in preparing  
14 you for that announcement speech?

15 A. Only the point that -- just talked to him  
16 about trying to -- to make a very short speech and  
17 have some -- some sound bites in it.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Other than that, I don't recall any -- any  
20 other type of function in that.

21 Q. Okay. Would Brett draft talking points,  
22 bullet points or -- or one liners or things like  
23 that for you to add your speeches or add to your --  
24 your media appearances? Was he involved in -- in

1 helping you come up with that type of content?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Do you recall any specific issues --

4 A. Well, you're asking about on the campaign  
5 side?

6 Q. On the campaign side.

7 A. Oh --

8 Q. Yeah.

9 A. He did more of that on trying to get that  
10 sound bite -- that first sentence from the official  
11 side --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- and the -- as far as -- as what he did  
14 from the campaign side, most of what -- all of our  
15 contact was more -- had to do with TV interview and  
16 radio interviews, so --

17 Q. I want --

18 A. I don't remember him trying to give me  
19 bullet points. He may have helped me look at -- I  
20 don't know how to answer your question --

21 Q. Let me see. This email might --

22 A. Okay, so.

23 Q. -- help a little bit --

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. -- so. This is PBCH22 --

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. You know, this is going to be another one  
4 of those instances where I ask you if this was  
5 typical of Brett's work for the campaign. He  
6 emailed you on August 13, 2013, writing, "Dr.  
7 Broun, so we know now that Obamacare is a winning  
8 message. Here's the one you need to be a little  
9 sharper on, strikes a populist message that will hit  
10 the voters we need," and then he provides you with  
11 a few lines of -- of you know, text --

12 A. Um-hmm.

13 Q. -- on -- on Obamacare.

14 A. Um-hmm.

15 Q. Was it typical for -- for Brett to provide  
16 you talking points or messaging like this?

17 A. Well, I did get these kind of things  
18 occasionally --

19 Q. Um-hmm.

20 A. Would read them and that was the end of  
21 that, so again, I can't remember this.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I can't remember how to do this, and I  
24 can't just regurgitate that without sounding as if

1 I'm just trying to go through the memorization  
2 point. That's not the way my brain works. So  
3 whenever I would get something like this, I'd read  
4 what he has to say and -- and then I'd think about  
5 it a bit and that's -- that would be the end of it.

6 Q. Okay. Well, do you recall -- was in  
7 December of 2013. Do you recall there being a  
8 "Georgia Public Broadcasting Get to Know the  
9 Candidates" piece that you filmed in December of  
10 2013 down in Atlanta?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Do you recall if Brett was involved in --  
13 in helping you with that piece at all?

14 A. I don't remember him being involved in  
15 that, no. Whether he was or not, I don't remember,  
16 but I don't recall him being a part of that.

17 Q. Okay. Was it -- do you recall before you  
18 would do a speaking engagement on the campaign  
19 trail would you sometimes have a brief messaging  
20 call with Brett before -- before a speaking event?

21 A. I may but that was not a routine --

22 Q. Wasn't a routine thing. Do you -- how  
23 frequently would that happen during the Senate  
24 campaign?

1 A. Not very frequently. I can't give you --

2 Q. Be --

3 A. -- data --

4 Q. -- weekly basis --

5 A. Oh, no, no, no --

6 Q. -- or monthly --

7 A. No. I can't give you a time --

8 Q. Okay. But you recall --

9 A. And so it would be occasionally and it was

10 just when I had a question, I'd give him a call.

11 As I've already mentioned, he told me all along

12 that he was available anytime but I seldom called

13 him and he seldom called me. By the way, got

14 another appointment at 3:00, so.

15 Q. I will try to be as quick as possible here.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. I do want to give you the opportunity to

18 chime in on some other documents --

19 A. Oh, sure --

20 Q. -- and ask you questions. It's important

21 we get your --

22 A. Sure --

23 Q. -- your side of the story --

24 A. -- I'm trying to be helpful --

1 Q. Do you recall if Brett was involved at all  
2 in negotiating campaign debate formats?

3 A. I don't know.

4 Q. You don't know. Want to talk to you now  
5 about Brett's role in -- in preparing you for  
6 campaign debates and reviewing debate performances.  
7 Think -- see here. Show you this document which is  
8 BOD681. It's the second email there I want to ask  
9 you about which is from Brett O'Donnell to David  
10 Bowser, CC-ing Bob Bibee, Jordan Chinouth, Meredith  
11 Griffanti and yourself on June 22nd, 2012. He  
12 writes, "Dr. Broun, below are the reminders from  
13 the prep session today." So I'll tell you. It  
14 appears from the documents reviewed -- we've  
15 reviewed that you had a primary debate on June  
16 22nd, 2012 with Mr. Simpson, and it was the day  
17 before that on the 21st that you had a prep session  
18 with Brett O'Donnell. Do you recall that prep  
19 session?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. Not. There was also a 10th District Debate  
22 on Athens radio, WGAU on July 2nd, 2012. Do you  
23 recall that debate?

24 A. No, I don't.

1 Q. Do you recall --

2 A. I don't remember doing any debates with  
3 Simpson except for seems like we did one forum.

4 Q. Okay. Do recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
5 involved in preparing you for that forum that you  
6 do recall?

7 A. I don't recall.

8 Q. Do you recall -- show you this -- PBTN10  
9 through 11. It's the -- on the second page is what  
10 I wanted to ask you about an email from Teddie  
11 Norton to Brett O'Donnell on July 3rd, 2012 --

12 A. Um-hmm.

13 Q. She writes, "Hey, Brett. Dr. Broun wants  
14 to set up about 90 minutes next week to go over  
15 both debates." You know, and then it appears like  
16 that was -- that was set up to occur -- Teddie  
17 requested a room at the NRCC --

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. Do you recall a session with Brett to go  
20 over those 2012 primary debates?

21 A. I don't.

22 Q. Don't recall that.

23 A. Like I said, we -- we made a decision that  
24 we weren't going to do debates with him and I don't

1 really remember any -- any forum or debates.

2 Obviously, there was --

3 Q. When you say you made a decision not to do  
4 debates with him, you mean with Mr. Simpson?

5 A. Yeah, from the campaign side, we -- we just  
6 wanted the -- the radio broadcast. WGAU was very  
7 upset with me for a long period of time -- wouldn't  
8 even talk to me because we did not do a forum that  
9 he wanted us to do -- that he wanted to host.

10 Q. Okay. I want to move right along --

11 A. Sure.

12 Q. -- be respectful of your time. Now,  
13 looking at the 2014 senate campaign --

14 A. Um-hmm.

15 Q. -- I have a series of calender items and  
16 documents I need to go through with you.

17 A. Sure.

18 Q. But do you recall the Charge Senate Forum?  
19 It appears that it occurred in July of 2013 at Lake  
20 Prads Marina -- at Lake --

21 A. La Prades --

22 Q. La Prad?

23 A. La Prades.

24 Q. Do you recall that --

1 A. I do --

2 Q. -- that forum?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Do you recall if Brett was involved in  
5 preparing you for that?

6 A. We talked about it. It's -- when -- we  
7 never had what I would consider a sit down practice  
8 debate or anything like that 'cause these were  
9 forums where they ask questions and he and I would  
10 talk about questions that might be asked and what  
11 my answer would be and that was basically --

12 Q. And that's what you did leading up to the  
13 Charge Forum?

14 A. Well, I'm just talking about in general.

15 Q. In general? Okay.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. I want to --

18 A. With any -- with any --

19 Q. -- make sure --

20 A. -- with -- and I don't remember any  
21 specific event. I don't remember talking to him  
22 about that particular event or any others but  
23 that's how we worked basically.

24 Q. So there were it appears a number of

1 debates in that senate campaign.

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Quite a few actually --

4 A. None were true debates. They were all  
5 forums.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Just answer questions.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There's was back and forth. There was no  
10 -- really no opportunity or very little opportunity  
11 for rebuttal or anything else. So they were --  
12 they were not true debates. Just forums. Ask a  
13 question about an issue. We'd answer the question  
14 and they're basically the same questions of  
15 virtually everyone --

16 Q. Okay. So we can refer to them as forums.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Would you typically discuss an upcoming  
19 forum with Brett? Would you do a preparation  
20 session with him for -- for each of the forums or  
21 most of those forums?

22 A. We would probably talk more by phone than  
23 anything else about what went on. We might mention  
24 it during a period of time that he would be here

1 where we're working on the -- the -- I don't recall  
2 any specific instance but we may or may not have  
3 talked about -- about what might be upcoming when  
4 he was here --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. -- to -- to help with the TV interviews and  
7 radio interviews I was doing on the official side.

8 Q. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell preparing for  
9 you a debate attack grid? Does that sound familiar  
10 at all? This is BOD1956, the second -- the email  
11 at the bottom there. On December 26th, 2013, Brett  
12 writes, "Attached is the attack grid for Dr. Broun  
13 --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- to use against PG and KH in the  
16 debates."

17 A. Um-hmm.

18 Q. Do you recall him preparing an attack grid  
19 for you?

20 A. He did this. Yeah, I remember that.

21 Q. Okay. Is that something you requested him  
22 to do?

23 A. No.

24 Q. I want --

1           A.     In fact, I would not have asked for that  
2     'cause I've always run a positive campaign. In  
3     fact, I've told my staff through every campaign,  
4     "We will always run a high, high road campaign, and  
5     we're not going to be doing any attacking." It was  
6     going to be basically about me and my policies and  
7     where I stand on issues and that's -- would show  
8     maybe a delineation between me and my opponents in  
9     that regard and that one opponent would have a  
10    position on an issue here. I'd have one there. So  
11    comparison I think is fair, but I've never run an  
12    attack campaign.

13          Q.     Okay. I do want to give you the  
14    opportunity to -- to tell us if you recall any  
15    specific prep sessions that are reflected in some  
16    of the documents we have.

17          A.     Okay.

18          Q.     This is BOD2268, email from Teddie Norton  
19    to Brett O'Donnell saying, "David's" -- on January  
20    8, 2014 saying, "David has arranged for you all to  
21    prep for the debate at Jamestown Associates  
22    townhouse" --

23          A.     Um-hmm.

24          Q.     Subject of the email is, "This morning."

1 It appears that this session occurred on January 8,  
2 2014. Do you recall that?

3 A. I do, yes.

4 Q. Okay. Do you recall which debate this was  
5 --

6 A. I do not --

7 Q. -- referencing? Okay --

8 A. Would've been one shortly after this --

9 Q. Okay. Would that have perhaps been the  
10 Adel debate? 'Cause I'll show you this document,  
11 BOD --

12 A. It's Adel.

13 Q. Adel -- 638, all right. Says, "Brett," --  
14 on January 9" -- so the following day 2014 emailing  
15 David Bowser and CC-ing a number of people saying  
16 "Attached is the proposed open for the Adel  
17 debate." Do you recall if Brett was involved in  
18 putting together your opening statement for -- for  
19 that debate?

20 A. Probably was involved in -- in talking  
21 about what I was going to do to -- 'cause opening  
22 statements and closing statements were very short  
23 --

24 Q. Um-hmm.

1           A.     It says 1/2 to 2 minutes and just -- we --  
2     I'm sure I talked to him about how do I get the  
3     point across?  What do I say in that 1 or 2  
4     minutes?  'Cause that's not a long period of time  
5     to try to get a point across, and so, we had  
6     discussions about what I needed to say during that  
7     1 or 2 minutes.

8           Q.     Okay.  It also appears, you know, based on  
9     these couple of documents here, PBTN133 and DB --  
10    PBDB25 that there was a debate session on January  
11    10, 2014 at Jamestown Associates conference room.

12          A.     Is this the same one or?

13          Q.     It appears like a separate one and the --  
14    the next page, there's some reference -- there's an  
15    email from Brett O'Donnell where he -- he says --

16          A.     This is dated January 9th here, there and  
17    this is --

18          Q.     This is the 10th.

19          A.     -- January 10th.  So --

20          Q.     Right.

21          A.     -- assume this is the same -- the same  
22    event.

23          Q.     You know, you tell me?  If you recall it  
24    being two separate preps, one on the 8th and then

1 one on the 10th or if you recall it being the same?

2 Do you specifically remember there being just one

3 or two?

4 A. I don't --

5 Q. Okay. Appears --

6 A. -- anyway, I don't remember.

7 Q. What's referenced in the emails on the 10th  
8 is Brett asking you some tough questions about gay  
9 marriage. I don't know if that jogs your memory of  
10 the debate session in which Brett helped you with  
11 back and forth on -- on some potential questions  
12 about gay marriage. That being a hot button issue  
13 at the time --

14 A. Um-hmm.

15 Q. -- given the attorney general's recognition  
16 of the Utah same sex marriage. Do you recall that?

17 A. Yeah, I do.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. We did have -- he just asked how I would  
20 answer a question and we -- I'd sit there and think  
21 about it and answer it and he'd say, "Well, maybe  
22 you ought to do this?" And that was -- we'd --  
23 we'd go on to the next issue.

24 Q. Do you recall there being -- I'll show you

1 these two documents, PBTN134 and PBTN135, couple of  
2 calender items from Teddie Norton's calender  
3 listing "Prep for debate with Michael Hall in D.C.  
4 on January 16 and January 17, 2014." Do you recall  
5 one or more prep sessions with Michael Hall?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. Okay. Do you recall if it was one session  
8 or if it was two?

9 A. One.

10 Q. One session. Who -- Michael Hall --

11 A. I do remember meeting him --

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. -- and -- and had one session. We had it  
14 again at Jamestown.

15 Q. Okay. That was at Jamestown?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Who is Michael Hall?

18 A. He I think works with -- with Brett.

19 Q. Okay. Had he previously done any work on  
20 your campaign?

21 A. Negative.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. This was the one and only time I met with  
24 him.

1 Q. And Brett wasn't there for those?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. For that? Okay. So was Michael Hall  
4 substituting for Brett?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Okay. Do you recall there being I think  
7 RJC Senator job interview? I think RJC is  
8 Republican Jewish Committee or Coalition or  
9 somewhere along those lines. Do you -- do you  
10 recall there being a forum or --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- interview with them? And do you recall  
13 Brett being involved in preparing you for that?

14 A. I don't recall that either.

15 Q. Don't recall that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Okay. And what about a Georgia Municipal  
18 Association debate or forum? Do you recall that?

19 A. I do recall that, yes, and I don't recall  
20 him being involved in that. What I was --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- with all these types of events like  
23 that, basically, I was saying the same thing and it  
24 was -- basic stump speech I'd guess you'd say and

1 -- and -- and maybe I'd alter it a little bit  
2 depending upon what -- what the audience was like  
3 but I varied it, not much.

4 Q. Okay. Just want to take you to -- through  
5 a few --

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. -- calender items here. This is PBTN137.  
8 It's January 29, 2014, listed as "Debate prep with  
9 Brett at Jamestown Associates."

10 A. Um-hmm.

11 Q. There's also PBTN141. This is January  
12 31st, 2014 --

13 A. Um-hmm.

14 Q. -- a couple of -- another instance --  
15 debate prep -- Jordan's office. Do you recall  
16 either of these sessions? So the first one  
17 would've been it looks like at Jamestown Associates  
18 here in D.C. on a Wednesday. Next one would've  
19 been on a Friday. Says Jordan's office. We  
20 understand that's perhaps J. Russell Associates  
21 down in Athens. Is that -- do you recall these --  
22 these prep sessions?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you recall there being a prep session

1 down at J. Russell Associates?

2 A. I don't.

3 Q. Okay.

4 BY MR. CORTAZAR:

5 Q. Is J. Russell Associates the office space  
6 -- their headquarters for your campaign?

7 A. We operate out of there. It's actually the  
8 office of Jordan Chinouth who was my district  
9 director. He took a leave of absence from being  
10 district director. He worked as our grassroots  
11 coordinator -- coalition's coordinator for our  
12 campaign and he just let us use his office. He has  
13 his own office down there. He's gone into  
14 political consulting business and so, he -- he has  
15 another candidate or two. I don't know. I think  
16 -- I know of one. I'm not sure. Know he  
17 interviewed others. I'm not sure who all he did  
18 'cause we didn't talk about what he was doing  
19 outside the --

20 BY MR. MORGAN:

21 Q. So is that space your Georgia campaign  
22 headquarters?

23 A. We really didn't have a Georgia campaign  
24 headquarters. You could say that, I guess. We

1 just used his office whenever I needed to have a  
2 place --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. So we didn't -- we had no specific campaign  
5 office. It was his office. He very graciously let  
6 us use it whenever we needed to have a spot.

7 Q. Okay. So is that where you store your  
8 campaign materials?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Is that where your campaign staff had work  
11 spaces?

12 A. We didn't have -- the only campaign staff  
13 we had was very limited and they did work out of  
14 that office, yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 BY MR. CORTAZAR:

17 Q. Do you know if your senate campaign paid  
18 rent to --

19 A. I don't know --

20 BY MR. MORGAN:

21 Q. Next document is PBTN145, show that. Says,  
22 "Call with Brett for debate prep on Tuesday,  
23 February 18th." I can -- I can tell you that it  
24 appears that on the same day of February 18, there

1 was an NFIB Senate Candidate Forum. I don't know  
2 if that refreshes your recollection. Do you recall  
3 that forum, NFIB?

4 A. I remember we had one --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. What we would do with -- I think on a  
7 routine basis, he and I would talk prior to -- to  
8 an event where we had these forums and he'd say,  
9 "Are there any questions? Is there anything I  
10 can?" Just have a very short conversation. It was  
11 not an ongoing discussion for any long period of  
12 time --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- usually, it was a very short phone call.

15 Q. Do you recall if while you were down in  
16 Georgia you ever Skyped or conferenced called Brett  
17 in to those -- those prep session?

18 A. We did one, yes.

19 Q. One? Okay.

20 A. I remember one. Maybe two --

21 Q. Recall this date here, February 21st, 2014?  
22 It lists, "Debate prep, Skyping with Brett."

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. Would that perhaps had been the session in

1 which Brett Skyped in?

2 A. Assume.

3 Q. Okay. Okay. Do you recall the debate in  
4 Macon, Georgia?

5 A. Yes.

6 UNIDENTIFIED: Your next appointment is  
7 here Dr. Broun. About how much longer?

8 MR. MORGAN: I think three to five minutes.

9 UNIDENTIFIED: Okay.

10 MR. MORGAN: Apologize for that.

11 MR. BROUN: That's okay. Want to answer  
12 all of your questions and be as helpful as I can  
13 be.

14 BY MR. MORGAN:

15 Q. Certainly. The Macon debate, March 8, do  
16 you recall that debate or forum --

17 A. Yeah, sure.

18 Q. Do you recall if Brett was involved in  
19 preparing for you for that at all?

20 A. Again, we would have a conversation by  
21 phone about anything -- if I had any questions or  
22 anything. So we would have routine phone calls but  
23 --

24 Q. Okay.

1       A.    -- I don't recall anything specifically,  
2    you know, recall any type of prolonged conversation  
3    --

4       Q.    Okay.

5       A.    -- about any of these forums.

6       Q.    We're almost done here.

7       A.    No problem.

8       Q.    Want to show you this document.  This is  
9    JCO --

10      A.    Sorry.  Then we have --

11      Q.    -- 190.  This is a very long email that  
12    Brett O'Donnell wrote on February 24, 2014 to Bob  
13    Bibee, CC'ing yourself, David Bowser, Christine  
14    Hardman, Jordan Chinouth, ██████████@paulbroun who I  
15    understand is Josh Findlay --

16      A.    Um-hmm.

17      Q.    -- and then Brian Tringali.  I want to --  
18    take your time to review that.  I want to ask you  
19    about the last couple of -- of lines in this email.  
20    So, so let me know when you --

21      A.    Which lines are you talking about?

22      Q.    Near the bottom.  So if you go sort of  
23    third to last line.  Says, "And most of all, we  
24    have to stop having campaign panic after every

1 debate unless he made a significant mistake or  
2 didn't drive the message, then we are on course,"  
3 and then Brett writes, "You hired me to coach the  
4 candidate. I won't make ads, write mail pieces,  
5 manage the on-line program or the campaign but  
6 let's trust each other to play the roles we were  
7 hired to do."

8 So my question, why would -- if Brett was  
9 volunteering for the campaign, why would he here  
10 refer to himself as being hired --

11 A. Beats me --

12 Q. -- to coach you as a candidate?

13 A. 'Cause we never hired him.

14 Q. Okay. And you said it before but I want to  
15 make sure it's absolutely clear for the record.  
16 Your understanding is that all of his work for the  
17 campaign was as a volunteer?

18 A. Absolutely.

19 Q. Okay. And you recall specific -- having  
20 specific discussions with Brett where you discussed  
21 that his role with the campaign was as a volunteer?

22 A. Absolutely.

23 Q. Is there any specifics or anything else you  
24 can tell us about those conversations with Brett,

1 when they might've occurred, context --

2 A. Occur periodically through the whole time  
3 that he was helping us. I would remind him that  
4 this -- that whatever he was doing on the campaign  
5 was whether these -- get together's, when we went  
6 down to Jamestown or anytime we talked about any  
7 campaign issue -- wasn't every single time. I'd  
8 say, "I'll remind you, this is -- you're  
9 volunteering for this, so."

10 Q. Okay. Were you involved in putting  
11 together the office's statement in response to the  
12 newspaper articles this -- this spring questioning  
13 Mr. O'Donnell's role with the office? This is an  
14 email from Christine Hardman to Brett, subject,  
15 "Statement on March 13, 2014," and we, you know,  
16 we've confirmed with Christine that this was in  
17 fact the statement issued by the office.

18 A. Yes. And this -- I wasn't involved in this  
19 statement at all.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. But this is exactly what he was hired to  
22 do. This is exactly what we paid him to do and any  
23 other thing outside of this was totally volunteer  
24 on his part.

1 Q. So this statements says at the end -- says,  
2 "As stated by the House Administration Committee,  
3 O'Donnell's communication training is in compliance  
4 with all House rules."

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. Were you involved any discussions with the  
7 House Administration Committee or with the Ethics  
8 Committee about Mr. O'Donnell's role with the  
9 office?

10 A. I was not myself. As I already mentioned  
11 earlier on is I wanted to be absolutely clear with  
12 everybody that we were absolutely clear with The  
13 House Administration and rules of the House. So  
14 was very adamant about making sure that we didn't  
15 even get to the line -- close to the line.

16 Q. Okay. And who do you recall telling --  
17 telling that to in your office?

18 A. Primarily to David Bowser but I would -- I  
19 don't remember any specific conversations but it's  
20 just something that I've been very adamant about  
21 making sure that we delineated the functions of all  
22 my staff including Brett.

23 Q. I'm going to review my notes, see if I have  
24 any other questions. I'll let --

1 BY MR. SOLIS:

2 Q. Last question for me: Did you talk to Mr.  
3 O'Donnell at all about your review?

4 A. I have not, no.

5 Q. Okay. Have you talked to David or  
6 Christine about over conversations with them?

7 A. Briefly. Just stated it occurred and we  
8 didn't get into -- I don't remember even talking to  
9 Christine. Asked David yesterday after y'all  
10 talked to him about how did it go and he said it  
11 was long and that -- that's about all he said.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. Okay. I think you have a good sense of the  
14 types of questions we're asking and what we're  
15 looking at. Is there anything else you think would  
16 be helpful for us to -- to know?

17 A. The only thing is that I've been adamant  
18 all along that any function that Brett had on the  
19 campaign side was totally voluntary. He was hired  
20 to come and just help me with my communications.  
21 He's part of our communications team --

22 Q. Um-hmm.

23 A. I considered him as an integral part of  
24 what we're doing, trying to communicate to America

1 about the issues that we were dealing with here in  
2 this office and that's why we hired him and that's  
3 what we paid him to do and that's all we paid him  
4 to do.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. All right. Well, we  
6 appreciate your time.

7 MR. BROUN: Thank you. I appreciate  
8 y'all's.

9 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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## **EXHIBIT 2**

# **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S CHIEF OF STAFF**

1 MR. MORGAN: All right.

2 Speaking is Bryson Morgan, investigative  
3 counsel with the Office of Congressional Ethics,  
4 joined by Paul Solis, investigative counsel with  
5 the OCE, and Ryan Cortazar, a legal clerk with the  
6 OCE, and we are here on June 24, 2014 with [REDACTED]  
7 [REDACTED]?

8 MR. [REDACTED]: Correct.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. So, Mr. [REDACTED], we have, already gone over  
11 the application of the False Statements Act to this  
12 interview and we do emphasize that you answer all  
13 of our questions correctly and honestly, and the  
14 first we want to just get some basic background  
15 information about you --

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. -- and your current position is chief of  
18 staff --

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. -- to Representative Paul Broun?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And who do you report to in that capacity?

23 A. Congressman Broun.

24 Q. Okay. And what are your duties?

1           A.     Oversee the office and management of the  
2     team, district offices, as well, of course, the  
3     district operation, mainly and most importantly  
4     assist Dr. Broun with his legislative duties, his  
5     goals, his -- anything that he needs done.

6           Q.     Okay.  Who do you supervise; who do  
7     you -- who directly reports to you?

8           A.     For the most part, we have 17 staff  
9     members, I want to say.

10          Q.     Okay.

11          A.     I believe that's the -- that's the full  
12     allotment between the district office and the DC  
13     office.  Obviously there's a lot of fluctuation  
14     going on sometimes, with people leaving and people  
15     coming, but usually we have -- we have around 17  
16     staff members.

17          Q.     Okay.  Are some of them part-time staff?

18          A.     Yes, sir.

19          Q.     Which ones are part-time?

20          A.     To my knowledge -- I'd have to look at  
21     the -- the latest payroll form because it's three  
22     positions that we had that are labeled as  
23     part-time.

24          Q.     Okay.

1           A.    I want to say Bob Bibee is a part-time  
2    staffer.  We had a district staffer whose name  
3    totally escapes me right now.  He's a recent hire.  
4    We run a Milledgeville office that's open three  
5    days a week, and he was manning that office for us.  
6    The problem is we have a guy named Boston and a guy  
7    named Arthur or something like that, and so I  
8    confuse the two, and then who would be our third  
9    part-time staffer?

10                 Quite honestly, I don't -- I can't recall.

11                 I can look at the payroll form if you like,  
12    though.

13           Q.    But Bob Bibee is part-time; he's --

14           A.    Yes.

15           Q.    Okay.  So he's not -- there's not a  
16    contractual relationship with him?

17           A.    No, sir.  He's a staff member.

18           Q.    Part-times staffer, okay.

19                 How often do you interact with  
20    Representative Broun?

21           A.    Daily.

22           Q.    Daily; and when he's in the District, same  
23    thing or --

24           A.    When he's in the District, it depends on

1 what kind of week we're having. I mean, I -- the  
2 last week, he was off for most of it, so I think I  
3 talked to him -- I'm sorry, not the last week, the  
4 last work period, he was off for most of it so I  
5 think I only talked to him like twice during the  
6 course of the week.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. A lot more by e-mail and text if he's in  
9 the District than when he's here.

10 Q. Okay. What did you do prior to being Chief  
11 of Staff?

12 A. I was a Chief of Staff for a member from  
13 California named John Campbell.

14 Q. Okay. And prior to that?

15 A. I owned a firm, a fundraising consulting  
16 firm.

17 Q. What was the name of that firm?

18 A. Increased Strategies.

19 Q. Okay.

20 MR. SOLIS: Yeah, we just spoke to  
21 Christine, and Christine -- when we asked her about  
22 Bob's role with the office, she -- I believe she  
23 mentioned that she thought Bob was a consultant,  
24 that maybe he had some sort of agreement with

1 Representative Broun's office to provide services.

2 Do you know why she would have thought  
3 that?

4 A. I have no idea.

5 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

6 A. I mean Bob's been on staff longer than  
7 Christine's been on staff, so --

8 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

9 A. -- that might explain it, and also  
10 obviously, Bob did not work out of the DC office.

11 So I'm not sure she's actually physically  
12 met Bob or not.

13 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

14 BY MR. MORGAN:

15 Q. Where does Bob work you out of?

16 A. He lives in Tennessee.

17 Q. Tennessee?

18 A. He commutes to our Athens office pretty  
19 frequently, meets with the Congressman a lot when  
20 he's down in the District, but for the most part,  
21 we handle everything by e-mail or by phone.

22 Q. Okay.

23 MR. SOLIS: Does he was a title?

24 A. He is a communications consultant,

1 strategist type of position. He's been with  
2 Dr. Broun actually longer than I have, so I'm not  
3 sure how long they have been together.

4 MR. SOLIS: But he's an official House  
5 employee?

6 A. Yes.

7 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

8 BY MR. MORGAN:

9 Q. Have you --

10 A. And that's all he is, by the way, I think.

11 Q. Have you ever held any positions with  
12 Representative Broun's political campaigns?

13 A. Have I held any positions?

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. No. I mean, I've advised the Congressman.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. The last -- the -- this most recent  
18 campaign, I was a consultant to it, yes, now that  
19 I --

20 Q. A paid consultant?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Okay. And you're referring to the 2014  
23 Senate campaign?

24 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Okay. For the 2012 campaign, were you a  
2 paid --

3 A. No.

4 Q. -- consultant?

5 A. Not that I'm aware of.

6 Q. Okay. But you --

7 A. I may have gotten expenses reimbursed, paid  
8 for my cell phone, a Capital Club membership,  
9 things like that.

10 Q. Okay.

11 MR. SOLIS: Would you have volunteered  
12 then?

13 A. Uh-huh, yes, sir.

14 I mean, he really hasn't had any campaigns  
15 until 2014, for the most part.

16 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. When did you first become acquainted with  
19 Brett O'Donnell?

20 A. I want to say April or May of 2012.

21 Q. Okay. I do have some documents to show you  
22 that may refresh your recollection here. This is  
23 PBTN 5.

24 A. So May.

1 Q. And PBDB 120.

2 So the first one, PBTN 5, again, was a  
3 calendar item, "Meeting with Brett O'Donnell,  
4 Bachmann's debate coach, location NRCC, May 31,  
5 2012."

6 Were you in that meeting?

7 A. I'm sure I was. We had four different  
8 interviews --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- four different type of people,  
11 consultants of the same nature.

12 Q. You -- you said you interviewed four  
13 different --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. -- potential consultants?

16 A. I think four.

17 Q. Okay. Who -- do you recall any of the  
18 other people you interviewed?

19 A. A guy named Steve, he was from -- I'd say  
20 Massachusetts; who was that other guy -- I  
21 apologize, my memory is very bad, but I -- I  
22 remember meeting at least three, if not four, Brett  
23 being the fourth.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. I would say --

2 Q. What kicked --

3 A. -- Brett was the most recent.

4 Q. -- off that process of doing those  
5 interviews?

6 A. You know, for years, Dr. Broun has always  
7 been focused on messaging.

8 Q. Uh-huh.

9 A. He believes that's one of his primary  
10 responsibilities. Being in Congress, it's sort of  
11 educate America on getting back to our  
12 Constitutional founding moorings, as he calls them,  
13 and he's gone through several different efforts to  
14 try to improve his public speaking.

15 That's always been his weakest link, his  
16 ability to -- to convey a message in a shorter,  
17 more concise way. It's not his strong suit,  
18 especially being a physician. You know, I mean,  
19 physicians tend to explain things in excruciating  
20 detail, and on top of that, you know, a Southern  
21 country doctor, he's got a slow drawl and he wasn't  
22 a very powerful speaker.

23 So it's always been one of his main  
24 focuses, is improving his public speaking and his

1 ability to get his message across.

2 We've had several sessions over the years  
3 with Frank Luntz.

4 You're familiar with Frank Luntz, I assume?

5 Q. Uh-huh, generally.

6 A. We hired a woman named Merrie Spaeth, I  
7 want to say is her name, out of Texas for a day.  
8 She came in and did this whole workshop, she filmed  
9 him and went over his interviewing techniques and  
10 he bought a few books, based -- I can't remember  
11 the author's name, but it was based on the guy who  
12 did communications for Winston Churchill.

13 So he went through these several different  
14 iterations of trying to improve his ability to give  
15 public speaking and messaging. He decided that he  
16 needed more consistent help.

17 I mean, he would improve after taking a  
18 class or -- or doing a seminar or a book or  
19 whatever, but it would only last like a week or so,  
20 and then he would slip back into his previous ways.

21 So he started asking around. He asked  
22 several different members. We came up with three  
23 or four people that we interviewed. Brett  
24 O'Donnell, I think he got from Ms. Bachmann. He

1 was talking to Ms. Bachmann about her public  
2 speaking and she recommended that we talk to Brett.

3 Before we had a chance to reach out to  
4 Brent, I think he actually contacted us.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. And so we sat down and -- and met with him.  
7 I honestly can't remember whether it was here or at  
8 the NRCC. We had set up like three or four of them  
9 in a row and, you know, it's -- it's funny because  
10 I thought I knew all of these people's names, but  
11 now I can't seem to remember them all, but he  
12 seemed to hit it off with Brett. So they seemed to  
13 have a natural ability to work together.

14 The other guy, Steve -- I can't believe I  
15 can't remember his last name for the life of me  
16 because we met with him twice actually -- he was a  
17 close second.

18 Q. Was it one meeting with Brett before he was  
19 brought on or were there multiple?

20 A. I honestly can't recall. I mean, I know we  
21 met with him at least once and then we did a trial  
22 period when he first came on.

23 We were getting ready to enter the summer  
24 break, obviously August recess. So we went through

1 probably June and July and August. We did like a  
2 three-month block for one set price, I believe, and  
3 the idea being if it worked out and Dr. Broun, you  
4 know, appreciated how it was progressing -- he  
5 actually went to Afghanistan over the month of  
6 August, if I remember correctly.

7           So when he got back, we sat down and  
8 revisited Brett again, and he thought that there  
9 was a lot of positive benefits of the work he was  
10 doing with him.

11         Q.     Okay.

12         A.     So they decided to continue forward and  
13 that would be obviously September, I think is  
14 when -- is when we did a more permanent sit down  
15 relationship type deal.

16         Q.     So this -- you know, on PBTN 5, the  
17 location is listed as the NRCC.

18                You don't recall where -- where the meeting  
19 did take place, though?

20         A.     I don't. I mean, it's funny because I can  
21 remember the meeting with Steve and I can remember  
22 the meeting with the other guy who's name totally  
23 escapes me because we were sitting in that -- in  
24 that back conference room. I just honestly can't

1 remember meeting Brett the first time.

2 Q. Okay. What was discussed in that meeting  
3 with Brett?

4 I mean, you can't remember the location but  
5 do you remember the -- what was discussed?

6 A. We discussed what Dr. Broun was looking  
7 for, quite frankly. I mean, the -- again, the idea  
8 being that, you know, when he gave floor  
9 statements, when he did press interviews,  
10 especially media interviews tended to go not as  
11 well as he liked them to go --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- and the whole idea was improving on his  
14 message delivery, and that's -- you know, that's  
15 what he talked to Ms. Bachmann about and, you know,  
16 Michelle does a good job at doing interviews.

17 Q. Was campaign speeches, campaign debates --

18 A. No.

19 Q. -- were those discussed?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Not at all in that meeting?

22 A. Not that I recall.

23 Q. Okay. I mean --

24 A. I mean, Brett may have brought it up that

1 that's what he does.

2 Q. The title was listed as Bachmann's debate  
3 coach. Is that -- was that just --

4 A. That's, I guess, how he presented himself.

5 Q. Okay. So the -- the second document, PBDB  
6 120, it's an e-mail from Brett O'Donnell to you and  
7 Meredith Griffanti. The subject is proposal.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. He says, "Thank you for meeting with me  
10 yesterday." You know, "Attached is my proposal,"  
11 and if you look at the proposal attached there, you  
12 know, it discusses fine tuning communication,  
13 public speaking, media interview skills, media  
14 prep" --

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. -- "preparing for media speeches, as well  
17 as debates. Additionally, this proposal will cover  
18 assisting with messaging and other strategic  
19 communication, campaign or official activities  
20 including specific media interview prep in each  
21 appearance."

22 You know, it references debates in a couple  
23 of locations on the second page and then, you know,  
24 Page 3 and Page 4 includes significant sections on

1 debate preparation.

2           If -- so is it correct that part of Brett's  
3 proposal -- the proposal of work he was to do for  
4 the office included campaigns activities and  
5 campaign debate preparation?

6           A.    No.  I mean, that's not what we were  
7 looking for.

8           Q.    That wasn't what you were looking for?

9                    Do you have any idea why he included it in  
10 his proposal?

11           A.    I -- I don't.  I mean, honestly, I didn't  
12 even -- I don't think I went through the proposal.  
13 I mean, my job is to put everybody together.  He  
14 spent a lot of time with Meredith and Dr. Broun  
15 discussing what it is that they needed to do.  I  
16 was in most of those meeting.

17           Q.    Okay.  I want to show you now, the -- this  
18 document, PBDB 114.  It's an e-mail from Brett to  
19 you saying, "Attached is my consulting agreement."

20           A.    Uh-huh.

21           Q.    He asked -- he said, "I wasn't sure that  
22 you settled on how I would be paid so I left the  
23 address blank."

24                    Was there some discussion about how you

1 would pay Brett O'Donnell?

2 A. Probably.

3 Q. Probably?

4 A. I mean, I don't recall the specifics. I  
5 mean, at --

6 Q. You don't recall?

7 A. -- at no point did we ever entertain the  
8 idea this would be a political adventure. This was  
9 purely on the official side. I mean, this was the  
10 whole idea, was to help him improve on his ability  
11 to communicate his message.

12 Mainly, we are looking at, again, the  
13 floor -- floor debate in the House. He was just  
14 became a subcommittee chairman, so, you know, he's  
15 managing the debate and the committee mark-up, and  
16 especially being in Oversight Committee.

17 There's not -- you don't mark-up bills in  
18 the Oversight Committee, you do pure hearings in  
19 the Oversight Committee --

20 Q. Uh-huh.

21 A. -- as well as media interviews and town  
22 halls. I mean, that was the -- the summer of  
23 the -- if I recall correctly, that was the summer  
24 of the Obamacare heat-up and debate, and the town

1 halls we were at, they were quite large and very  
2 well attended.

3 So he was having a hard time trying to  
4 communicate his message there, as well.

5 On top of that, he introduced a complete  
6 call overhaul of the healthcare financing system,  
7 his option --

8 Q. (Inaudible)?

9 A. Yeah, which was a major messaging  
10 opportunity for him, and it's a tough, complicated  
11 subject to try to get across to people in sound  
12 bites. So that's -- I mean, we went into it purely  
13 looking for nothing but official help, and we  
14 talked to House Admin because Mr. O'Donnell had  
15 worked for -- at the time, was working with a  
16 couple of other members, from what we understand,  
17 in the same capacity. They said that it was  
18 allowable.

19 Q. Well, let's go -- I want to go into that a  
20 little bit more in depth in a moment here --

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. -- but I want you to look at this  
23 consulting agreement that's attached to that  
24 e-mail.

1 A. This one?

2 Q. Yeah, it's attached to the e-mail. It's at  
3 PBDB 115 and ask you if this is the -- the first  
4 consulting agreement that was entered into between  
5 Representative Broun and Brett O'Donnell, if this  
6 is the one I think you referred to that covered  
7 just a few months?

8 A. Was what, June -- yes, June 16th until  
9 August 3rd, right, because that's when  
10 doctor -- that when we had recess to, so this would  
11 be the --

12 Q. And does this describe Brett O'Donnell's  
13 work, his -- the work he was going to do,  
14 accurately? Is it accurate to say he was -- he was  
15 to be a consultant to the office?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. It says he has -- well, in the engagement  
18 is -- it says, "Engages consultant to render the  
19 consulting services associated with media  
20 interview, public speaking, message, debate  
21 preparation for Representative Paul Broun."

22 When it refers to debate preparation  
23 there --

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- is that referring to debates in the  
2 campaign context?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. And why is that?

5 A. And why is that?

6 Q. Well, common -- in common usage, this is --  
7 Brett O'Donnell is a person who's well known as a  
8 campaign debate preparation --

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. -- person, it's a consulting agreement  
11 here, part of the work product is debate  
12 preparation.

13 A. We didn't need debate preparation.

14 Q. You didn't need it?

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. No. In 2012, we didn't even have a general  
18 election, so --

19 Q. You had a primary that year?

20 A. We had a primary that year, I think it was  
21 three weeks later, Dr. Broun got like 64, 68  
22 percent of the vote and then he had no idea that  
23 he'd be running for the Senate in February, March.

24 MR. SOLIS: Were there debates leading up

1 to that primary?

2 A. I think was one.

3 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

4 A. I would call a debate. I think it was a  
5 forum more than anything else but --

6 BY MR. MORGAN:

7 Q. Let me show you this document here.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. Well, before I do that, you -- you  
10 mentioned that you reached out to Admin. Did  
11 you --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Well, in the process of bringing Brett  
14 O'Donnell on --

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. -- did you have any conversations with the  
17 Administration Committee or the Ethics Committee  
18 about bringing him on?

19 A. Yes, I called House Admin and asked if we  
20 were allowed to retain outside consultants, and  
21 they indicated that we were.

22 Q. Who did you -- when about was that?

23 A. That would've been May, some time around --  
24 I mean, it -- it was just -- I talked to -- I want

1 to say I talked to -- not the person who answered  
2 the phone. I told them what I was looking for and  
3 they transferred me to somebody else and it  
4 was -- they seemed to indicate there was no problem  
5 at -- I mean, my only inquiry was whether an office  
6 could enter a contract with an outside consultant,  
7 and they indicated that we could, as long as it's  
8 for official business.

9 Q. Okay. But you don't recall who that person  
10 was?

11 A. I do not, I'm sorry.

12 Q. If I were to tell you that -- that Admin  
13 has no recollection or record of any communications  
14 with this office regarding Brett O'Donnell, would  
15 that surprise you?

16 A. It would be inaccurate. It was actually in  
17 print.

18 Q. And that -- well, it's in print?

19 A. A --

20 Q. In what form?

21 A. -- newspaper article. The newspaper  
22 article came out from USA Today, I want to say his  
23 name is Paul Singer. He's --

24 Q. Is this around July of 2013?

1 A. Yeah, I guess.

2 Q. And when you say -- what --

3 A. That was it.

4 Q. -- what's in print in the article that  
5 would make that statement accurate?

6 A. Mr. Singer talked to the House Admin  
7 Committee and they, in the article, at least,  
8 indicated that we were fine.

9 Q. Fine with regards to staff training?

10 A. Allowed to hire outsiders consultants, yes.

11 Q. Okay. Are you aware that the manual on the  
12 House Committee Administration specifically  
13 outlines that consultants are not allowed to be  
14 hired by members offices?

15 A. No, I'm not aware of that.

16 Q. You're not aware of that, that's news to  
17 you?

18 A. I'm -- that's news to me, yes.

19 Q. That's news to you?

20 So your conversation with Admin around May  
21 of 2012 --

22 A. Right.

23 Q. -- they indicated to you that you could  
24 hire a consultant?

1           A.     We were allowed to have  
2     consultants -- outside consultants as long as we  
3     were doing official business.

4           Q.     Do you have any -- any record of that  
5     conversation occurring, any notes, any e-mails  
6     exchanged with them?

7           A.     No, sir.

8           Q.     Okay.

9           MR. SOLIS:   And when you made that inquiry,  
10    did you give any specifics on the type of  
11    relationship that --

12          A.     I may have. I may have said that we were  
13    looking to hire a messaging -- someone who could do  
14    messaging for us.

15                  I mean, obviously, we hired somebody -- we  
16    hired Merrie Spaeth in 2000 -- I would have to  
17    look, I don't even know what year that was -- and  
18    paid her out of the MRA.

19          MR. SOLIS:   But the consulting agreement,  
20    the proposal from Mr. O'Donnell, those written  
21    products that he provided to you --

22          A.     Right.

23          MR. SOLIS:   -- would any of those documents  
24    have been forwarded on to the Committee on House

1 Administration by you?

2 A. No, they were not.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Was that the only time you reached out to  
5 the Admin Committee --

6 A. No, I called them --

7 Q. -- to ask them about --

8 A. -- a second time about that article.

9 Q. About the July 2013 article?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. And who -- do you recall who you spoke  
12 with?

13 A. I do not. I think it was their press  
14 office, to be honest thank you.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. They may have actually reached out to me, I  
17 cannot recall totally because there was -- between  
18 Ms. Bachmann, Ms. McMorris-Rodgers, House Admin and  
19 then us, we were all sort of contacted about that  
20 article.

21 Q. Okay. Why did you reach out to their press  
22 office and not to somebody who could actually  
23 provide you advice on --

24 A. That's what was saying.

1 Q. -- (inaudible)?

2 A. I think they actually reached out to me.

3 Q. They reached out to you?

4 A. To ask if we --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. -- were still involved with Mr. O'Donnell.

7 Some of this is -- I'm just trying to recall, quite  
8 honestly, but some of it was related to the fact of  
9 whether or not we were gonna talk to the reporter  
10 or not, which we did not.

11 Q. Did, at any point, you send, you know, the  
12 initial consulting agreement or any of the  
13 subsequent consulting agreements to Admin or Ethics  
14 Committee for them to view?

15 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Not that I recall.

18 I mean, my main thing was they were both --  
19 he was already employed by two other offices and I  
20 didn't really think about that much about it.

21 In hindsight, obviously, I probably  
22 should've.

23 Q. Okay. When was the first time that Brett  
24 O'Donnell became involved in Representative Broun's

1 campaign activities?

2 A. I cannot recall if he did anything for us  
3 in 2012. I mean, again, he came on right about the  
4 time that we were entering into our primary phase.

5 I recall a specific time where he indicated  
6 to us that he'd be happy to volunteer on the  
7 campaign side if we needed him to do anything.

8 We tied him in a lot on e-mails involving  
9 messaging. Sometimes his advice was sought,  
10 sometimes it wasn't. Sometimes his advice was  
11 taken, sometimes it wasn't.

12 Dr. Broun likes to operate under what he  
13 calls under a multitude of counselors --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- but at the end of the day, he makes all  
16 his own decisions so --

17 Q. I'm gonna show you some e-mails here.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. This is PBDB 86. This is from your  
20 Document Production.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. This appears to be -- you know, the bottom  
23 here, an e-mail from you to Brett O'Donnell, then  
24 Broun Allstaff.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. You say, "We're pleased to announce the  
3 addition of Brett O'Donnell to Team Broun as a  
4 communications and messaging consultant to our  
5 official office."

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. What I want to ask you about is --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- this response from Jordan Chinouth.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. He says, "Congrats, had no idea we were  
12 close to making a decision."

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You then respond to him saying, "This is  
15 not a media consultant for the campaign. That part  
16 is dragging."

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Was there -- was Jordan confused? Why  
19 would he have thought that Brett was a campaign  
20 consultant?

21 A. I don't why he thought he would be a  
22 campaign consultant. I'm not sure if Jordan was  
23 ever just consulted at all on hiring any messaging  
24 consultant on the official side.

1           Jordan would've been our district director  
2   at the time --

3       Q.    Uh-huh.

4       A.    -- so obviously, he's down at our district  
5   office, but I don't think he's -- he was part of  
6   the whole discussion on whether we needed a  
7   messaging consultant or not.

8       Q.    Okay.

9       A.    He -- I'm -- I'm just gonna assume that he  
10   thought we had hired somebody on the media side and  
11   I had to explain to him that he was not our media  
12   consultant. I'm assuming that we also had some  
13   discussion about whether we needed a media  
14   consultant or not, and --

15      Q.    For the campaign?

16      A.    Yeah -- and we ended up not having one.

17      Q.    You ended up not having one?

18      A.    Right, we never --

19      Q.    Why did you --

20      A.    We never ran any ads.

21      Q.    Okay. So you did not hire a media  
22   consultant for the campaign?

23      A.    No.

24           MR. SOLIS: You mentioned that Jordan, at

1 this time, was the district director.

2 I realize that his title is reflected in  
3 that e-mail, but Jordan also took time off at --

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 MR. SOLIS: -- various pointing to go  
6 work --

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 MR. SOLIS: -- am I right?

9 Would that have -- you know, keeping in  
10 mind that his title is reflected there, would he  
11 have been working on the campaign during that time?

12 A. Yes, sir. If that was June of what, 2012,  
13 and our -- well, when was our primary, because it  
14 just changed this cycle?

15 BY MR. MORGAN:

16 Q. I think it was either late July or August  
17 of 2012.

18 A. It may have been in July, the primary,  
19 yeah. Jordan had never left full-time. He went  
20 either half time or three-quarters time. I'm  
21 trying to recall exactly what the number was, but  
22 he was either half time or three quarters time.

23 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

24 So again -- so again, you know, bearing in

1 mind that he was actually working for the campaign  
2 during that time --

3 A. Sorry.

4 MR. SOLIS: Are we just coming in or --  
5 yeah -- that he was working for the campaign at  
6 that time, would that have given him any reason to  
7 inquire about a media consultant for the campaign?

8 Would -- would that have -- I mean, he was  
9 he part of those discussions on bringing somebody  
10 on?

11 A. As a media consultant --

12 MR. SOLIS: Yeah.

13 A. -- on the campaign side?

14 MR. SOLIS: Yeah.

15 A. Probably.

16 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

17 A. I don't -- I don't know I'm really sure if  
18 I remember discussing media consultant at that  
19 point in time.

20 I mean, here we are a month out, we really  
21 didn't have a serious opponent and this is more  
22 about just wrapping up a brand new district. We  
23 had just finished -- redistricting -- we were  
24 about 60, 65 percent new district, new territory,

1 so it was just more about getting Dr. Broun known  
2 in the new part of the district.

3 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. Okay. I want to talk to you about the work  
6 that Brett O'Donnell --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- did for the Congressional office.

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. How frequently was he in communication with  
11 Dr. Broun or with the office?

12 A. The general rule was he would come in about  
13 once a week when Dr. Broun was here and we were in  
14 session. We would review the week prior and the  
15 upcoming week when it came to messaging. He would  
16 talk to Dr. Broun by e-mail, I believe, if  
17 Dr. Broun was not in town or by phone. We would  
18 set up phone conference calls --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- for him. Obviously by e-mail, we  
21 communicated depending on the business of the day.

22 Q. Did these weekly sessions sometimes occur  
23 at the NRCC?

24 A. No, not that I recall. There may have been

1 an odd one here or there, but for the most part,  
2 they were in his office here.

3 Q. I ask you about the document right here.  
4 It says PBTN 31.

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Let's see if this refreshes your  
7 recollection.

8 What I want to ask you about the top e-mail  
9 from Meredith Griffanti to Teddy Norton cc'ing you,  
10 she says, "We could just have it be official today  
11 and do NRCC stuff next week," you know, in  
12 reference to a couple of meetings with Brett  
13 O'Donnell. I -- take your time to review --

14 A. Yeah, this is a long.

15 Q. -- those e-mails.

16 A. -- chain. I got to -- I'm trying to figure  
17 out where the beginning is.

18 Q. Yeah, that's always the answer to that.

19 A. So Meredith is was setting up a meeting  
20 with Brett, meeting through 6, bell Billy next  
21 week, wide open right now, CNBC hit. Okay.

22 So sometimes, he would meet over at the  
23 NRCC if that's where Dr. Broun was making his calls  
24 from all day.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. So -- and this is what, 2012, December,  
3 yeah. That would December. It was probably a year  
4 end push for the NRCC dues.

5 Q. Okay, and she refers to NRCC stuff -- to do  
6 NRCC stuff next week --

7 A. Makings calls.

8 Q. -- to have this meeting be official but  
9 NRCC stuff --

10 A. "Do NRCC stuff next week," I don't -- I'm  
11 not sure what she's referencing there at all.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. She cc'ed me on it, unless she --

14 Q. Would these weekly sessions, you -- you  
15 said you'd review the past week's media --

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. -- talk about the upcoming week's media?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Would that include campaign media?

20 A. It would, yes, if they were reviewing an  
21 interview he had done -- I mean, for the most part,  
22 there was really nothing after July, I guess would  
23 be, whenever the primary was of 2012, until  
24 February of 2014.

1 Q. Or 2013?

2 A. 2013, yes. I'm sorry.

3 Q. 2013. Okay.

4 A. So --

5 Q. Was that about when he announced --

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. -- when Representative Broun announced  
8 his --

9 A. He announced some time in February. I  
10 can't recall the exact date.

11 Q. Okay. So the course -- over the course of,  
12 you know, approximately this two-year period where  
13 Brett O'Donnell was a consultant --

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. -- these weekly sessions, sometimes they  
16 would cover campaign media appearances?

17 A. They would review what he had --

18 Q. What he had done?

19 A. -- what he had done.

20 Q. And prepare for campaign media appearances  
21 coming up?

22 A. He would prepare for just any media  
23 appearance, yes.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. And so as his campaign activity picked up,  
3 the extent to which those weekly sessions discussed  
4 campaign activity would reflect that, as well?

5 A. Well, it would depend on the interview, as  
6 well. I mean, keep in mind that sometimes he'd get  
7 an interview scheduled and no matter what it would  
8 be about, it would be about the Option Act or it  
9 would be about immigration or whatever, I mean nine  
10 out of the 10 interviewers is gonna bring the  
11 Senate campaign.

12 You know, it wasn't booked specifically as  
13 a campaign media appearance but they almost would  
14 turn into it at some point in time.

15 Q. Well --

16 A. -- but again, keep in mind, Brett  
17 O'Donnell's main role and function in these  
18 sessions is to review the delivery and the style  
19 and -- of the messaging, not the actual content in  
20 as much.

21 Q. Would he provide talking points or ways to  
22 frame an issue?

23 A. He would help Dr. Broun sort of solidify  
24 his talking points. In other words, Dr. Broun

1 would say, "This is what I'm trying to get across,  
2 or I want to talk about, you know, the Option Act,  
3 immigration, taxes, shutdown or whatever it may be,  
4 how do I get my point across in 30 seconds," or the  
5 main thing he would really work on, especially at  
6 the beginning was not being taken off topic.

7 I mean, Brett's real big focus early on was  
8 let's keep you from getting led down -- you know,  
9 in other words, an interviewer tries to take you  
10 somewhere but you're trying to stay on this path,  
11 and so he would work with him on how to stay on  
12 that path --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- and not so much run off onto a different  
15 path.

16 Q. Would -- would those sessions also cover  
17 upcoming speeches?

18 A. I am sure sometimes.

19 Q. Floor speeches?

20 A. Floor speeches, appearances -- again, keep  
21 in mind we have a huge district so there was a  
22 lot -- Dr. Broun loves to be out amongst the  
23 district. If we don't schedule him end to end, for  
24 the most part, then he's not very happy.

1 Q. Okay. I will give you an e-mail here, see  
2 if this refreshes your recollection, this is PBDB  
3 0151, so this is in your document production.

4 This is an e-mail from Brett O'Donnell to  
5 you, subject is FAA material. It says, "[REDACTED],  
6 here are some talking points for Dr. Broun and  
7 FAA," and then there's -- you know, it looks like  
8 about four -- four pages of -- of material that --

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. -- that Brett provided.

11 Was it common for him to provide this type  
12 of material to the office?

13 A. Probably. If he had some stuff, he would  
14 use, kind of give to us and let us consider whether  
15 to use it or not.

16 Q. Do you recall any -- any instances in which  
17 Brett O'Donnell drafted speeches for the office?

18 A. Sure, sure.

19 Q. Do you recall any -- any specific speeches?

20 A. Not really; I mean, there is just about  
21 every single floor speech and Dr. Broun would sit  
22 down and say, "Okay. This is what I want to say."

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. And whether it be Meredith and then later

1 on, Christine, take it down and then would hammer  
2 out a draft and then the whole team would look at  
3 it.

4 Q. And the whole team would -- would include  
5 Brett?

6 A. Yeah, Brett would look at it, Bob, myself,  
7 even Dr. Broun, and it really depends on where he  
8 was, as well, whether he was at home or up here on  
9 the -- on the speed of which we would get a final  
10 draft produced. It was all basically taking what  
11 he wanted to say and putting it into a 60-second or  
12 two-minute format.

13 Q. Okay. Did Brett have any -- any role over  
14 the legislative strategy or the legislative work of  
15 the office?

16 A. As far as producing legislation, not that  
17 I'm aware of.

18 Q. Or advising on --

19 A. Well --

20 Q. -- votes or the sponsoring or --

21 A. No. I mean, sometimes he would offer his  
22 two cents on, you know, what a vote would mean,  
23 what it could do. How to message it was more what  
24 we were interested in.

1 Q. Okay. Would he, for example if  
2 Representative Broun was contemplating voting a  
3 certain way, would he offer his thoughts on how  
4 that would play in the press or how that might --

5 A. I'm sure he would.

6 Q. -- effect by other --

7 A. Sure, absolutely. I'm sure he did.

8 Q. Did he ever provide any training to the  
9 Congressional staff --

10 A. Just --

11 Q. -- Brett?

12 A. I would assume just Meredith and then  
13 Christine.

14 Q. Were you ever a part of -- of any, you  
15 know, a series of training or an initial series  
16 that Brett O'Donnell put the Congressman through on  
17 speaking training sessions?

18 A. I know he would do -- more so obviously  
19 towards the beginning. I knew he would sit down  
20 and review -- it was more of reviewing speeches. I  
21 mean, we filmed all of his public appearances that,  
22 you know, obviously interviews, speeches floor  
23 speeches, town halls, I mean, everything. We  
24 filmed everything --

1 Q. Debates.

2 A. -- and put it up on onto -- I want to say a  
3 YouTube site, but that would --

4 Q. Is it a G drive, Google drive?

5 A. I think it's actually -- I think we have a  
6 private YouTube site. I don't know; I just go to  
7 the website and it takes me there.

8 Q. Saw some reference in the documents to a G  
9 drive and then also to a private YouTube account.

10 A. Yes, we have Broun speeches, something like  
11 that. I mean, I rarely looked at it but I knew it  
12 was there.

13 Q. Okay. I'm gonna ask you about this e-mail.  
14 This is BOD 00234.

15 MR. SOLIS: Before we move on --

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 MR. SOLIS: -- can I just ask one question?

18 A. Certainly.

19 MR. SOLIS: Bryson had asked you just about  
20 some of the work on the legislative side, if any,  
21 or to the degree that Brett mentioned legislation.

22 Did he have any contact with any staffers  
23 who handle legislation? Would he ever e-mail them,  
24 have a phone call with them?

1 A. Not that I'm aware of.

2 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

3 A. Not that I'm aware of. I'm not sure -- I  
4 mean, they knew who he was because he'd come in  
5 once a week.

6 Out of our current legislative staff, maybe  
7 Tim is the only one who may not have met him but  
8 not that I'm aware of. I don't think he's talked  
9 to any of the other staffers on the legislative  
10 side individually, no.

11 MR. SOLIS: When Meredith or Christine  
12 would make a draft of a speech or talking points  
13 or --

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 MR. SOLIS: -- anything, would you ever  
16 direct them to send their product to Brett for  
17 review?

18 A. Who, Christine?

19 MR. SOLIS: Christine or Meredith, would  
20 you ever direct them to --

21 A. I'm not sure if I ever directed them do it.  
22 I think they would just -- that was part of the  
23 process, and it would not be just Brett, either,  
24 that I'm aware of. It's -- again, it's the whole

1 team thing. I mean, if you've noticed on the  
2 e-mails, a lot -- Dr. Broun liked us to include a  
3 wide swath of people in a lot of our e-mails just  
4 as more of a so they know what's going on approach  
5 as opposed to put your hands in there and tinker  
6 with it approach --

7 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

8 A. -- especially on the messaging side. I  
9 think we had too many cooks in the kitchen as it  
10 was.

11 MR. SOLIS: Yep.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. Yeah, I want to ask you about this e-mail.

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. These are the 00234 --

16 A. Uh-huh.

17 Q. -- e-mail from you to -- well, on December  
18 19, 2012 to a number of people, you write, "Good  
19 afternoon, Team Broun --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- just wanted to do a quick intro, two new  
22 additions brought on today by Dr. Broun to our  
23 political efforts" --

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- and you introduce, you know, Hans Keiser  
2 and Guy Short.

3 At the bottom of this e-mail, you -- you  
4 list Brett O'Donnell.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. You write "Brett O'Donnell is Congressman  
7 Broun's messaging consultant and media prep  
8 advisor."

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Does that accurately describe his role with  
11 the campaign with regards to the Congressman's  
12 political efforts?

13 A. No. This was about who he was on the  
14 e-mail, about --

15 Q. Say that again.

16 A. This was -- I was describing to Hans and  
17 Guy who everybody on the e-mail were.

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. I mean obviously, there's a lot of people  
20 on here who are not a part of the campaign but they  
21 may be on e-mails.

22 Q. Who on here was not part of the campaign?

23 A. Well, Teddy, of course, being our  
24 scheduler; Meredith, being our communications

1 director; and Brett, being our media guy -- our  
2 messaging guy.

3 Q. Did --

4 A. Let me see.

5 Q. -- Meredith volunteer on the campaign?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. So this -- this e-mail is describing  
8 Brett O'Donnell's role with the Congressional  
9 office, not his role with the campaign?

10 A. Correct.

11 I mean, you know, obviously in messaging,  
12 they intermix all the time. So if we were doing a  
13 messaging e-mail about a -- an interview or an  
14 upcoming town hall or whatever it would be, Brett  
15 would be on those e-mails.

16 Q. How --

17 A. I mean, he would be on all of the e-mails  
18 involving messaging.

19 Q. How would you then describe Brett  
20 O'Donnell's role with Representative Broun's  
21 campaigns?

22 A. Brett -- again, Brett, volunteered to help  
23 out whenever he could and his -- he offered advice  
24 sometimes, and it was either listened to or it

1 wasn't listened to. He helped Dr. Broun try to  
2 prepare for any big speeches coming up. Again,  
3 this was all on the volunteer side on his own time.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Yep.

6 MR. SOLIS: Brett affirmatively said to you  
7 "I want to volunteer on the campaign"?

8 A. Yes. He said, "If you guys need anything,  
9 this is what I do and I have helped other people in  
10 this capacity, so let me know."

11 BY MR. MORGAN:

12 Q. When was the first time he -- he did any  
13 work for the campaign?

14 A. Again, I can't recall if he did anything at  
15 the beginning when he first started in 2012. I  
16 mean, it was so near the end and he was so new, I  
17 just -- I don't know if he ever talked to Dr. Broun  
18 about anything on that side or not, but in February  
19 when Dr. Broun told us he was gonna run for the  
20 Senate and announced to the staff and team that he  
21 was gonna run for the Senate, everybody said they'd be  
22 happy to help in any way they could, and that's  
23 when Brett O'Donnell did it, I believe.

24 Q. Is that -- is that about when you believe

1 the conversation you had with Brett about  
2 volunteering for the campaign would've taken place?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay. When you were bringing him on  
5 the -- that initial time that you brought him on  
6 and signed that first consulting agreement, was  
7 there any discussion of him volunteering for the  
8 campaign at that time?

9 A. Not that I recall, no.

10 Q. Not that you recall? Okay.

11 A. I'm not sure if we ever discussed any of  
12 the campaign stuff. It was all just purely  
13 messaging. I'm not even sure we discussed what he  
14 did for other people.

15 Q. Okay. I want to show you a document -- go  
16 ahead.

17 MR. SOLIS: We just -- we had a chance to  
18 speak with -- with Mr. O'Donnell. I mean, he -- he  
19 mentioned to us that at some point in the kind of  
20 early stages, he had -- he had a conversation with  
21 you about engaging the campaign more fully,  
22 potentially, with a -- with a more -- with a paid  
23 position with the campaign, that the campaign would  
24 pay him for sort of more extensive research

1 services and more extensive services that would go  
2 beyond mere volunteering.

3 Do you recall having a discussion with him  
4 about that?

5 A. I do not. I mean, he may have.

6 You know, the idea being that we weren't  
7 quite sure how he would work out. Again, it was  
8 sort of a testing phase.

9 We had used him obviously on the political  
10 side -- on the official side -- on the official  
11 side, you know, just pure messaging, and then when  
12 the campaign started gearing up and he had a  
13 conversation with us, we weren't quite sure if that  
14 would work or if he would even be helpful or  
15 effective or not.

16 Ultimately, at the end of the day, like  
17 everybody else, we were hoping Dr. Broun would win  
18 and then we would have our foot in the door, which  
19 is why we all volunteered, but I think along the  
20 way, as he was providing his thoughts and support  
21 and ideas on the campaign side, I don't think  
22 Dr. Broun found a lot of value in it.

23 Q. And --

24 A. In other words, we actually started moving

1 more away from anything that he was offering as  
2 advice and just focusing mostly on the messaging on  
3 the official with him.

4 Q. I am going to show you a couple of -- of  
5 documents here. This is BOD 00535. It's a series  
6 of an exchange between you and -- and Brett  
7 O'Donnell in June of 2012. It starts with the --  
8 you know, the last page.

9 A. All right.

10 Q. BOD 540, where Brett O'Donnell writes to  
11 you, he says, "Attached is my consulting  
12 agreement." Again, this is that e-mail I showed  
13 you with his consulting agreement attached.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. This is --

16 A. Document approved, thank you.

17 Q. You respond two days later, "Brett, I have  
18 the contract approved and signed. Make sure you  
19 get it this afternoon. Thanks, [REDACTED]." He  
20 responds, and then the next e-mail from him is,  
21 "Where is prep today?"

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. You respond, "NRCC, we have a conference  
24 room reserved." He responds, "I'm in conversation

1 room at NRCC."

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. Early the next morning, this document here  
4 BOD 00681, Brett O'Donnell writes to you cc'ing Bob  
5 Bibee, Jordan, Meredith and Dr. Broun, "Here" --  
6 you know, "Below are the reminders from the prep  
7 session today."

8 I -- you want me to -- it appears that this  
9 session on June 21, 2012 was a session in which  
10 there was a campaign debate preparation?

11 A. Sure.

12 Q. Right?

13 A. That's what it looks like.

14 Q. And what it looks like is that if not the  
15 first thing but one of the very first things that  
16 is Brett O'Donnell did after the consulting  
17 agreement was executed was a debate preparation  
18 session.

19 In fact, it's the same -- it's on the same  
20 e-mail chain in which the agreement is exchanged  
21 and approved, the prep session is discussed?

22 A. I'm sorry. I was just looking at -- oh,  
23 this is November 13th. That doesn't make sense.

24 Q. But if you look below --

1 A. Oh, I see, I see.

2 Q. So this is the -- you know, the obvious  
3 question and I'll tell you, this is -- this is what  
4 our Board is gonna want to know --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. -- and they are going to -- to frankly  
7 perhaps grill me on, which is how can you say  
8 Brett O'Donnell was volunteering for the campaign  
9 and how can you say that debate preparation was not  
10 part of his consulting agreement when you have an  
11 e-mail exchange like this in which debate  
12 preparation is discussed in the same e-mail back  
13 and forth where the consulting agreement is  
14 exchanged and where it appears that the first in  
15 June of 2012 and early July of 2012, it appears  
16 that what Brett O'Donnell was almost exclusively  
17 doing for the office was preparing for two debates  
18 for the Republican primary, one held on the 22nd,  
19 one on July 2, 2012, and then a session in early  
20 July at the NRCC to then review those debate  
21 performances.

22 So do you see -- I mean, what my Board is  
23 gonna want to know is --

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. -- how do you not say then that debate  
2 preparation was part of his consulting services?

3 A. Well, that's -- you know, that was not why  
4 we hired him.

5 Q. But it was one of the first things he did?

6 A. I'm not sure it was one of the first things he  
7 did, but it's apparently something he did do.

8 Q. But you did not hire him to do campaign  
9 debate preparation?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. And was there any conversation with him  
12 about his participation in this debate preparation  
13 session being separate from his contract?

14 A. I'm sure there was. I don't recall.

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. I really don't recall the specifics of this  
17 debate preparation session.

18 MR. SOLIS: Were you there?

19 A. I don't believe so. I don't remember any  
20 of this at all.

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Okay. It's just -- it's hard for me --  
23 it's perhaps difficult for us to -- to nail this  
24 down, to get a clear understanding.

1 A. Sure.

2 Q. You have a consulting -- and I'm sure you  
3 can relate to this, a consulting agreement that  
4 references debate preparation.

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. We -- right after that's executed, we see a  
7 lot of debate preparation starting to happen. It  
8 happens, Brett O'Donnell is listed as attending,  
9 you know, I would say more than a dozen, it's  
10 several debate preparation sessions and review  
11 sessions and while that consulting agreement refers  
12 to debate preparation is in place. So what --

13 A. Well.

14 Q. -- can you help us you understand why --

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. -- it is that that campaign's debate  
17 preparation is separate from that consulting  
18 agreement?

19 How can you -- can you help us understand  
20 that?

21 A. What he does as a volunteer is separate  
22 from what he does on the official side. I mean,  
23 who -- what other consultant out there doesn't do  
24 campaign work, as well. I mean, our franking guy

1 does campaign work. Our townhall guy does campaign  
2 works. I don't know who else that doesn't --

3 Q. Do either of them have a contractual  
4 arrangement with the office --

5 A. No.

6 Q. -- that specifically mentioned debate  
7 preparation?

8 A. No.

9 Q. I mean, that's -- the issue here --

10 A. No, I understand what you're saying. The  
11 issue here is at the same time, you're taking one  
12 day of debate prep that he does as a volunteer on  
13 the outside and you're not looking at the 12 or 14  
14 official sessions he did over this, and then you're  
15 also talking about --

16 Q. And during that same -- you said he -- that  
17 Dr. Broun was in Afghanistan for the month of July?

18 A. No. We're talking about June, July. We  
19 had at least -- well, I would say that's an  
20 eight-week period and probably about eight to 10  
21 different official sessions, yes.

22 Q. In addition to a couple or -- it appears  
23 maybe three or so debates?

24 A. I think we only had one debate and again,

1 you know, we hired a guy in June, our debates --  
2 our primary is over in July and we have nothing  
3 until he decides to run for the Senate, until  
4 February.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I mean, that, to me, is a pretty clear  
7 indication that the guy was brought on in an  
8 official capacity. I -- he decided to volunteer  
9 and help out on this -- on the campaign side like  
10 everybody else does and that's what this is.

11 Q. Was there ever discussion with Brett that  
12 he was -- that to the extent he did campaign  
13 activity, that was not covered by the consulting  
14 agreement?

15 A. I'm sorry, there was a discussion about  
16 what?

17 Q. About campaign activity not being covered  
18 by the consulting agreement?

19 A. Oh, sure, that was -- I mean, when we hired  
20 him, we were very clear, this is official stuff.  
21 This is what we were doing. We're looking at  
22 messaging and messaging only, and that's the  
23 delivery of the message. It's not about content  
24 and it's not about creating points and creating

1 issues. This is about Dr. Broun actually  
2 delivering the message itself.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. SOLIS: So on the outset, you actually  
5 had a discussion with Brett, making a clear  
6 distinction between the work he would be doing --

7 A. Well, no, we never said anything  
8 about -- we were just sitting down talking to him  
9 about official stuff. I mean, this is what we were  
10 looking for, Obviously by the e-mail. Never -- I  
11 don't think it became an issue that we had to talk  
12 about, as far as the campaign side.

13 I mean, we didn't have -- you know, our  
14 race is almost over, as far as we were concerned,  
15 and there was nothing much else going on. I mean,  
16 we sat down with him and talked to him plainly and  
17 clearly, Dr. Broun needs help with messaging, and  
18 at the time, you know, when we talked to him  
19 about -- when we talked to Michelle -- when he  
20 talked to Michelle Bachmann about it, that's all  
21 she talked to him about.

22 "This is the guy helps me prepare for my  
23 interviews, prepare my floor statement, prepare for  
24 my floor statements, so on and so forth." I don't

1 think they even talked about the campaign stuff.

2 BY MR. MORGAN:

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I didn't know he did campaign stuff at the  
5 very beginning until he sent over his -- or until  
6 he sent over his prospectus, I guess, whatever they  
7 call that thing.

8 Q. Okay.

9 MR. SOLIS: So the prospectus laid out  
10 campaign work?

11 A. Yes, his --

12 MR. SOLIS: The proposal?

13 A. His proposal or whatever it is about him,  
14 discussed his debate prep ability, and he pitched it  
15 pretty highly as far as maybe I want to say Romney,  
16 but I'm not sure if he did Romney or not.

17 MR. SOLIS: Well -- well, Bryson, you know,  
18 showed you that earlier and -- and the word debate  
19 was used extensively in that proposal and the  
20 consulting agreement itself and we asked you what  
21 you felt that meant and you said that you felt it  
22 meant, you know --

23 A. For us, it would have meant.

24 MR. SOLIS: You know, exclusively floor

1 debates?

2 A. For us, that's what it meant.

3 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

4 A. And that's why -- I mean, floor debate was  
5 used extensively through our discussion and we  
6 actually, you know, watched videos of Dr. Broun's  
7 earlier floor debates to kind of show him what we  
8 were talking about.

9 MR. SOLIS: But yet those documents, when  
10 they were provided to you, that gave you the  
11 awareness that Brett O'Donnell also did campaign  
12 work?

13 A. Oh, yes. I mean, we knew -- once I saw  
14 him, then I knew what he did.

15 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. Okay. So you brought on this  
18 consultant for the official side.

19 Did you have a conversation with him,  
20 asking if he was willing to volunteer on the  
21 campaign side, ask him if he was willing to prepare  
22 for those --

23 A. I think he just offered it.

24 Q. -- 2012 debates; he just offered it?

1 A. Yeah. He offered it out on his own.

2 MR. CORTAZAR: Did it come up during the  
3 contract negotiations or --

4 A. No.

5 MR. CORTAZAR: -- did the volunteering  
6 happen at some other point?

7 A. It happened in another point. It probably  
8 happened in our -- maybe our second session, I  
9 guess. I remember was in a session. It was after  
10 a session was over and we were leaving and he said  
11 something about, you know, I do debate prep on the  
12 campaign side. I'm happy to help out with  
13 messaging or anything else you need over there, as  
14 well. Just let me know and I will volunteer, and I  
15 said I will let the Congressman know, and I guess  
16 they decided to set up a time to talk about it.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Okay. I want to ask you some questions  
19 about the 2014 Senate campaign.

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Do you recall the Charge Senate forum; does  
22 that ring a bell, on or about July?

23 A. Yes, it's --

24 Q. Okay. I think you have a document I can

1 show you.

2 A. Yes, I recall it. This -- the reason why  
3 is because it's not based up there. That was quite  
4 strange.

5 Q. Okay. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
6 involved in preparing the Congressman for that?

7 A. I don't know if he was involved in  
8 preparing. I do remember watching the video  
9 afterwards and discussing the delivery.

10 Q. Watching the video with Brett, and  
11 discussing the video?

12 A. No, it wasn't with -- Brett wasn't  
13 physically there. I remember watching the video  
14 afterwards is what I'm saying.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. So I don't remember being -- outside of  
17 scheduling, I don't remember being involved with it  
18 at all.

19 Q. Okay. Do you recall if -- would Brett do  
20 brief messaging calls with the Congressman before  
21 campaign events, campaign speak -- media  
22 appearances or campaign speeches; does that -- that  
23 ring a bell to you at all?

24 A. He could have. I mean, I don't think that

1 it's unlikely that happened.

2 Q. Okay. I'm gonna show you a document here,  
3 skipping around a little bit. This is PBCH 33  
4 through 35. This is an e-mail from you to Brett in  
5 which you refer to doing some brief messaging calls  
6 in advance of what appear to be some campaign  
7 related events. One is a conservative Republican  
8 Women of North Atlanta event, other is a Cobb GOP  
9 women event, then a Baren BOP barbecue. You  
10 write, "All the candidates should be there and they  
11 will be speaking in alphabetical order."

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. Was this typical for Brett to do?

14 A. Yeah. I mean, we were mixing in the  
15 official interviews and stuff, and they -- I was  
16 telling him everything we had coming up.

17 Q. So would this have been something that  
18 Brett did in his capacity as a consultant to the  
19 office or as a volunteer for the campaign?

20 A. It would depend on what these events were.  
21 I don't recall this specific event. Obviously,  
22 this is over August so this is during recess.  
23 Conservative Women of North Atlanta, that may have been  
24 an official event or a non-political event, I will

1 call it, because sometimes they don't like to have  
2 campaigning going on at these things, which is  
3 strange, obviously. I don't remember what he was  
4 in Columbus for.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Obviously, Baren GOP barbecue is a campaign  
7 event.

8 Q. And Cobb GOP women, would that be a  
9 political campaign event, as well?

10 A. It would have to be because Cobb is not in  
11 our district.

12 Q. Okay. You can take some time to  
13 look at this. This is PBTA 25 through 127B. I'm  
14 gonna put a mark next to the relevant part I want  
15 to ask you about, but it appears that there was a  
16 Georgia public broadcasting get to know the  
17 candidate piece that was --

18 A. Sure.

19 Q. -- there was something that was filmed in  
20 advance. Then you write here, in response to, you  
21 know, being asked in you're okay with scheduling it  
22 since the other candidates will be there, you say,  
23 "Yes, but I want heavy Brett time beforehand."

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. Do you recall -- do you recall --

2 A. I'm just trying to -- I'm sorry. I'm  
3 trying to find the date so I get some idea, oh,  
4 December, 2013.

5 Q. Yeah, that's --

6 A. Yeah, so it's about six months ago.

7 Q. Was this is also something that was typical  
8 for Brett to do to prepare -- well, when you say,  
9 "I want heavy Brett time beforehand," what does  
10 that -- what does that mean?

11 A. That means -- let me just see Georgia  
12 public broadcast, okay. That means any time he's  
13 on TV, I want him to sit down and talk to Brett  
14 about how he was to deliver his message.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. I mean, it's about, again, the delivery of  
17 the message, not the content of the message.

18 Q. About the delivery but not the content,  
19 okay.

20 A. Right.

21 Q. What -- how -- was Brett O'Donnell involved  
22 in negotiating debate formats, are you aware?

23 A. I believe so.

24 Q. Okay.

1       A.    I believe at one time, he talked to the  
2   State party.  I want to say the guy's name was  
3   Adam, if I remember correctly -- anyway, they were  
4   starting to set up -- well, it turned out it might  
5   not even be debates or forums more than anything  
6   else, but they had never done it before so Brett  
7   offered to call out there and tell them how to set  
8   them up.

9       Q.    All right.  I am going to show you the next  
10  document here.  This is BOD 0956 and see if you  
11  recall this e-mail at the very bottom from Brett  
12  O'Donnell to you and it appears like a couple of  
13  people where he says, "Attached is the attack grid  
14  for Dr. Broun to use against PG and KH in the  
15  debates."

16            Do you recall Brett O'Donnell putting  
17  together this attack grid or --

18       A.    Yeah, I remember he put this together on  
19  his own and we never even used it.

20       Q.    When you say, "He put it together on,"  
21  Brett O'Donnell put it together on his own?

22       A.    Yeah.  I remember he sent these one day and  
23  he had asked me for information on votes or  
24  something, and then he kind of put these things

1 together and sent them over to us and we never  
2 even used them. Dr. Broun didn't like them.

3 Q. Okay. Did he provide other prep materials  
4 for debates similar to the attack grid?

5 A. Not that I'm aware of. I mean, after  
6 these -- again, he did these and Dr. Broun didn't  
7 like them and we actually never used them and then  
8 I think they reviewed Dr. Broun's opening  
9 statements and closing statements, yes.

10 Q. Okay. Was he involved in putting together  
11 Dr. Broun's announcement speech announcing his run  
12 for the Senate?

13 A. I think he helped him with it, yes, sir.

14 Q. Okay, and do you recall him being involved  
15 in -- well, you said he helped -- well, do you  
16 recall what his role was in putting that speech  
17 together?

18 A. I don't -- I wasn't in there, no, but I  
19 think --

20 Q. Did he draft it?

21 A. -- they may have done it on the phone.

22 I think Dr. Broun, again, told him what he  
23 wanted to say and he worked with Dr. Broun on how  
24 to deliver it.

1 Q. Okay. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell being  
2 involved in the Congressman's GOP convention speech  
3 in 2013?

4 A. Yes, sir, same thing.

5 Q. Well, was he --

6 A. I think it was the same speech.

7 Q. Oh, his announcement speech and  
8 commencement speech were --

9 A. For the most part. I mean, he didn't say  
10 I'm announcing today I'm running.

11 Q. Do you know who drafted the main body of  
12 that speech?

13 A. I want to say Meredith.

14 Q. Okay, and Brett was involved in putting  
15 together maybe the opening and closing; is that --

16 A. I think, yeah, it was sort of like a piece  
17 thing. In other words, Dr. Broun would say,  
18 okay -- I think they did that a piece at a time.  
19 So Dr. Broun would say okay, here's how I want to  
20 say in the opening and so he kind of -- I think he  
21 typed it out himself and then we all cleaned it up  
22 as far as, you know, because it was this long and  
23 we took it down to this long.

24 So everybody sort of had a hand in it, you

1 know.

2 Q. Right. I want to -- the campaign  
3 debate preparation sessions --

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. -- it appears to us from the documents  
6 reviewed that those types of sessions occurred on a  
7 number of occasions --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- and it appears that they occurred in  
10 various locations?

11 A. I could think of two actual sessions.

12 Q. Which two do you recall?

13 A. There was actually three, but Brett wasn't  
14 involved in one of them. It was -- most likely the  
15 first two, I want to say Adairsville or something  
16 like that, and then I can't remember the second one  
17 was, as far as where the debates were, sorry, but  
18 we did, at this conference room across the street  
19 from the D Triple C, it's a consultant townhouse.

20 Q. Okay. Is that Jamestown Associates?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Okay. Who was involved in the sessions?

23 A. Obviously Dr. Broun, Brett -- was Meredith  
24 still there?

1 I can't remember if Meredith or Christine  
2 were the ones that were there at the time. I want  
3 to say Christine but it might have been Meredith,  
4 forgive me --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. -- and then that's it.

7 Q. That's it.

8 At some point was Michael Hall --

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. -- involved in debate prep?

11 A. That's the third guy. That's the third  
12 debate.

13 Q. What -- who is Michael Hall?

14 A. Somebody that works with Brett.

15 Q. Somebody that works with Brett?

16 A. I think that's his name. I mean, it sounds  
17 familiar.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. I know there was a guy who worked with  
20 Brett and that sounded like what his name was.

21 FEMALE VOICE: Hi, sorry to interrupt.

22 Do you know about how much longer y'all  
23 will be?

24 Dr. Broun is back, so --

1 MR. MORGAN: 10 minutes.

2 MR. SOLIS: Yeah, 15 minutes.

3 FEMALE VOICE: 10 minutes, okay. Great.

4 MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. Why was -- was Michael Hall participating  
7 instead of Brett?

8 A. I think Brett was out of the country.

9 Q. Out of the country.

10 A. At this point, Dr. Broun, I don't think  
11 felt like Brett was being very helpful and we ended  
12 up kind of moving away from Brett as far as debate  
13 prep went.

14 MR. SOLIS: Why do you say that?

15 A. I just didn't -- Dr. Broun didn't go with  
16 the style that Brett was used to advocating for  
17 debates.

18 MR. SOLIS: And he expressed this to you;  
19 Dr. Broun expressed this to you?

20 A. Yeah. I mean, it was more so that -- I  
21 think he was just saying that, you know, what Brett  
22 was saying as far as how to deliver the message  
23 wasn't working for him -- wasn't working for  
24 Dr. Broun, it wasn't his natural style, it wasn't

1 how he normally did things, and so I think he just  
2 started slipping away from listening to what  
3 Brett's advice was coming up and more so into what  
4 he thought the should be doing.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. Okay, but going through some documents here  
7 that reflect some debate preparation sessions, this  
8 is BOD 2268, the first two are debate prep sessions  
9 may have occurred on January 8, 2014 at Jamestown  
10 Associates?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. The next day --

13 A. I remember the first one.

14 Q. -- this is BOD 238, Brett O'Donnell  
15 e-mailed an attached proposal for a debate opening  
16 for the Adel debate, so it looked --

17 A. Right. Well, this is Dr. Broun's speech  
18 that he wrote down.

19 Q. What -- his speech what --

20 A. Dr. Broun would write all of his thoughts  
21 down and then we would condense it to the --

22 Q. To an opening?

23 A. -- to a minute and a half as opposed to  
24 three minutes or whatever.

1 Q. So this would have been Brett O'Donnell  
2 sending --

3 A. This is --

4 Q. -- his proposed open -- opening  
5 statement --

6 A. This is Dr. Broun's proposed.

7 Q. -- for the debate? Okay.

8 A. Not Brett's, I'm sorry. I see what you're  
9 saying. This is -- in other words, Brett just --  
10 he had the draft and set it up, this is what  
11 Dr. Broun --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- wants to say.

14 Q. Okay. The next document here, PBDB 25, it  
15 appears that on January 10, there was a debate  
16 preparation session and one of the things that was  
17 discussed that may jog your memory is talking about  
18 responding to questions on gay marriage?

19 A. I'm sorry, let me just see. We talked  
20 about what, oh, other -- same sex marriage.

21 Okay.

22 Q. So it appears there was an additional  
23 meeting on January 10th. It could have been.

24 I'm sure if you recall the specific session

1 in which --

2 A. I don't recall the specific session. This  
3 might have been at a meeting where they were  
4 talking about messaging as far as the issue goes.  
5 I think that's what this is.

6 Q. Okay. So when Brett says, "We talked about  
7 this at today's meeting," that may have been  
8 something other than a debate preparation session?

9 A. Yeah, this wasn't a debate --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- prep session.

12 Q. But this would have been --

13 A. This is just --

14 Q. This would have been just one of these  
15 weekly sessions?

16 A. It could be, yeah.

17 Q. It could be? Okay.

18 A. I mean, this is just an issue, right?

19 Yeah.

20 Q. It just -- the -- Christine's response at  
21 the top where it says, "Brett was asking the tough  
22 questions on this and we discussed answers for a  
23 while," made me think this is may have been a  
24 debate prep session?

1 A. No, this was actually --

2 Q. Other than a typical session?

3 A. This is a typical session where they were  
4 talking about I think about the news of the day and  
5 how he was gonna respond to it, especially if it's  
6 something he may be likely to be asked about.

7 Q. So aside from campaign -- specific campaign  
8 debate preparation sessions, sometimes you would  
9 discuss questions and answers back and forth in the  
10 regular weekly sessions?

11 A. As it related to the media --

12 Q. As it related --

13 A. -- not a campaign or anything, but in other  
14 words, all right. So this issue came up today. If  
15 someone sticks a camera in your face and says, you  
16 know, Dr. Broun, what do you think about this  
17 ruling, this is how his messaging should be.

18 Q. Okay. Next couple of documents PBTN 134  
19 and 135, they're a couple of calendar items that  
20 refer to -- they're both titled, "Prep for debate  
21 with Michael Hall" --

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. -- "location DC, January 16th and 17th," do  
24 you recall if there were two sessions with Michael

1 Hall or was there only one?

2 A. There was only one. I think it was we had  
3 to reschedule it or --

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. -- I remember dropping him off at it but I  
6 wasn't at it.

7 Q. Okay, and then here's another -- what  
8 appears to be another session, PBTN 147, prep --  
9 debate prep with Brett, Jamestown Associates on  
10 January 29, 2014.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. I'm sort of jumping through.

13 Here's another session what appears to be  
14 taking place on Friday, January 31, 2014.

15 This says, "Debate prep," and this was  
16 Jordan's office --

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. -- is the location? Is that Jordan  
19 Chinouth?

20 A. Yes, but that wasn't -- it's not like Brett  
21 was there. I don't think Brett was even invited.

22 Q. Okay. Was, at some point, Brett, would he  
23 conference call in or Skype in to the debate prep  
24 sessions that happened down in Georgia?

1 A. I don't know. He may have.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And sometimes these aren't actual debate  
4 preps. I think that's just how Teddy lists them.  
5 It's reviewing the debate that happened already.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So in other words, it's going over the tape  
8 of it and discussing the delivery of the message  
9 and how you can do a better job.

10 Q. Okay. The next one is PBTN 145, "Call with  
11 Brett for debate prep." This is February 18th. I  
12 can tell you that there was an NFIB Senate  
13 candidate forum that day.

14 I'm not sure if that refreshes your  
15 recollection of what this meeting might have been  
16 about, if it was preparing for that forum or --

17 A. It sounds familiar, although I'm not sure  
18 if they ended up having it.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. They may have. There were so many  
21 different -- in other words, it may have been not  
22 like a forum but like just one on one type of  
23 thing.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. One candidate in the group.

2 Q. I see.

3 A. And they would just march everybody in one  
4 at a time.

5 Q. And held separate meetings or run it back  
6 to back, yeah.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. PBTN 146, this one specifically refers to,  
9 "Debate prep, Skyping with Brett" --

10 A. Uh-huh.

11 Q. -- on February 21, 2014.

12 Do you recall this instance where he was  
13 Skyped in?

14 A. I do not. I wasn't there.

15 Q. Okay. You're listed as a required  
16 attendee. Was --

17 A. I don't know why that would be,  
18 especially -- I mean, anything he Skyped with Brett  
19 means he was in Georgia and I wasn't there.

20 Q. When you say, "He was in Georgia," you mean  
21 the Congressman?

22 A. Dr. Broun, yes.

23 Q. Okay. So, I mean, this is -- and  
24 previously, you said that Dr. Broun sort of drifted

1 away from wanting to use Brett's method but it  
2 appears that there's --

3 A. Well, these were --

4 Q. -- there was debate prep occurring well  
5 into February and the next document, you know,  
6 well, into the early part of March of this year.

7 A. They had 11 debates --

8 Q. Right.

9 A. -- and I think Brett prepped for two of  
10 them, Michael Hall prepped for one of them and then  
11 we just kind of moved away from prepping for them  
12 at all.

13 Q. So then but these other -- these other  
14 calendar instances, I mean, there's -- there's -- I  
15 don't know the number, there's at least seven or  
16 eight instances there of calendar items for debate  
17 prep.

18 A. Right. I think we did more on the first  
19 one, which was the January debate. So we may have  
20 had three or four sessions. Some them may have  
21 been rescheduled because of timing. I'd --

22 Q. Right.

23 A. -- have to look at my own schedule to try  
24 to figure that out, maybe --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- but then after the third or even the  
3 fourth out of -- I mean, we just realized they  
4 weren't even debates, really. They just turned  
5 into forums and Dr. Broun was uncomfortable with  
6 how he was doing them, so he just wanted to mix it  
7 up, change it up and started doing his own thing.

8 Q. When was the last instance in which Brett  
9 O'Donnell was involved in the campaign?

10 A. It would have been April.

11 Q. April of this year?

12 A. Yes, sir, and it was mainly around the  
13 media, we were getting on his involvement of the  
14 campaign.

15 Q. The media, WSB/TV, is that what you're  
16 referring to?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. So at that -- is that about the same time  
19 when his consulting agreement with the  
20 Congressional office ended?

21 A. He resigned or whatever they call it, but  
22 yeah.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. He just thought he was becoming too much of

1 a distraction.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Some time in mid April.

4 Q. Is that -- do you recall how long after the  
5 newspaper articles it was that he resigned?

6 A. I don't know when the articles were, but I  
7 know that he was mid April.

8 Q. Okay, and that was the last activity he had  
9 with the Congressional office was around that  
10 period?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And, as well, the last activity he had with  
13 the campaign was around that same period?

14 A. It was probably a couple of weeks earlier.

15 Q. Well, were there debates, were there Senate  
16 debate -- campaign debates occurring in -- in April  
17 and May of this year?

18 A. I'm sure there were. I -- I would have to  
19 look, again, at the schedule. They went up till --  
20 let's see the primary was May 20th.

21 Q. Uh-huh.

22 A. We had our two biggest debates were the  
23 weekend before.

24 Q. Okay. Who was involved in prepping the

1 Congressman for those debates?

2 A. Pretty much, him.

3 Q. Just him?

4 A. Yeah. I mean, I would ask him if he needed  
5 anything. We'd talk a little bit about messaging,  
6 but at this point, you know, he had done enough of  
7 them that he felt like he knew sort of what path  
8 and direction he wanted to go.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. The two last ones were the biggest ones. I  
11 mean, they were the only televised ones that we  
12 had.

13 Q. Okay. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell  
14 travelling down to Georgia around February of 2013  
15 in connection with a --

16 A. Yes, we did.

17 Q. -- staff retreat?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Why -- why did he go down to Georgia?

20 A. We had a staff retreat and we would -- a  
21 big part of it was discussing messaging and  
22 Dr. Broun efforts on messaging.

23 Q. Was there also as campaign staff meeting?

24 A. There was, at some point. I honestly

1     couldn't recall where we did it. I know it was  
2     someplace -- we did the staff retreat at Chateau  
3     Alan (phonetic) and there was somewhere right off  
4     of Chateau Alan is a little restaurant or  
5     something. I think that's where we all met.

6           Q.     Okay. It appears that Brett O'Donnell's  
7     expenses related to his travel down to Georgia was  
8     covered by the campaign --

9           A.     Yes, sir.

10          Q.     -- or reimbursed by the campaign?

11          A.     Yes, sir.

12          Q.     Why was that?

13          A.     Because he is not a House employee and I  
14     could not reimburse out of the MRA.

15          Q.     Okay. Why did he volunteer to cover those  
16     expenses himself, considering given how --

17          A.     I think we asked him to come down to  
18     discuss messaging with the staff.

19          Q.     But you had asked him to do a lot of things  
20     for the campaign --

21          A.     This wasn't the campaign side.

22          Q.     -- that were not all volunteer?

23          A.     This was on the official side.

24                 MR. SOLIS: He attended that meeting.

1 BY MR. MORGAN:

2 Q. But then why was it paid for by the  
3 campaign?

4 A. Because he was not a staff -- he's not a  
5 House employee so you can't reimburse  
6 House -- non-House employees with --

7 Q. I just want to make sure I'm clear.

8 The reimbursement from the campaign was for  
9 his attendance at an official Congressional staff  
10 retreat?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. Okay. It wasn't so that he could attend  
13 the campaign --

14 A. It was the expenses, right.

15 Q. It wasn't -- so -- so were you reimbursing  
16 his travel for the Congressional staff retreat or  
17 for the campaign meeting?

18 A. For the Congressional staff retreat.

19 Q. For the Congressional staff retreat, okay.

20 MR. SOLIS: He attended that meeting,  
21 though, at the restaurant with the campaign there,  
22 right?

23 A. I'm sure he did. I mean, I can't recall  
24 specifically. I'm sure he did.

1           It was sort of an impromptu meeting because  
2 when we went down there, we did not know we were  
3 having a campaign. I think Saxby literally  
4 renounced his decision like a week and a half  
5 prior, and we got down there. We still --  
6 Dr. Broun wasn't even sure if he was gonna run or  
7 not at that point in time, and I think there was  
8 sort of a meeting to discuss -- you know, he wanted  
9 to sort of hear whether everybody thought he should  
10 run or not and he was gonna contemplate that.

11           MR. SOLIS: Okay.

12           A. I know he had not announced yet.

13 BY MR. MORGAN:

14           Q. So the -- the WSB/TV article, Brett --

15           A. I'm sorry, real quick, if you don't mind me  
16 asking a quick question?

17           Q. Go ahead.

18           A. It was my understanding that we could not  
19 reimburse his travel out of the MRA.

20           Q. Did you -- is that based on as conversation  
21 you had with someone or --

22           A. I believe I asked my financial counselor,  
23 whatever, that we do the weekly MRA reimbursement  
24 stuff with. I asked her ahead of time and she said

1 if he's not a House employee, then you have to  
2 reimburse him from the campaign.

3 It's the same as if, you know, Dr. Broun  
4 goes on the members' retreat, we had to pay for his  
5 travel out of the campaign. We can't pay for it  
6 out of the MRA.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Is that not correct or --

9 Q. Well, we're not --

10 A. Oh, you don't know.

11 Q. To be frankly, one of the bright lines we  
12 draw in our office, we don't provide advice.

13 A. Oh, all right.

14 Q. We don't advise. I mean, we -- that's  
15 something that we don't do, so I can't respond one  
16 way or another.

17 A. I always try to be careful, especially when  
18 it comes to MRA, so I always ask ahead of time.

19 Q. After the WSB/TV article broke, did you  
20 have any conversations; did you reach out to ethics  
21 or Admin? I think you talked about -- we talked  
22 about 2 instances in which you had communication  
23 with somebody at Admin?

24 A. Admin, right.

1 Q. Are there any other instances --

2 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

3 Q. -- communication -- did you have any  
4 conversations with Representative Broun about the  
5 permissibility of Brett O'Donnell's services?

6 A. I'm sure we did. I mean, it was more so --  
7 because it was sort of a surprise. The surprise  
8 was when the camera showed up at the office.

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. At that point, though, we had already had  
11 some discussions because Brett had already been in  
12 the news for his relationship with Michelle  
13 Bachmann and with Cathy Morris-Rogers and --

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. -- Dr. Broun asked me and I said we're  
16 really using him on the official side and we're  
17 only paying for him on the official side for the  
18 official work that he does.

19 Q. Okay. Going back to, you know, July of  
20 2013 when you said you reached out to Admin, I am  
21 going to show you this e-mail PBDB 174 where you  
22 e-mailed Brett O'Donnell, "Just talked to  
23 Admin? Let me know when you can chat. I have  
24 more info." Then Brett O'Donnell responds --

1 A. (Inaudible).

2 Q. -- call --

3 A. I'm assuming that means --

4 Q. -- he'll call in a bit. I'm assuming  
5 that's --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Do you recall having a conversation with  
8 Brett O'Donnell where you relayed --

9 A. I think they were asking -- I think this is  
10 when I was -- Admin asked me whether we were gonna  
11 respond or not, and so Brett wanted to know whether  
12 they were gonna respond or not.

13 Q. And what was the -- was it decided that he  
14 would not respond; do you recall how that issue --

15 A. I think we just never -- we never  
16 entertained the idea of responding.

17 Q. Okay. Were you involved in putting  
18 together the office's response to the WSB/TV story?

19 A. I'm sure I was, yes.

20 Q. Let's just get it right, here, from  
21 Christine. When this says, near the end, "As  
22 stated by the House Administration Committee,  
23 O'Donnell's communications training is in  
24 compliance with all House rules," do you know what

1 that is referring to, what statement by the  
2 Committee?

3 A. I believe the news article that was in USA  
4 Today by Paul Singer --

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. -- where they stated that we were in  
7 compliance with all House rules.

8 Q. All right, and so if you will flip the page  
9 over, there was an exchange between you and  
10 Christine and Brett?

11 A. And this is on the (inaudible).

12 Q. Yes. It appears that way.

13 Did you push to have the article corrected,  
14 if you --

15 A. I wouldn't.

16 Q. -- viewed that as incorrect?

17 A. I wouldn't. I would ask Christine to talk  
18 to them about it. I know Christine did talk to  
19 them. I don't think they were interested in  
20 listening to her.

21 Q. Okay. You know, leading up -- you know,  
22 during our office's review process and leading up  
23 to these interviews, did you have any conversations  
24 with the people we you -- we interviewed?

1 A. Our staff?

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you have any conversations about in  
5 which you discussed Brett O'Donnell role  
6 (inaudible)?

7 A. Mainly what I was doing was making sure  
8 everybody had filled out those forms and turned  
9 them in and pitched to the staff members who had no  
10 idea what was going on, who Brett was.

11 I had specifically mentioned to each one of  
12 them that I'm not talking to them about what to say  
13 about what the whole, you know, relationship or  
14 anything was. That's up to them to meet with you  
15 or not.

16 Q. Do you recall telling any of the witnesses  
17 that to the extent Brett did campaign work, it was  
18 as a volunteer?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. Who do you -- who did you tell that to?

21 A. I think everybody that asked. They said  
22 Brett O'Donnell's is a volunteer, right? I said,  
23 yes, I mean, because a lot of people didn't know  
24 the -- most people don't know what the specific

1 details are of everybody else.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. In other words, they don't know who's a  
4 volunteer, who's not; who's getting paid, who's  
5 not.

6 MR. SOLIS: So people who didn't know who  
7 Brett O'Donnell was said he was a volunteer, right,  
8 as a question to you?

9 A. No, people who -- who -- I'm sorry, didn't  
10 know?

11 MR. SOLIS: Right; you were saying some  
12 people in the office didn't even know who Brett  
13 O'Donnell was. I'm wondering --

14 A. No, no. All I'm saying is --

15 MR. SOLIS: -- why would they ask a  
16 question to you about his role in the campaign if  
17 they didn't even know who he was?

18 A. No, the people that he was meeting with.

19 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

20 A. Like Jordan and --

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

22 A. -- and Meredith and -- because they  
23 didn't -- I mean, they knew Brett was helping us  
24 out and they assumed he was a volunteer but no one

1 ever asked specifically.

2 BY MR. MORGAN:

3 Q. They knew who he was --

4 A. Right.

5 Q. -- they just didn't know what his --

6 A. Right.

7 Q. -- role was?

8 A. In fact, I think the only people who knew  
9 were myself and Meredith and Dr. Broun.

10 Q. And Christine?

11 A. Well, Christine, sorry.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And my financial guys, of course.

14 Q. Okay. Have you -- when was the last time  
15 you spoke with Brett O'Donnell?

16 A. He called me yesterday.

17 Q. And what time yesterday?

18 A. It would've been late afternoon, mid  
19 afternoon. It was before 4 o'clock but after 2  
20 o'clock because I remember having calls on each  
21 side of that.

22 Q. Did you discuss our interview of Brett?

23 A. I just asked him how -- he's -- I asked  
24 him -- because he called me the day before to tell

1 me he was going in. I didn't talk to him at that point.

2 I think he called me, didn't leave a message and  
3 then e-mailed me that he was going to meet with you  
4 all yesterday, I guess, and then he called me in  
5 the afternoon afterwards to tell me he had  
6 finished. He said it went about two hours and that  
7 he gave them all the e-mails that he had.

8 Q. Okay. Did you discuss -- did he discuss  
9 the questions we asked him?

10 A. No.

11 Q. No? Did he --

12 A. I specifically didn't want to ask him about  
13 the questions.

14 Q. Did he -- the issue of him volunteering for  
15 the campaign come up in your conversation with him  
16 yesterday?

17 A. I don't think so, uh-uh.

18 MR. SOLIS: Did the word, "Volunteer," at  
19 all enter your discussion with Brett?

20 A. Not yesterday, no.

21 MR. SOLIS: At any other time prior to  
22 that?

23 A. It may have prior to that, sure.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. In the context of our review, did you  
2 discuss --

3 A. Oh, sure. Sure.

4 Q. When; do you recall a specific  
5 conversation?

6 A. No, it was more mostly in the context of,  
7 you know, you were just volunteering. I mean, I  
8 don't know what the problem is, type of deal.

9 Q. I want to -- I want to come back to this.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. You know, we showed you those e-mails where  
12 in the middle part of June, Brett did a debate  
13 preparation sessions.

14 A. June of last year?

15 Q. 2012.

16 A. '12, okay.

17 Q. So right after the consulting agreement --

18 A. Sure.

19 Q. -- is executed, and I believe you said that  
20 there was a conversation with him where he  
21 volunteered to do campaign debate work?

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Do you recall where that conversation took  
24 place; do you recall anything more about it you can

1 share with us?

2 A. I don't. I mean, I remember it was after he  
3 was already on the team, and prior to him coming  
4 onboard and working for us, we never even talked  
5 about campaign stuff. It was always about this is  
6 what Dr. Broun is looking for, and this is what  
7 we're trying to find, somebody to be able to help  
8 him with it.

9 It would have been right after he came  
10 onboard. You know, we -- at some point, we  
11 discussed the idea that we're -- you know, we have  
12 a debate coming up, and at that point, he  
13 volunteered and he said, Look, you know, I do  
14 debate coaching -- excuse me -- I do debate  
15 coaching -- I do debate coaching. I'm happy to  
16 volunteer and help out any time I can.

17 Q. Was there any expectation or any  
18 understanding or even a conversation with Brett  
19 that if things went well on the Senate  
20 campaign, if the funding was -- was good enough,  
21 that he could be paid by the campaign for the  
22 debate prep --

23 A. No.

24 Q. -- services?

1 A. I don't think we ever got to that point.

2 Q. Never a conversation like that --

3 A. Never got to that point.

4 Q. -- where if Dr. Broun made it through the  
5 primary, he would be hired on officially by the  
6 campaign?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. You don't recall a conversation?

9 A. I mean, no. We actually never had a  
10 conversation about any role that Brett would quite  
11 honestly have. It just sort of evolved. In other  
12 words, he offered to volunteer, we took him up on  
13 his offer at one point and it just sort of came  
14 more and more involved and then it wasn't working  
15 out so we started pulling back.

16 Q. Okay. Those are --

17 MR. CORTAZAR: Do you remember if the  
18 offer to volunteer came -- when you said it came  
19 after he was onboarded, in terms of onboarding, do  
20 you mean when you made an offer to him or when the  
21 contract was executed?

22 A. It would have been after all that. I mean,  
23 after at least --

24 MR. CORTAZAR: (Inaudible).

1           A.    -- a couple of sessions.  I think it was  
2    after a couple of sessions where they had met --

3           MR. CORTAZAR:  Okay.

4           A.    -- and they, you know, had a comfortable  
5    thing going on.

6  BY MR. MORGAN:

7           Q.    Well, I mean, it appears from the e-mail  
8    chain we showed you, that --

9           MR. SOLIS:  The next day.

10  BY MR. MORGAN:

11          Q.    -- that the next day or within a couple of  
12    days of when --

13          A.    Well --

14          Q.    -- he sent the consulting agreement to you,  
15    there was that prep session?

16          A.    That was what, June 21st on that e-mail?

17          Q.    Yeah, yeah.

18          A.    And when did he start with us?

19          Q.    The e-mail from him --

20          A.    So it would have three weeks?

21          Q.    -- to you attaching the consulting  
22    agreement was like June 19th?

23          A.    I -- well, he started working for us before  
24    we got --

1 Q. Before the agreement was hammered out?

2 A. Yeah. Before it was returned and signed.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. A lot of that stuff is done. I mean, I  
5 know he started -- I would have to look at the  
6 schedule on when the recess was in June. I'm  
7 almost sure that we were at least in session the  
8 first week of June.

9 I mean, I know we were at least two  
10 sessions in or three sessions in before they  
11 even -- the whole idea of the debate even came up  
12 and it was sort of a last minute schedule item,  
13 anyway --

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. -- the debate.

16 MR. CORTAZAR: Question: Then, I mean, so  
17 then the offer probably came before the execution  
18 of the contract, which was two days before the  
19 debate prep?

20 A. I'm sorry?

21 MR. CORTAZAR: The -- his offer to  
22 volunteer then came after you had several meetings  
23 when he had been onboard before the contract was  
24 actually executed, which would have been two days

1 before the debate prep?

2 A. So the contract was executed on --

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Executed on June 19th?

5 A. June 19th, and then we had a debate session  
6 on the 21st --

7 Q. On the 21st?

8 A. So it may have been, I don't recall.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. I mean, I think we had the contract  
11 executed, I mean, it was probably two or three days  
12 after we met him, so it would have been -- when did  
13 we meet with him, May?

14 Q. May 31st --

15 A. 31st --

16 Q. -- because that was (inaudible)?

17 A. So I mean, some time around June 3rd, 4th,  
18 I mean, whatever the weekend --after the weekend  
19 was, called him up and said I'd like to try it out.  
20 You know, we hammered out the terms, how long it  
21 would be, how much it would be, and then we started  
22 meeting with him and then -- well, and then he made  
23 the offer to do -- to volunteer on the debate side  
24 if we ever needed it.

1 Q. Well, I think you -- I think you have a  
2 sense of what we're looking at, what we're  
3 interested in.

4 A. Sure.

5 Q. Is there anything else that you would like  
6 to share with us?

7 A. I can't recall anything right now, to be  
8 honest with you. I mean, I'm just -- there's a lot  
9 of stuff but I think it's --

10 Q. Our review ends tomorrow. If you -- upon  
11 reflection, if there's something you want to add to  
12 what you told us here today --

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 Q. -- whether it be documents, whether it be  
15 going through your calendar and trying to get a  
16 better sense of the timing of things or whatnot --

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. -- let me know.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. I'd be happy to take a supplemental  
21 submission from you.

22 A. No, I mean, I'd like to be able to find out  
23 the other -- you know, find the other people that  
24 we had met with and -- if that would be helpful at

1 all, of course, and -- and of course the sessions  
2 that we had prior to the search with other -- you  
3 know, with the (inaudible) and with Merrie Spaeth  
4 and a few others.

5 I mean, bottom line is this was done  
6 because he significantly needed help in his  
7 communicating ability and that's the only reason  
8 why it was done and, you know, we had no intention  
9 at all of doing anything on the political side with  
10 this. It just evolved as Brett volunteered and it  
11 came along so --

12 Q. All right. Well, we appreciate your time.

13 A. Yep.

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# **EXHIBIT 3**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S FORMER COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

1 MR. MORGAN: All right. Speaking is Bryson  
2 Morgan, Investigative Counsel at the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics.

4 I'm joined here by Paul Solis, who's  
5 also Investigative Counsel at the Office of  
6 Congressional Ethics.

7 And we are here with [REDACTED]  
8 on Thursday, June 19, 2014.

9 So, [REDACTED], thank you for being here with  
10 us.

11 MS. [REDACTED]: My pleasure.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. And we already covered the False Statements  
14 Act and that acknowledgement form, so I think --  
15 first, we'd like to ask you some pretty general  
16 questions about your background?

17 So, what -- what was your first  
18 position with Representative Broun's Congressional  
19 Office?

20 A. I was hired as his Press Secretary,  
21 originally.

22 Q. Okay. When, about, was that?

23 A. That was March, I think. 2010.

24 Q. 2010. Okay. What did you

1 do --

2 A. I think. I'd have to look at my resume.

3 MR. SOLIS: That's okay. Best of your  
4 recollection.

5 A. I think, I'm sorry.

6 BY MR. MORGAN:

7 Q. What did you do before then?

8 A. I was the -- the Press Secretary, and then  
9 formerly Press Assistant for Congressman Phil  
10 Gingrey.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. And prior to that I was with Senator  
13 Chambliss.

14 Q. Okay. So, you were hired on as Press  
15 Secretary in Representative Broun's office, you  
16 think it was March 2010. How long did you hold  
17 that position?

18 A. I was promoted to Communications Director  
19 after about six months. You know what, I think it  
20 was 2011.

21 Q. 2011. Okay.

22 A. I'm sorry.

23 Q. And then how long were you in -- in that  
24 Communications Director position?

1 A. Two years.

2 Q. Two years.

3 A. Approximately.

4 Q. And what did you do after that?

5 A. I left to work in the private sector for a  
6 company here in Atlanta, where I'm the Senior  
7 Director of Public Relations.

8 Q. Okay. Have you ever had any positions with  
9 Representative Broun's campaigns? Either for the  
10 House or for the Senate?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you ever volunteer for the campaigns?

13 A. Volunteered, yes.

14 Q. And what -- did you have a title as a  
15 volunteer, or what types of things --

16 A. Um-hmm.

17 Q. -- did you do as a volunteer?

18 A. I didn't have any title. I mostly just,  
19 kind of, helped him with speeches and talking  
20 points. Just sort of the things that were messages  
21 for us in the 10th District that sort of resonated  
22 with the whole state.

23 So, I was more of a, kind of, refine and  
24 help message messaging.

1 Q. Okay. Did you -- so, did you volunteer  
2 during the 2010 campaign?

3 A. No.

4 Q. No? So, the 2012?

5 A. Did I -- yeah, I guess I did volunteer  
6 during 2010 campaign. He didn't have a very tough  
7 re-elect then, so he didn't need a ton of messaging  
8 help. But, mostly, for the Senate.

9 Q. Mostly for the Senate.

10 A. Mm-hmm.

11 Q. So, the -- when -- do you recall when it  
12 was that his campaign for the Senate began?

13 A. It was just after Saxby announced he was  
14 retiring, so that was January, maybe?

15 Q. Of 2013?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. It was literally like the week after. Or  
19 maybe even, like, the day after Saxby announced he  
20 was retiring. So --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- whenever that timeline was. I should  
23 have brushed up on all these before I came in,  
24 sorry.

1 Q. No, it's -- it's fine. All the questions  
2 we ask we're just asking that you respond to the  
3 best of your recollection.

4 A. Okay, yeah. Because the dates might be  
5 off.

6 Q. Totally understand. So, when -- let's talk  
7 about your time in the Congressional Office.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. Who did you report to when you were Press  
10 Secretary?

11 A. The chief of staff.

12 Q. The chief of staff. Is that David Bowser?

13 A. David Bowser. He was the Chief of Staff  
14 the full time I was there.

15 Q. Okay. And as Communications Director, did  
16 you still report to David.

17 A. Yes. Mm-hmm. It was the same position, it  
18 was just a better title and a pay bump.

19 Q. Okay. Who -- who else was involved in the  
20 press or communications side of the Congressional  
21 Office during your time?

22 A. When I first started Austin Carson was the  
23 Press Assistant. But he later transferred, kind  
24 of, to a legislative role. And then Jane Burrell

1 was a Press Assistant for a little while, too.

2 Q. Jane Burrell, okay.

3 A. Very -- I mean, literally like social media  
4 kind of true assistant roles, and then for a while  
5 Jessica Morris -- I guess her name is now Jessica  
6 Hayes --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- she was sort of the District Press  
9 Secretary, and handled a lot of the, you know,  
10 constituent communications.

11 But, later, she transferred into a  
12 different role and I picked up some of those  
13 responsibilities as well.

14 Q. Okay. And on the -- on the campaign? So  
15 -- well -- did you work on the 2012 Congressional  
16 Campaign? For Representative Broun? I think he  
17 had a primary challenge from --

18 A. Yeah, he had a --

19 Q. -- Simpson.

20 A. Yes. Yeah, I did. But not like a -- like  
21 I said, he didn't have a very --

22 Q. Very strong.

23 A. -- strong effort there, so. I did very  
24 little volunteer work.

1 Q. Do you recall -- do you recall who else --  
2 I -- I'm trying to get a sense of who are the main  
3 players on Representative Broun's campaigns. So,  
4 in 2012 do you recall who was the Manager?

5 A. Bob Bibee.

6 Q. Bob Bibee. Okay.

7 A. Mm-hmm. Who was also his Senate Campaign  
8 Manager, so.

9 Q. Okay. Do you recall who else was involved  
10 in 2012?

11 A. Jordan Chinouth.

12 Q. Jordan Chinouth.

13 A. Just from a kind of boots-in-the-ground  
14 perspective, but --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- I really didn't have much of a role in  
17 that. Other than, like, prepping for interviews  
18 and, you know, a lot of those interviews kind of --  
19 for -- especially for, like, the 10th District,  
20 when it's a re-elect campaign and you're already  
21 serving -- servicing --

22 Q. Mm-hmm.

23 A. -- that district, from a messaging  
24 standpoint. Like, we're doing radio interviews,

1 we're doing anyways. We're not doing anything  
2 outside of our district, anyway, so it was a lot  
3 of, like, cross-over, I guess.

4 Q. I see. Yeah, that -- that's  
5 understandable. Was Jordan also involved in 2014?

6 A. Yes. He was involved from a, like, I don't  
7 remember what his official title was. He wasn't  
8 the Campaign Manager, but, yes, he was involved.

9 Q. Was Josh Findlay? Does that name ring a  
10 bell?

11 A. Yes. Josh and him are partners.

12 Q. Oh, okay. I didn't know that. So, I think  
13 I've seen some documents where Josh Findlay is  
14 identified as the Campaign Manager, but I  
15 understand that sometimes titles --

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. -- and roles and duties on campaigns don't  
18 necessarily match up.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Do you recall who else was -- was really  
21 involved in the campaigns? Was David Bowser  
22 involved?

23 A. Most of it, I mean, anyone that volunteered  
24 from his Congressional staff was, you know, just a

1 volunteer.

2 Q. Just a volunteer.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. Not anyone that was paid by the -- I mean,  
6 to my knowledge -- paid by the campaign or --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- really --

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. -- involved from that standpoint.

11 Q. I understand that's pretty common. Okay.

12 A. And, again, I was his Congressional  
13 staffer, so my knowledge of, like, everything that  
14 went on -- on the campaign is kind of limited.

15 Q. Okay. So, in the -- in -- during the 2012  
16 campaign, who -- who on the campaign was prepping  
17 Representative Broun for media appearances?

18 A. Just like I said, we didn't really seek out  
19 to do a lot of campaign-specific press.

20 Q. Mm-hmm.

21 A. So, we were doing radio shows that we were  
22 doing weekly anyways, so.

23 Q. In an unofficial capacity?

24 A. In unofic- -- yeah -- and, like, we'd be

1 there for an official interview and a campaign  
2 question --

3 Q. Yeah, of course.

4 A. -- might pop up that he would have to  
5 answer, but, you know, there wasn't a lot of  
6 dedicated effort to press.

7 Like, I don't recall us putting out  
8 press releases, like, you know, or anything along  
9 those lines for the 2012 --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- campaign. We kind of, our strategy was  
12 just to ignore that guy.

13 Q. And in 2014, do you know who was involved  
14 in prepping him for -- for media appearances?

15 A. You know, I -- I did, from a volunteer  
16 standpoint, again. But he -- well, he -- I'm  
17 trying to -- I mean, again, we didn't really do  
18 anything that was -- I -- I think Bob, his campaign  
19 manager, maybe sent out the -- a lot of the e-mails  
20 and I had access to it from a Gmail account, but...

21 Q. Well, we have some documents here that  
22 might --

23 A. Yeah, that'd be helpful.

24 Q. -- refresh your recollection a little, but

1 we'll get to those in a little bit. But first I  
2 want to ask you some questions about Brett  
3 O'Donnell.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. And how -- how you first became acquainted  
6 -- acquainted with him.

7 A. Mm-hmm.

8 Q. Do you recall how that came about?

9 A. Yes. Dr. Broun had wanted to -- and he had  
10 mentioned this, like, literally from the day he  
11 hired me, that he wanted to get better at  
12 messaging, and he had, you know, just this whole  
13 spiel about how messaging was, like, the heart of  
14 everything, so.

15 Q. Mm-hmm.

16 A. I think his -- he had mentioned multiple  
17 times his former Press Secretary had brought in  
18 someone to train him a few times, and he was  
19 looking for -- instead of just, like, a one time  
20 seminar or session, he wanted someone to work with  
21 him on an ongoing basis.

22 So, we first met Brett when we were  
23 hiring a consultant.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. A media-coach-consultant sort of thing.

2 So, we interviewed multiple can- --

3 Q. Did you review other candidates?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. You did? Okay.

6 A. Yup. We interviewed multiple candidates.

7 Q. Do you recall who any of those other  
8 candidates were?

9 A. I don't. I mean, this was a long time ago.

10 Q. Yeah. Do you -- do you recall when, about,  
11 this was? I think I have -- wait, one document...

12 A. Mm-hmm.

13 Q. Here's a -- a little group of documents,  
14 so --

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. -- to review. And these are some documents  
17 that relate, perhaps, to that first interaction you  
18 had -- the numbers --

19 A. Yeah. I guess it would be about this time.  
20 Then -- May? Late May?

21 Q. Okay. First one is -- I'll read this for  
22 the record -- PBDB82. And it looks like it was an  
23 e-mail from Brett to David Bowser, introducing  
24 himself. And then it -- it -- it looks like there

1 was an initial meeting -- it says -- it's an e-mail  
2 from Brett to David saying, "Just confirming our  
3 meeting today" --

4 A. Mm-hmm.

5 Q. -- "at 4 p.m. at NRCC."

6 A. Mm-hmm.

7 Q. And then if you flip to -- a -- a couple of  
8 pages, it looks like there's the calendar  
9 appointment from Teddie Norton's account. This is  
10 PBTN0005; where the subject line is, "Meeting with  
11 Brett O'Donnell --

12 A. Mm-hmm.

13 Q. -- about Bachmann's debate coach, and are -- at  
14 the NRCC."

15 A. Yup.

16 Q. Shows Representative Broun, David Bowser,  
17 and you attending.

18 Was this the -- was this about when you  
19 think you first became acquainted with -- with  
20 Brett.

21 A. Yeah. This definitely was, because I was  
22 there for the first meeting.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Where they ever met, so. This was surely

1 the first time.

2 Q. Do you -- what do you recall about that  
3 meeting? Do you recall why it was held at the --  
4 the NRCC?

5 A. No. I don't remember if there was a  
6 specific reason. I mean, I was just there helping  
7 to kind of get a sense of the candidates, so, you  
8 know --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- I can't really tell you why.

11 Q. Okay. Do you remember what was discussed  
12 or?

13 A. Yeah. We talked about all the things we  
14 were looking for in a, you know, messaging  
15 consultant. Dr. Broun frequently had trouble with  
16 deliverance in, especially, TV interviews. And  
17 sort of just awkward Floor speeches and not pausing  
18 in the right places and he just really wanted  
19 someone that had a little more expertise, I guess,  
20 than me? That could really hone in on deliverance.  
21 That was a big part of --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- why. And he kind of tended to be all  
24 over the place, and then things -- say things that

1 you'd want to walk back.

2                   So, he was really looking for someone  
3 to help with messaging.

4       Q.    Okay.

5       A.    Bottom line.

6                   MR. SOLIS:  And when you say, "all the  
7 things that you were looking for," is deliverance  
8 the only thing, or what -- what are some other  
9 things that you were potentially asking Brett  
10 about?  And so you could --

11       A.    I mean, we just asked him about, you know,  
12 how he would handle, I mean, someone who has very  
13 go-against the grain beliefs.  I mean, obviously,  
14 it's a very hard right, tea-party, conservative,  
15 likes to vote against things like John Boehner for  
16 Speaker, and sometimes those are really tough  
17 things to deal with, as far as the press goes.

18                   So, I mean, it's hard to work with  
19 anyone on that staff -- I mean, on a staff that  
20 doesn't -- doesn't necessarily, like, doesn't agree  
21 with what you're doing, or, you know, kind of  
22 believe in some of the -- so, we asked him about  
23 that and how he would deal with that.

24                   And, you know, Dr. Broun has a very

1 strong Christian background, and, you know, he  
2 always wants to get into --

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Excuse me.

5 A. -- those sort of things when it comes to,  
6 like, his speeches, and we needed to make sure that  
7 that wasn't something that was going to offend him,  
8 or that he would be okay with, so.

9 Just all sorts of, you know, can you  
10 deal with these quirks? What's your experience?  
11 Just all of those typical things you would ask.

12 Q. Did --

13 A. It was a lot of the -- the interview  
14 questions that I got, honestly, when I came on  
15 board, so.

16 Q. Okay. Did -- was there a discussion about  
17 what types of service Brett O'Donnell could  
18 provide? Did he -- did he mention weekly sessions?

19 A. I don't remember. I -- actually, I do  
20 remember that when we first wanted to hire a  
21 communications person we kind of wanted to test it  
22 out and see how it went and see if, like, they fit,  
23 style wise.

24 Q. Mm-hmm.

1           A.     And Dr. Broun had been trying to get  
2     deployed to Afghanistan at the time, so we said we  
3     would revisit it sort of after that.  So, I think  
4     it was maybe monthly or bi-monthly.  I don't quite  
5     recall, but...

6           Q.     Okay.  Did -- so, what was understood about  
7     the services that O'Donnell would provide?  Once --  
8     once he was brought on?  Was there any discussion  
9     of -- of debate preparation?

10          A.     No.

11          Q.     No?

12          A.     Um-hmm.

13          Q.     Okay.

14          A.     No.

15          Q.     Was there any discussion of him helping  
16     draft Floor speeches?

17          A.     Yes.

18          Q.     Okay.

19          A.     Yes.  Not so much draft, because, I mean,  
20     that was primarily my responsibility.

21          Q.     Okay.

22          A.     But more so, like, we would -- Dr. Broun  
23     would literally stand up and practice them in front  
24     of Brett.  Or he would do a Fox interview or a CNN

1 interview and we would sit back in Dr. Broun's  
2 office and go over them afterward and then, like,  
3 re-go over them -- of how we can do them better,  
4 role-playing, that sort of thing. Just the things  
5 he really needed work on.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- He was just a true messaging consultant.

8 Q. Would he -- would he supply you or Dr.  
9 Broun with talking points?

10 A. You know, that -- our talking points in  
11 that office really kind of came from the leg  
12 staff, because they were very at-one with what  
13 Dr. Broun's goals were and what he wanted to get  
14 passed on the Floor, what amendments he wanted to  
15 offer. And he wanted to kind of hone in on being  
16 this, like, deficaut- -- deficit hawk.

17 So, I -- it was more like, we would  
18 come up with the talking points and maybe Brett  
19 would help massage them so that Dr. Broun could  
20 deliver them better.

21 Q. I see.

22 MR. SOLIS: But the talking points would  
23 originate from the legislative staff?

24 A. Oh, yeah. Or me.

1 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

2 A. Mm-hmm.

3 MR. SOLIS: Do you know how often Brett  
4 would maybe meet with those staffers? Those  
5 legislative staffers?

6 A. He didn't really have too much interaction  
7 with the legislative staffers. I mean, I think he  
8 knew all of them, but it wasn't like he was sitting  
9 in on our legislative meetings or going through  
10 Bills with us.

11 I mean, he really just kind of took  
12 what we crafted, you know, the Bills that we wanted  
13 to pass, or the legislation we wanted to introduce.  
14 Like his health care bill for example, his OPTION  
15 Act (inaudible).

16 He would kind of work with -- he in no  
17 way shaped policy, but more so, again, just the way  
18 we would kind of talk about policy.

19 BY MR. MORGAN:

20 Q. I'm going to show you another document  
21 here.

22 A. Sure.

23 Q. And this -- this may be -- well, I think  
24 you were CC'd on this.

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. This is PBDB120. This is an e-mail --

3 A. Do I already have this?

4 Q. -- from Brett O'Donnell. Yes, you do. An  
5 e-mail from Brett O'Donnell to [REDACTED] -- I  
6 believe that would Representative Broun's personal  
7 e-mail account.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. And then David Bowser and you, in which he  
10 attaches his proposal. And, if you flip over to  
11 the next page --

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. -- here. This is the proposal attached.  
14 You know, in the first paragraph there, he says --  
15 he writes, you know, halfway down the paragraph:

16 "The method of media prep and the  
17 materials I provide are essential to preparing for  
18 media interviews and speeches, as well as debates.

19 Additionally, this proposal will cover  
20 assisting with messaging and other strategic  
21 communication, campaign or official activities,  
22 including specific media interview prep for each  
23 appearances that are scheduled."

24 I can tell you that if -- if you flip

1 through the proposal he -- he does highlight debate  
2 preparation.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. You know, page 123 of this section is  
5 "Media, Public Speaking, Debate Preparation." Page  
6 124, a section on debate preparation. So, I did --  
7 I just want to make, you know --

8 A. Sure.

9 Q. -- understand --

10 A. I mean, I think these are --

11 Q. -- to what extent debate or campaign  
12 preparation may have been discussed as he was  
13 coming on board.

14 A. Yeah. I mean, clearly we knew that he had  
15 worked for Michelle Bachmann --

16 Q. Mm-hmm.

17 A. -- and what his background and credentials  
18 were. But at the time that we were, you know,  
19 looking for someone -- I mean, Saxby hadn't even  
20 announced he was retiring, so.

21 I mean, to my knowledge there was no  
22 consideration of any campaign. I mean, our -- our  
23 campaign was already over. He had already just won  
24 our re-elect, so.

1 Q. There was no discussion of the Senate  
2 campaign?

3 A. I think that this -- this is probably a --  
4 to -- to my knowledge, I mean, I don't know -- this  
5 is probably a pretty standard proposal that he  
6 gives to --

7 Q. (Inaudible).

8 A. -- I mean, this is what's right off of his  
9 website.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. If I remember correctly.

12 Q. And then the next document I want to show  
13 you. I don't think you have this over there yet.

14 A. See -- I think it'd be -- I mean, if you  
15 look his e-mail, like, the things that we were  
16 focused on were helping sharpen the communication  
17 skills.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Which is what Dr. Broun would harp on all  
20 the time.

21 Q. Okay. I think that... I think -- I'm not  
22 sure you have this one over there.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. It's the consulting agreement. And you'll

1 notice -- let me just read the bottom number that  
2 thing is PBDB115, at the bottom. Yes. Yeah.  
3 Consulting agreement. The e-mail on top of  
4 it, so PBDB114 --

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. -- where he writes, "I wasn't sure that you  
7 settled on how I would be paid, so I left the  
8 address brank -- blank."

9 Do recall if there was a discussion of  
10 how -- how Brett O'Donnell would be paid? What the  
11 different options for paying him were?

12 A. I was just in his initial interview.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. On, sort of, his background in candidates.  
15 So I, obviously wasn't involved in this  
16 conversation at all.

17 Q. Okay. Do you recall there being any  
18 discussion of -- of whether or not Brett should be  
19 paid out of the campaign account as opposed to the  
20 official account?

21 A. Not when I was -- we never talked about --

22 Q. You never --

23 A. -- I was never involved in conversations  
24 about money at all. Kind of over my pay-grade at

1 the time.

2 MR. SOLIS: Aside from being a part of  
3 those conversations, did you know, personally, how  
4 he was paid?

5 A. I did not. I couldn't tell you, till this  
6 day.

7 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

8 A. Well, aside from what I've read, but.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Okay. Do you recall any -- if you heard of  
11 anyone in the Congressional Office touching base  
12 with the Committee on House of Administration?  
13

14 Or the Committee on Ethics, regarding  
15 bringing Brett O'Donnell on?

16 A. Again, it wasn't something I was involved  
17 in --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- facilitating. So. No, I was just part  
20 of the initial interview --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- with all of the candidates, sort of,  
23 again what we were looking for.

24 Q. And -- do you recall there being any

1 discussion of the types of services that Brett  
2 O'Donnell could provide to the Congressional Office  
3 and types of services he wasn't able to provide?

4 Any sort of boundaries on what he could  
5 or couldn't do?

6 A. No, because, again, at the time, it wasn't  
7 something that was up for consideration. So, I --  
8 I mean --

9 Q. And what -- what do you mean by --

10 A. -- I think -- I think at that time we had  
11 just won -- I mean, if I remember correctly -- we  
12 had just won our re-elect.

13 Q. Mm-hmm.

14 A. And, I mean, we didn't even know if it was  
15 going to work out with him, it was a trial thing.  
16 Trial basis with him, so.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. So, then, now, looking back at your  
20 time in the Congressional Office --

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 Q. -- and your interactions with Brett  
23 O'Donnell, how would you describe, you know,  
24 looking at the totality of what he did, how would

1 you describe his role with the office?

2 A. I would say that he was part of the  
3 communications team.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. He was part of the -- I'm trying to think  
6 of the best way to phrase it. He -- I mean, he was  
7 an outside consultant, someone that wasn't, you  
8 know, spending time day in and day out with Dr.  
9 Broun. He was an extra set of eyes.

10 He was, I mean, he was just a message  
11 -- I mean, to me, that's what he -- he was most  
12 helpful with me in. Kind of, reining Dr. Broun in  
13 and keeping him on point.

14 Q. Okay. How -- how frequently did you  
15 interact with him?

16 A. I would say weekly.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I mean, I think at certain, you know,  
19 points, like, when he first came on board, that  
20 first month maybe bi-weekly? But as we got -- as  
21 we got to know --

22 Q. As in -- as in every other week, or as in  
23 twice a week?

24 A. Every other week, sorry.

1 Q. Every other week, okay.

2 A. You know, but as we got to know him and he  
3 got to know Dr. Broun, he just kind of became part  
4 of the, "Hey, what do you think of this Floor  
5 speech? Like, what do you..."

6 Q. Okay. So, who -- who would he interact  
7 with, on the staff? He being Brett O'Donnell?

8 A. Me, David --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- Dr. Broun, and, I would say, Teddie,  
11 just from a scheduling stand point.

12 Q. Okay. And you said a few other names of  
13 people who are involved in press? About Jane  
14 Burrell, Jessica Hayes, or Austin Carson?

15 A. I think by the time Brett came on board,  
16 Austin had already transitioned to Legislative  
17 duties.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. So, not really. And, no, I mean, anything  
20 that got passed down -- because I -- I would say  
21 that all the communications efforts funneled up  
22 through me.

23 Like, Jessica and Jane, anything that  
24 they did followed up through me, so anything that I

1 did with Brett got -- vice versa, cascaded down to  
2 them.

3 Q. I see. Okay.

4 MR. SOLIS: Given that he was basically  
5 interacting with Representative Broun --

6 A. Mm-hmm.

7 MR. SOLIS: -- once a week, you said about.

8 A. Probably.

9 MR. SOLIS: And you were then all the time,  
10 obviously --

11 A. Mm-hmm.

12 MR. SOLIS: -- how much would you say were  
13 your two roles different? You and Brett? I mean,  
14 were you basically doing, sort of, the same things  
15 from a communications standpoint?

16 A. Yeah. More or less, I mean, I think he was  
17 just a -- someone that would come in and, like,  
18 positively reinforce some of the things that, maybe  
19 Dr. Broun would second-guess that I would suggest,  
20 or that his staff would suggest.

21 So, you know, it's always good to have  
22 those second set of eyes, or someone who's kind of  
23 on the outside looking in, saying, "Hey, this is  
24 how I would view this if I was watching this on

1 TV."

2 And, of course, I mean, that's what his  
3 expertise was. Where as I had day in, day out  
4 duties with everything under the sun.

5 MR. SOLIS: Was there every any sort of  
6 discussion where it was, "This is only what  
7 [REDACTED] does; Brett, you don't have to do this,  
8 this is -- this is only her arena?"

9 A. No, because it wasn't like he had these,  
10 you know, check-boxes to check where he had roles  
11 and responsibilities, it was -- again, I have no  
12 idea, like, how he was paid or anything like that,  
13 but to me it was kind of like he was a as-needed  
14 basis sort of thing.

15 BY MR. MORGAN:

16 Q. Okay. So, I want to --

17 A. Big speeches, big TV interviews are coming  
18 up, you know, that sort of thing.

19 Q. Okay. So, he -- from what I understand  
20 from the documents we reviewed, it appeared there  
21 were almost every week there was about a one hour  
22 -- one hour session that Brett O'Donnell did with  
23 Representative Broun.

24 A. Mm-hmm.

1 Q. Does that sound about right?

2 A. Yeah, kind of.

3 Q. I mean, I'm not sure if that occurred every  
4 week or?

5 A. Yeah. Yeah, and I think it -- it was kind  
6 of, like, again, as needed.

7 Q. Right, as needed.

8 A. Sort of if something big was coming up,  
9 maybe we'd spend a little more time. I mean, you  
10 know, with votes, sometimes we'd schedule an hour,  
11 sometimes we'd get ten minutes. So.

12 Q. Yeah. What would typically happen in those  
13 sessions? Would they be in-person with Brett, or  
14 would he call in?

15 A. No, he would -- a lot of times he would  
16 come in to the office -- I -- I can't remember --

17 Q. To the Congressional office?

18 A. Yeah. To the -- to the House office, yeah  
19 --

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. -- the Congressional office. And if -- I  
22 mean, if, for any reason, like, we -- you know, a  
23 lot of times, like, the staffers will take meetings  
24 in Dr. Broun's office, that sort of thing.

1 Q. Mm-hmm.

2 A. So, I -- I -- the only reason I can imagine  
3 having gone over the NRCC at this particular time  
4 was the office was being used, or something like  
5 that.

6 Q. Mm-hmm.

7 A. So, yes, for the most part we'd meet in the  
8 Congressional office, but I can recall times where  
9 we met at the NRCC --

10 Q. The NRCC?

11 A. -- as well. But, not abnormal, I would  
12 say.

13 But in the sessions a lot of times we  
14 would do kind of like news du jour of the week,  
15 sort of, like, if you're getting caught coming off  
16 the Floor and you get asked about, you know, what's  
17 going on in Syria --

18 Q. Mm-hmm.

19 A. -- what are -- how are you going to  
20 respond, blah blah blah blah blah.

21 Because Dr. Broun maybe had a tendency  
22 to come up with really news worthy quotes that we  
23 would not like for him to come up with, so, it's  
24 always good to over-prepare him for anything.

1 Q. So, would Brett be the one providing those  
2 response? Suggesting response?

3 A. You know, he -- all of our sessions with  
4 him were, like, super informal. You know, he never  
5 came in with a PowerPoint presentation or --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- anything like that. So, a lot of times  
8 we would just be talking through those sort of  
9 things. Kind of just the three of us, sometimes  
10 Bowser would join, sometimes it would just be the  
11 three of us.

12 Q. Okay. Would -- would you review  
13 Dr. Broun's past media appearances in those  
14 sessions?

15 A. Yeah, we did that a few times, like where  
16 he would have an interview on healthcare, and we  
17 would get the clip from the clipping service and  
18 sit back in his office and watch it and be, like,  
19 okay, well, this is where you really screwed up,  
20 this is where you could tell you got nervous, this  
21 is where you took too many breaths --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- and that sort of thing. But I -- I  
24 mean, that was something that I had sort of started

1 doing with him anyways that we just kind of  
2 continued to do.

3 Q. Okay. Did -- did he have any role -- or  
4 Brett O'Donnell have any -- any role -- you said he  
5 was acting sort of a consultant, but consulting on  
6 a legislative matters?

7 A. In what sense?

8 Q. Would he ever suggest voting a certain way  
9 or -- or co-sponsoring a Bill, or participating in  
10 a committee hearing or anything like that?

11 A. Not -- No. Not like, "You should do this,"  
12 --

13 Q. Mm-hmm.

14 A. -- but maybe, you know, just like any  
15 communications staffer would do, like, "This is how  
16 it could appear to the media."

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. But, you know, not like in any way was he  
19 affecting policy.

20 Q. Okay. And --

21 A. Because that would be one of Dr. Broun's  
22 questions. You know, he'd say, "Well, if I do  
23 this, or if I vote against this, clearly it's going  
24 to cause a big, you know, hoopla in the press.

1 Such as if I don't vote for John Boehner for  
2 Speaker."

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. How, you know, how do we message this?  
5 Sort of, you know, that sort of thing.

6 Q. So, he was providing messaging -- messaging  
7 advice?

8 A. Yeah. That's exactly what I would say.

9 Q. So, did he -- so, his role with, say, Floor  
10 speeches, for example.

11 A. Mm-hmm.

12 Q. He would -- would he ever draft those  
13 himself?

14 A. No.

15 Q. So those would be -- the first draft would  
16 be done by?

17 A. Me.

18 Q. By you?

19 A. Always.

20 Q. Okay. And then --

21 A. Or maybe like the Press Assistant.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. But very rarely.

24 Q. And what would his role be? Would he

1 review the draft?

2 A. Typically the way I worked with Dr. Broun,  
3 like, luckily David was a very kind, hands-off  
4 Chief of Staff, but I would write something, I'd go  
5 into Dr. Broun, we'd talk about it, he'd edit it.

6 Wake up, come into work the next  
7 morning and be on my spee- -- desk all crossed out.  
8 And then we'd kind of work on a draft that he felt  
9 comfortable with.

10 And then if it happened to be where  
11 Brett was in that week and we were delivering that  
12 Floor speech, Dr. Broun would practice it a few  
13 times.

14 I mean, certain words, like, he talked  
15 about he was really bad with alliteration. So  
16 sometimes, you know, we'd strike words to make it  
17 flow better, sound better...

18 Q. So you would be prep- -- rehearsing in  
19 front of Brett?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And he would --

22 A. Yep.

23 Q. -- be providing input, feedback?

24 A. Yeah. Just, again, delivery was his --

1 Dr. Broun's really achilles.

2 Q. Would he also provide comments on the text  
3 of the -- of the speech? Offer phrases or suggest  
4 taking out phrases. Was he involved in that  
5 process?

6 A. I -- I mean, again, I would say, if it  
7 sounded bad, or if Dr. Broun wasn't delivering it  
8 well. But it wasn't like he was saying, you know,  
9 this word -- I -- maybe he would say, like, this  
10 word doesn't resonate well with the media, or this  
11 gives off a negative connotation.

12 But, no, he would not say, you know,  
13 "Strike this word and replace it with word. It  
14 appeals to voters more," if that's what you're  
15 getting at.

16 MR. SOLIS: Okay. You had mentioned  
17 earlier that part of what you were considering with  
18 Mr. O'Donnell is that Dr. Broun is a -- I think --  
19 use -- your words were, "a hard-core  
20 conservative --

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 MR. SOLIS: -- tea party," and, so when  
23 he's developing these floor speeches and he's  
24 developing these messages --

1 A. Mm-hmm.

2 MR. SOLIS: -- you know, part of what  
3 you're assessing Mr. O'Donnell, his hire on, is --  
4 is these types of issues; right? How can you  
5 handle going against the grain in these types of  
6 things; correct?

7 A. Sure.

8 MR. SOLIS: So, if, you know, you're  
9 practicing a speech, is Mr. O'Donnell then giving  
10 you suggestions on, "Maybe this isn't the right  
11 thing to say at this time, we should hold back on  
12 this, given that you're hard-core conservative --

13 A. No.

14 MR. SOLIS: No?

15 A. Again, he had no input -- input from, like,  
16 a development standpoint. Whatsoever.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Okay. I have a --

19 A. I mean, he's just not a legislative guy. I  
20 mean, he's a messaging guy, so.

21 Q. I have a few e-mails I want to --

22 A. Sure.

23 Q. -- I want to go through to get a sense of,  
24 if what we see in the e-mails is typical of -- of

1 the type of work that -- that Brett did for the  
2 office.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. This is PBDB89. And -- let's see. If you  
5 flip over to the, you know, the third page, which  
6 is actually the first e-mail. It's an e-mail from  
7 you to David Bowser, Jordan Chinouth, Brett  
8 O'Donnell, and GovBob, is Bob Bibee, I believe is  
9 GovBob, is that his e-mail?

10 A. Yes. Mm-hmm.

11 Q. And then Jessica Hayes. And in -- here  
12 you're saying, "We absolutely cannot get roped into  
13 commenting on this or dwelling on it." And it's  
14 referring to a CREW report on the most corrupt  
15 members.

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. But if you -- if you notice on the second  
18 page, Brett O'Donnell appears a couple of times in  
19 the e-mail chain.

20 The e-mail from him to that group on  
21 September 12, 2012, where he -- he basically agrees  
22 with David Bowser, saying, "We should go on the  
23 offense. Offense is the best way to handle this,"  
24 he writes. "Want to talk about corruption? Let's

1 talk about the way Democrats are spending money,  
2 etc."

3           You respond, I think, somewhat opposing  
4 the offensive strategy.

5       A.    Clearly.

6       Q.    He then appears to agree with you, and he  
7 says at the top of the page 90 there, "My  
8 suggestion is a response if we're asked, I don't  
9 think we should (inaudible) or seek press on this."

10           Here -- it appears in these e-mails  
11 that he's -- he's consulting on -- on the messaging  
12 strategy, or communications strategy.

13       A.    Mm-hmm.

14       Q.    Like, when to respond, how to respond. Is  
15 that -- was that typical for him to do?

16       A.    Not really. I -- I mean, I don't think  
17 anyone, to be frank, I don't think anyone really  
18 asked him.

19       Q.    Mm-hmm.

20       A.    I think that, you know, he got CC'd on a  
21 lot of communications, would-be could-be crises,  
22 just to be aware.

23           But, I don't think that Brett was, you  
24 know, had an active role in any decision making

1 processes. Whether or not -- I mean, we could've  
2 commented on it, or we could've not commented on  
3 it. And that would have been our decision --

4 Q. Mm-hmm.

5 A. -- and I think he would've --

6 Q. When you say "our," you mean --

7 A. Our -- Dr. Broun's -- the -- the staff.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The official staff. Or the, you know,  
10 regular staff. I think we could've made a decision  
11 to do either/or in this particular situation.

12 And I think lost this one, I think we  
13 ended up commenting, and he would've done, you  
14 know, the fallout from either.

15 Q. Okay. So would it be -- how --

16 A. (Inaudible).

17 Q. -- would you describe him as one of -- one  
18 of a few people that were providing input into the  
19 process, but not with a -- a dispositive role?

20 A. Sure. I guess. Maybe, you know, I -- I  
21 kind of feel like he just chimed in. You know?

22 Q. Yeah.

23 A. In the situation. But --

24 Q. But he was obviously cc'd on the

1 conversation --

2 A. Mm-hmm.

3 Q. -- because...

4 A. Well, this, I mean, you know as well as I  
5 do, these kind of stories always get legs, they  
6 always get attention, they always end up, like --

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. -- trickling down to the local press, the  
9 AJC, Athens Banner-Herald.

10 So, I think in this situation we  
11 probably wanted to pre-empt any sort of extra media  
12 that we would be getting from being the number  
13 three most corrupt member of Congress.

14 Q. Mm-hmm.

15 A. So, I think he was probably more CC'd for a  
16 heads-up situation than a, "Hey, we are going to do  
17 whatever you say," type of role.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. David and I always clashed on this stuff.

20 Q. So, let me show you this e-mail here.  
21 PBDB140. This is an e-mail from you on February 8,  
22 2013. It's not clear exactly who you're sending  
23 this to, but based on the response, it looks like  
24 you were sending it to Brett and Erica Miller, Dave

1 Bowser, GovBob, and Jordan Chinouth.

2           It says, "We need to work on this  
3 messaging that he wants to see it go through  
4 because it's the first real cut we've seen  
5 referring anything to the sequester. It's not  
6 getting good reception in Georgia because we're  
7 still military-heavy, in just saying that we'll  
8 plus it back up after he's cutting it."

9           Brett O'Donnell then responds, you  
10 know, a little over an hour later with suggesting a  
11 few lines of -- of -- of language on the sequester.

12           Would that -- would it be common for  
13 him to suggest the language that the Congressman  
14 used?

15       A.    I mean, I -- I would say that -- again,  
16 like, we would kind of come up with positions and  
17 the route and direction we wanted to go and if the  
18 tone or the, you know, wording need to be -- needed  
19 to be massaged or, you know, altered to sound  
20 better or come across better in the media, like,  
21 that's what he was there for.

22       Q.    Okay. So, I want to show you another --  
23 another e-mail that's -- that's similar.

24       A.    And in this situation, I mean, I was

1 honestly probably looking for someone else's  
2 opinion.

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. Is what it seems like, at least.

5 Q. And then here is another e-mail and this is  
6 PBDB155.

7 A. Mm-hmm.

8 Q. It's an e-mail from Brett O'Donnell to  
9 Congressman Broun's personal e-mail, CC'ing you and  
10 David Bowser. And the subject is "Universal  
11 Background Checks Answer," and he writes, "Dr.  
12 Broun, below is the answers we discussed."

13 And it's, you know, five or six lines  
14 of language on Dr. Broun's opposition to universal  
15 background checks and framing that. Would this  
16 also be typical for him to provide --

17 A. Well, I think in this situation this was  
18 right after the Newtown, Connecticut shootings.

19 Q. Uh-huh.

20 A. So, it was again, news du jour of the week.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So, I mean, if I remember correctly, in  
23 this situation. You know, we didn't want to be  
24 caught off-guard and have Dr. Broun seen

1 insensitive in any way.

2 MR. SOLIS: All right.

3 A. To the situation that was going on, so.

4 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

5 A. Yeah, I mean, it's probably, I mean I don't  
6 have the e-mail trail, or if we talked about this  
7 in his office earlier that day or, you know, this  
8 could've been part of a media inter- -- like, I  
9 have no idea. This, kind of, is --

10 MR. SOLIS: The context.

11 A. Yeah, I need the context. But, I mean, it  
12 could have been something that -- I think,  
13 actually, after that happened we scheduled a call,  
14 like, immediately to sort of go over his responses.  
15 If I have the timing correct.

16 So, that could've just been, you know,  
17 him putting in to -- typing notes up, or anything  
18 along those lines.

19 MR. SOLIS: Okay. And by "after that  
20 happened" do you mean after this e-mail was  
21 created? Or?

22 A. No, I mean after that --

23 MR. SOLIS: (Inaudible).

24 A. -- that shooting happened.

1 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Okay.

2 BY MR. MORGAN:

3 Q. Okay. So, when you -- when you say the  
4 "news du jour," it -- it seems to me -- and I don't  
5 want to put words in your mouth --

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. -- so, correct me if I'm wrong. But when  
8 hot topic issues would come up that you expected  
9 Congressman Broun to need to respond on --

10 A. Mm-hmm.

11 Q. -- you would, sometimes, involve Brett  
12 O'Donnell in helping craft the messaging --

13 A. Yeah, I mean --

14 Q. -- for his responses.

15 A. -- again, he was part of the -- I would  
16 say, part of the communications team. I -- I  
17 wouldn't say "crafting the messaging."

18 Q. Mm-hmm.

19 A. Again, he wasn't part of the development  
20 phase, but if it was something such as Newtown or,  
21 like -- I'm trying to think of other horrors that  
22 happened at that time.

23 You know, like, some of the things  
24 going on overseas. We'd often ask his opinion on

1 the way things were phrased, or how to best deliver  
2 that so as to not come across as insensitive.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Or something, you know, something along  
5 those lines.

6 Q. Yeah.

7 A. But it wasn't like, "Should Dr. Broun  
8 change his opinion on gun control because of this?"  
9 So, it -- it was much more, "How do I deliver this  
10 so as to not seem insensitive."

11 Q. Okay.

12 MR. SOLIS: So, if that's the case, if Mr.  
13 O'Donnell's doing, really, no development  
14 whatsoever --

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 MR. SOLIS: -- I mean, for example, this  
17 155 e-mail, I mean, that then would have to be sort  
18 of the result of the -- of the -- of putting  
19 together notes and putting together other people's  
20 opinions on it; right? This isn't just Brett  
21 O'Donnell's --

22 A. This is definitely Newtown, because  
23 "Children safe and free."

24 I mean, I would say, yes, to answer

1 your question. This is definitely a result of  
2 spending a lot of time with Dr. Broun, first of  
3 all, because he is the biggest Second Amendment  
4 advocate there is. I mean, these are things he  
5 says every day.

6 I mean, the first thing he says to you  
7 when you walk into his office, if you haven't seen  
8 the huge animals hanging on his wall, is the, you  
9 know, "Being a member of the Safari Club got me  
10 into Congress." Like, and he could go on about  
11 guns all day long.

12 So, I mean, this is just something that  
13 -- I would hope, at this point, was common  
14 knowledge to Brett, if, you know, he knew his  
15 client.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. Okay. Did -- did Brett ever train the  
18 staff?

19 A. No.

20 Q. No?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So, he didn't interact -- well, he  
23 interacted with you and David Bowser --

24 A. Mm-hmm.

1 Q. -- and the Congressman.

2 A. Mm-hmm.

3 Q. Do you know if he ever provided David  
4 Bowser any training?

5 A. No. David didn't do, like -- I mean, he --  
6 David's role, I would say, would be to ultimately  
7 approve the line in which we were going as far as  
8 commenting on things.

9 But he was -- he'll tell you, like,  
10 firsthand, he's not, like, a communications guy,  
11 so --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- no.

14 Q. And did -- did -- and Brett, did he ever  
15 train you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did he ever train anybody else that -- that  
18 you're aware of on the staff?

19 A. What -- what do you mean, "train"? I mean,  
20 we spent time kind of -- I mean, I felt like I  
21 learned from him --

22 Q. Mm-hmm.

23 A. -- and some of the things that he was  
24 really good at. But there's -- as far as training

1 goes, no. I -- I just -- I guess I'm not clear  
2 what you mean.

3 MR. SOLIS: Well, for example, his  
4 proposals. We looked at that a little while ago  
5 and there's this, you know, step-by-step listing of  
6 kind of how Mr. O'Donnell goes about doing what he  
7 does for members of Congress; right?

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 MR. SOLIS: But first -- one of the first  
10 times you meet him and you sit down, did you have  
11 to go through his, "Here -- here -- here's my  
12 methods. And, you know, we'd like to see you do  
13 more of this type of thing." Was there any of  
14 that?

15 A. No.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. There any -- did he ever --

18 A. I don't remember him having any particular  
19 methods, because, again, it was -- I mean, if you  
20 want to say, like, having Dr. Broun practice the  
21 alphabet backwards and forwards and, you know, read  
22 from his Bible every night to get better at, like,  
23 pronouncing words.

24 If -- there just wasn't a lot of, like,

1 formal -- we just didn't have very many formal  
2 sessions, if you will.

3 Q. Well, when I think of training I think of  
4 assisting a person developing skills. Did he do  
5 any of that with you?

6 Were any discussions he had with you  
7 about how to craft messages, how to write speeches,  
8 how to monitor press, or how to respond to  
9 situations?

10 A. No. Uh-uhh.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. No, I would actually say, I mean I don't  
13 want to say it was quite the opposite, but when he  
14 came on board he didn't know Dr. Broun at all.

15 And he has a very unique style, and,  
16 you know, he's very quirky, whimsical, so I would  
17 say it was a lot of Brett kind of sitting in and  
18 learning how Dr. Broun currently does things and  
19 what needs to get better for him to be a better  
20 communicator.

21 Q. Okay. I want to talk now about Brett  
22 O'Donnell's relationship with Representative  
23 Broun's campaigns. Do you -- do you recall if he  
24 ever had any -- if he ever volunteered for

1 Representative Broun's campaigns?

2 A. Yeah, I believe he volunteered some of his  
3 time.

4 Q. What do you recall about that?

5 A. I remember him just helping out with some  
6 of the, you know, kick-off speeches. I mean, I  
7 don't think he ever came down to Georgia, to my  
8 knowledge.

9 Q. It does appear -- I was going to ask you  
10 about that, because it appears that he may have --  
11 in February of 2013, I think, there's some  
12 reference of him taking a trip to Georgia. I was  
13 going to ask if you recall that.

14 A. Okay. I don't. I -- if he did I wasn't  
15 here for it.

16 Q. Okay. Do you know -- do you recall how he  
17 first became involved in Dr. Broun's campaigns? Or  
18 when that was?

19 A. I don't -- I don't know how it actually  
20 transpired. I mean, I would assume he was probably  
21 excited like the rest of us and probably wanted to,  
22 you know, volunteer to ensure if his career went on  
23 he would still have a job.

24 Q. And you say he was, you know, volunteering.

1 How did you know that he was doing it in a  
2 volunteer capacity?

3 A. I -- I mean, I have -- I don't -- I don't  
4 know. I just assumed because the rest of us were,  
5 so.

6 Q. I see. Okay.

7 A. I -- I have no idea.

8 Q. Okay. Do you recall who was -- who was  
9 involved in preparing Representative Broun for  
10 campaign debates and major campaign speeches, who  
11 else was involved? So, Brett O'Donnell was  
12 involved --

13 A. Mm-hmm.

14 Q. -- on occasion.

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. Who else was sort of on that -- that team  
17 that would prep Dr. Broun for -- for big  
18 appearances or for debates?

19 A. Mostly Bob and Jordan.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And, you know, some of myself here and  
22 there.

23 Q. Okay. David Bowser, was he -- he involved?

24 A. Sometimes, yeah. I mean, again, my role

1 with the campaign was pretty limited. I didn't do  
2 a ton.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. So...

5 Q. And Josh Findlay, was he -- was he  
6 involved?

7 A. I can't remember Josh being there for any  
8 messaging things.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. But, I mean, again, he -- I'd have no idea.

11 Q. Okay. So I want to take you through just a  
12 -- a few instances, a few e-mails to see if you  
13 remember particular preparation sessions.

14 A. Sure.

15 Q. So the first one is PBTN0009.

16 A. Mm-hmm.

17 Q. And this -- well, there's an e-mail from  
18 David Bowser to Brett O'Donnell on June 14, 2012.  
19 So, this would have been, I believe, June -- June  
20 2012 would have been when Dr. Broun was -- I guess,  
21 it was Simpson and Broun was the race at the time.  
22 I'm not sure when exactly that election was held,  
23 but he -- David Bowser says --

24 A. Oh, this was Simpson?

1 Q. I think that's the case, maybe -- maybe I'm  
2 incorrect on that.

3 But he says, "Brett, as we discussed  
4 last week, there was a potential for a debate,  
5 which has now turned into a scheduled event on June  
6 22nd on television from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in  
7 studio. We are in session next week with last votes  
8 no later than Thursday, June 21st at 3.

9 The Congressman would like to schedule  
10 a couple of hours later that afternoon for debate  
11 preparations, so we are going to hold 3-6 p.m. on  
12 our schedule and secure a conference at the NRCC  
13 for this purpose. Please let me know if we can  
14 plan on you attending some or all of the prep  
15 time."

16 He responds, you know, 20 minutes later  
17 writing, "I can be there for the entire time.  
18 Let's talk early in the week about how to structure  
19 that session." So, in -- you know, in Brett's  
20 response he does CC you there.

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 Q. Do you recall if that debate preparation  
23 session took place?

24 A. I don't. I can't remember -- I thought,

1 for some reason, we had hired Brett after our  
2 primary win against Simpson. So, maybe I have my  
3 timelines confused.

4 Q. Okay. There was a --

5 A. So, I don't remember this particular one.

6 Q. This may help you recall.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. There was -- on July 2, 2012 there was a  
9 10th District debate. It was held on WGAU Radio?  
10 A Broun, Simpson debate?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Does that ring a bell at all?

13 A. Yes, I do remember that. I was there for  
14 that.

15 Q. You were -- as in, you were in the studio  
16 there?

17 A. No, I was still on staff.

18 Q. You were still on staff. Okay.

19 A. I don't remember who was there.

20 Q. Do you -- do you recall who was involved in  
21 prepping the Congressman for that debate?

22 A. Me. I was there for that one.

23 Q. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
24 involved in that debate prep? It would have been

1 --

2 A. I can't -- for some reason, I thought we  
3 hired Brett after that happened. But I guess that  
4 --

5 Q. So, it appears that the -- that first  
6 meeting --

7 A. (Inaudible).

8 Q. -- with Brett was March of 2012. So, this  
9 is, you know, now looking, you know, about four  
10 months later, after that first meeting. And all  
11 that e-mail.

12 A. Okay. And the election was in 2013 then?

13 Q. The election -- I think this was a -- I  
14 think, if I'm not mistaken, this was a primary  
15 election? 2012 Congressional?

16 A. Yeah, but wasn't the vote for the general  
17 election in 2012?

18 Q. Yeah. In the -- the fall.

19 A. November 2012?

20 Q. Yeah. This would have been, I think, a  
21 primary that summer.

22 A. Oh, okay.

23 Q. If that rings a bell.

24 A. Hmm.

1 MR. SOLIS: This is the first meeting, it  
2 was the -- it was May 31; right? Of 2012? The  
3 initial meeting.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. Oh, yeah. So, excuse me. I got March  
6 wrong, it was May. So this would have been --

7 MR. SOLIS: At -- at the NRCC.

8 A. This is literally, like, a week later.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. This is -- this is a few weeks after he was  
11 brought on.

12 A. So, maybe, I mean --

13 Q. (Inaudible).

14 A. -- that's probably why I don't remember him  
15 being there much for that.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I don't recall if he or I prepped him or if  
18 he was involved. I'm -- I'm sorry, I just don't  
19 remember. Clearly, I don't remember that timeline  
20 very well.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I think he was very new to the team at this  
23 point. And, it sounds like David said, some of the  
24 prep or all of it. So, it certainly wasn't Brett

1 leading it by any means.

2 Q. Okay. So -- and, just to be clear, you  
3 can't recall if Brett was there or not?

4 A. I don't even recall if I was there, so no.

5 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

6 BY MR. MORGAN:

7 Q. All right.

8 A. Sorry.

9 Q. Next document is PBTN0010.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. Let me show you this. Take your time to  
12 take a look at that.

13 A. Okay. So, this is later in the summer.

14 Q. This is -- on the second page there of  
15 these e-mails it's an e-mail, you know, on the  
16 second page --

17 A. Oh, I have to start from the bottom up,  
18 huh?

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. E-mail from Teddie Norton to Brett saying,  
22 "Hey, Brett, Dr. Broun wants to set up about 90  
23 minutes next week to go over both debates. What  
24 days, times are better for you Tuesday to

1 Thursday?"

2 He responds saying, "Hi, Teddie. I'm  
3 wide open Tuesday, on Wednesday I'm free to 10:30."

4 So, it looks like he got scheduled.

5 And then, you know, the last line on this  
6 communication was on July 3rd when Teddie e-mails  
7 Brett saying, "Okay, great. We'll request a room  
8 at NRCC and let you know which one it is --

9 A. Mm-hmm.

10 Q. -- once they assign it."

11 So, this would appear to suggest that  
12 there was, maybe, a session at the NRCC where Brett  
13 went over two debates with Dr. Broun. Does that --  
14 do you recall that session?

15 A. I don't. I don't think I was even  
16 involved, so. I can't really tell you.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. I mean, we -- again, like, Brett was -- at  
19 -- at this point I don't remember what his role  
20 was. I just distinctly remember Brett being more a  
21 part of the con- -- the team when Dr. Broun came  
22 back from Afghanistan.

23 Q. Do you recall when about that was?

24 A. I think it was in August, or August recess,

1 when Dr. Broun went. So, my interactions with him  
2 were, I mean, few and far between until after that.

3 Q. Until after that time period?

4 A. Mm-hmm.

5 Q. Okay. Let's see one more document. This  
6 is PBTN14?

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. This is a -- a calendar item from Teddie  
9 Norton's calendar. Subject is, "Brett O'Donnell,"  
10 location is, "Finance Conference room, NRCC," date  
11 is July 19, 2012.

12 A. Mm-hmm.

13 Q. From 3 to 5 p.m. Attendees -- required  
14 attendees are Paul Broun, David Bowser, and you.  
15 And then it's categorized as political?

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Does this ring a bell? A -- a 2 hour  
18 session at NRCC with Brett O'Donnell around that  
19 time period? When those debates were taking place?

20 A. No. I mean, not really. I -- I mean, I  
21 know we went over there and met multi- -- I mean,  
22 multiple times.

23 But, I don't know if it was this  
24 particular time and, you know, a lot of times we'd

1 block off time to go meet and have it end up  
2 turning into thirty minutes, forty minutes.

3 Like, it just, you know, I -- I can't  
4 recall this specific time, I guess is what I'm  
5 getting at, as two years ago, so.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. Kind of hard to remember each and every  
8 meeting.

9 Q. Okay. Show you another document here, this  
10 is PBTN31.

11 A. Mm-hmm.

12 Q. This may jog your memory a little bit.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. This is -- appears to be, you know,  
15 scheduling a session with Brett. The last e-mail  
16 in the chain, you write to Teddie Norton, CC'ing  
17 David Bowser, "We could just have it be official  
18 today and do NRCC stuff next week."

19 A. December 13th. (Inaudible).

20 Q. Yes, this is moving forward to -- to  
21 December of 2012.

22 A. Yeah, I'm like, what time period is this?  
23 So, this is moving backward.

24 Q. So, this was after the 2012 election.

1 A. Okay. After the 2012 election, then?

2 Q. Yes. And my question about this is what  
3 did you mean when you said, "NRCC stuff"?

4 A. (Inaudible). I don't know. I guess,  
5 whatever we were planning to meet at the time at --  
6 over at the NRCC about.

7 I mean, he could have had some sort of  
8 fund raising speech in Georgia that we were going  
9 over. Or, I mean, if it was after our primary,  
10 certainly we didn't have debates, so. Whatever we  
11 were meeting about.

12 I mean, typically there was a -- a  
13 purpose, or something we were going over.

14 Q. Mm-hmm.

15 A. I guess we were just -- I was saying, "I'd  
16 rather focus on whatever was going on with CNBC  
17 than the NRCC." Because, clearly, that was more  
18 important at the time.

19 Q. Okay. And then I'll -- I'll show you this.  
20 This appears to be the (inaudible) -- appears to be  
21 the session you referred to that did occur in the  
22 NRCC on December 19, 2012, 2:30 to 3:30.

23 Do you recall? This would have been,  
24 you know, about a week before Christmas 2012. Do

1 you recall what was talked about in that meeting at  
2 all?

3 A. I don't.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. I don't. I can't -- I mean, I can't even  
6 tell you, to be honest, like, like whether or not  
7 all of these happened. You know? Like, just so --  
8 just so many times --

9 Q. Was it common for something to get  
10 scheduled and fall through?

11 A. Yes. It would be so common for things to  
12 get moved or get rescheduled or, you know, again,  
13 like I said, for them to end up being fifteen  
14 minutes, and I think, like, a lot of times, maybe  
15 we booked the NRCC because we could be talking  
16 about some sort of, you know, activity in Georgia  
17 that could be considered campaign related.

18 So, we booked time at the NRCC to,  
19 like, be on the safe side. You know, if we weren't  
20 specifically going over, like, a Floor speech or a  
21 TV interview. If it was something that could have,  
22 you know, muddied the waters a little bit.

23 Q. Mm-hmm.

24 A. Just to be safe we'd book time at the NRCC,

1 but, like, the subjects of these particular  
2 meetings is just really hard for me to recall,  
3 because, again, like, I mean over the -- the two  
4 year period I spent so much time with him I can't  
5 say, like, on December 19th I met and spoke with  
6 him about this.

7 Q. Okay. Did -- did the amount of interaction  
8 that Brett O'Donnell had with the Congressional  
9 office vary quite a bit, week to week or month to  
10 month? Or was it pretty -- pretty steady?

11 A. Like I told you, in the beginning I  
12 remember it being more on a trial basis and more of  
13 a, kind of, once or twice a month thing. And then  
14 I remember when Dr. Broun came back from  
15 Afghanistan he was more, like, of a -- because I  
16 think he decided he really liked Brett and that we  
17 would keep him, permanently, as our consultant.  
18 And -- or, media consultant. And I -- it was a  
19 pretty, like, week -- average, maybe, an hour a  
20 week. Kind of like you said. But, that -- that  
21 being said, there were weeks where we just couldn't  
22 get it to work out and it got cancelled.

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. Or we'd do two sessions instead of one or

1 we'd do not any the next week. So, it was just  
2 kind of depended.

3 Q. Okay. Another e-mail I want to show you.

4 MR. SOLIS: Can I just ask a quick -- quick  
5 question?

6 A. Sure.

7 MR. MORGAN: Certainly.

8 MR. SOLIS: You said something about "when  
9 you're at the NRCC it's to be on the safe side."

10 A. Mm-hmm.

11 MR. SOLIS: And I think you kind of said it  
12 was -- if it involved campaign issues. Can you --  
13 just talk to me a little bit more what you meant by  
14 "on the safe side by going to the NRCC to possibly  
15 meet with Mr. O'Donnell"?

16 A. Sure. Just, I mean, I can remember Dr.  
17 Broun giving, you know, like speeches to certain  
18 groups in Georgia or things that maybe could be  
19 fundraising related.

20 And while those speeches often echoed a lot  
21 of the messaging we'd be working on on the House  
22 side, I think, just to be safe in case we were  
23 talking about something that was more fundraising  
24 orientated, we would book time there to go over

1 those speeches or practice or, kind of, hone in on  
2 messaging a little more.

3 MR. SOLIS: And you mentioned earlier that  
4 the other times that Mr. O'Donnell would meet with  
5 you it would be at the Congressional Office; right?

6 A. Yeah. I would say the major-- like, most  
7 part we would meet in the Congressional Office.  
8 But those were for, like, the weekly sessions and  
9 if there was anything, like, extra we'd go to the  
10 NRCC.

11 MR. SOLIS: Okay. So then -- it sounds  
12 like, then, there's a decision based on what you  
13 might be talking about in the meeting, whether  
14 you're going to go to the NRCC or you're going to  
15 stay in the Congressional Office; right?

16 A. No. I would say it was more of a standing,  
17 like, once Brett became part of the team we'd have  
18 kind of like a standing weekly meeting at our  
19 Congressional Office about, like, news du jour type  
20 thing.

21 But if it was, like, "Hey, we have this  
22 event coming up, here's something extra." Sure,  
23 yeah, we'd be like, "Okay, we need to go to the  
24 NRCC to talk about this."

1 MR. SOLIS: Okay. So there was a  
2 contemplation about campaign-type issues? That  
3 would send you to the NRCC?

4 A. I guess. I mean, sure. I mean, I don't  
5 know. I didn't really book these times, I just  
6 showed up where I was told.

7 MR. SOLIS: Right.

8 A. I can't -- I mean, I can't tell you what  
9 the decision was.

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. Do you know who made that decision? About  
12 where you would meet?

13 A. I -- I mean, David Bowser? I guess?

14 Q. Okay. And -- on balance, you said, I  
15 think, most of the time you met in the  
16 Congressional Office?

17 A. Mm-hmm.

18 Q. Was it seventy percent of the time  
19 Congressional Office, thirty percent NRCC? Do you  
20 have a sense of the -- of the breakdown?

21 A. Yeah. I would say, like -- I would say,  
22 like, eighty --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- Congressional Office, twenty NRCC. I

1 mean, again, I think, like, the NRCC stuff that  
2 came up, especially during this time period was  
3 kind of few and far in between. And I think it was  
4 just kind of a precautionary, "Let's go there to  
5 talk about these things."

6 Q. Okay. I want to -- I want to show you  
7 another e-mail here that says -- PB -- or PBDB163.  
8 This is the -- I think, the last document I want to  
9 show you.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. And this an e-mail from David Bowser  
12 agreeing with you. I think this is in regards to  
13 an interview he did on the Ingraham Show?

14 A. Mm-hmm.

15 Q. (Inaudible) --

16 A. Yes, I remember this interview.

17 Q. David writes, "We also need a pre-done  
18 answer that is short and concise on why he can win  
19 this race."

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 Q. "It will be the most asked question."

22 A. Yeah, I remember when we did this  
23 interview. It was the only time he did the Laura  
24 Ingraham Show while I was part of his staff. And

1 we booked -- I guess it was right after he  
2 announced -- I think?

3 Q. This is March of -- yeah, March of 2013.  
4 So.

5 A. So, was that right after he announced his  
6 candidacy? I think it was.

7 MR. SOLIS: You mentioned that Senator  
8 Chambliss had -- in January, you -- you  
9 believed --

10 A. Yeah. Was it January?

11 MR. SOLIS: -- you believed that he had  
12 announced he was retiring.

13 A. Okay. So, I think what happened in this  
14 particular one -- I remember we booked him to  
15 discuss a certain subject. And then immigration  
16 came up and it was, like, one of those "gotcha"  
17 questions about, "How would you deport people," or  
18 something like that. And Dr. Broun completely  
19 fumbled.

20 And then at the end of it, after  
21 already having fumbled. She was, like, "Okay. So  
22 I heard you, also, are running for Senate." And  
23 just, kind of, babbled his way through it; was  
24 already caught off guard from the other topics.

1                   And it just sounded bad and I think  
2                   that this was just David's reaction the whole  
3                   interview.

4                   But, I know that we particular -- I think  
5                   we booked him on it for his -- something -- he  
6                   maybe just released his Patient OPTION Act. I  
7                   booked it for one thing. That was supposed to be  
8                   good press, and it ended up getting chewed out  
9                   because it ended up being about immigration.

10                  Q.     Hmm.

11                  A.     So --

12                  Q.     So Brett responds -- Brett O'Donnell --

13                  A.     Mm-hmm.

14                  Q.     -- responds saying, "On it. I agree, needs  
15                  to control the ground of interviews. Send the clip  
16                  and review in the next meeting."

17                                So, this -- this appears like Brett was  
18                                tasked with coming up with that pre-done answer on  
19                                why he could win the race. Is that -- is that your  
20                                recollection of it?

21                  A.     I don't think that David's insinuating that  
22                  Brett needs to do that. I think if he was writing  
23                  this to all of us, he was probably just saying we  
24                  need an answer that's short and concise on why he

1 can win the race.

2 I mean, that was probably directed to  
3 me, Jordan, Bob, Brett.

4 Q. Mm-hmm. But then Brett responded and said,  
5 "On it."

6 A. Yeah, but I think if you have gotten a  
7 sense by now, Brett would often, you know, respond  
8 and kind of add his two cents.

9 But I don't think that it was directed  
10 to him to --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- come up with the response.

13 Q. I see.

14 A. I think -- ultimately that would've been  
15 something that Bob -- Bob kind of tended to wade in  
16 to the messaging issues, too.

17 So, I think that would've been  
18 something that ultimately Bob would have  
19 responsibility for.

20 Q. Okay. So, you know, I don't have any other  
21 documents I want to show you.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. But zooming back a little bit. I want to  
24 make sure that we have it absolutely clear -- clear

1 for the record.

2 A. Mm-hmm.

3 Q. His -- Dr. Broun's 2012 election. Do you  
4 recall any specific instances in which Brett  
5 O'Donnell was involved in preparing Dr. Broun for  
6 campaign debates or campaign speeches or events?

7 A. No. I didn't -- I, for some reason, truly  
8 thought we hired Brett after that race.

9 Q. Okay. But, so you --

10 A. But, I guess that doesn't make sense.

11 Q. So you do have a recollection -- you do  
12 have a recollection, only you don't know when it  
13 was exactly? Do you recall Brett O'Donnell  
14 prepping Dr. Broun for debates?

15 A. No. Not for that race.

16 Q. No. At no point?

17 A. Not --

18 Q. What about for a -- for a different race?

19 A. For the Senate race?

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. For the Senate race, you know, he  
22 definitely volunteered some of his time. And --  
23 or, you know, went over to the NRCC.

24 Q. Mm-hmm.

1           A.    I keep saying "volunteered" because the  
2 rest of us did, and I just --

3           Q.    You just assu- -- so you -- you weren't  
4 sure --

5           A.    -- assume. Well, clearly, like, since then  
6 I've read media articles, and I know what this is  
7 about. So, I guess I would have to say that I know  
8 he volunteered his time. But --

9           MR. SOLIS: So, for example, you know, we  
10 showed that -- that one -- bearing in mind that  
11 some of these meetings just fall through --

12          A.    Mm-hmm.

13          MR. SOLIS: -- but it was in December -- I  
14 think it was December 12th or something like of  
15 2000 and --

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17          Q.    12.

18          MR. SOLIS: 12. That would've been about  
19 -- if that happened, it would've been about the  
20 Senate race; right? Or no?

21          A.    No.

22          MR. SOLIS: No?

23          A.    Because I don't think he announced -- I  
24 don't think Saxby announced before then.

1 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

2 BY MR. MORGAN:

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. SOLIS: All right.

5 A. Actually, I know he didn't because I went  
6 to Saxby's Christmas party and he didn't announce  
7 then.

8 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Okay.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Okay. So, from what you recall Brett  
11 O'Donnell being involved in debate preparation  
12 sessions?

13 A. Mm-hmm.

14 Q. Tell us a little bit about those sessions.  
15 Do you recall where they took place?

16 A. Definitely the NRCC. We never did anything  
17 campaign related in our House Office.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. What -- do you want me to tell you --

20 Q. What was the format? What was Brett's  
21 role? Would he design the format? Would he do a  
22 mock debate and play the role of the opponent? Or  
23 -- I mean, just, so, what was it like?

24 A. No. Because -- I -- I mean -- I left -- I

1 mean, I left when a lot of them started getting  
2 into the race. So --

3 Q. When did you leave the Office?

4 A. I left in May? Early May.

5 Q. Early May. Okay.

6 A. Yes. Of 20 -- I've been at Equifax a year,  
7 now, so May 2013.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Right? Yeah. 2013. So, no, I mean, he --  
10 we certainly weren't at the debate level then.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. Were we? I don't know. He definitely  
13 didn't play, like, the role of the debater. A lot  
14 of Brett's prep was to go over Dr. Broun's  
15 pitfalls. Which, again, like, I say, like, "muddy  
16 the water," but, like, a lot of things that Dr.  
17 Broun struggled with on a Congressional level were  
18 things we worried about from a campaign standpoint  
19 as far as messaging goes.

20 Like, he had just had a big -- you  
21 know, like Freudian slip. I don't know what you  
22 want to call it. He had a big mess up when he did  
23 the whole evolution comment.

24 Q. Mm-hmm.

1       A.     So, a lot of prep for -- that I can  
2     remember -- Brett doing was, like, walking that  
3     back and kind of trying to determine how we would  
4     respond if we'd be asked about that.  And, you know  
5     --

6       Q.     Mm-hmm.

7       A.     -- when that happened, like, obviously, I  
8     put forth the crisis communication strategy.  But,  
9     it was something we were asked about in any  
10    interview we did about anything.  Whether that was  
11    campaign related or about healthcare, or about  
12    Syria.

13                 Like, it would somehow come up.  So, a  
14    lot of the prep work we did were about things like  
15    that.

16    Q.     Okay.

17    A.     Again, just kind of "hot-button" issues for  
18    us.  So, I don't -- I mean, I don't particularly  
19    remember him doing any debate coaching, if you  
20    will.  But, I mean, we had, you know...

21    Q.     Do you recall any -- any sessions where  
22    Brett would review campaign speeches?  Or campaign  
23    media appearances?  Provide feedback on those?

24    A.     I know that the initial speech that Dr.

1 Broun gave at his announcement for Senate?

2 Q. Mm-hmm.

3 A. That Brett reviewed that speech. But I  
4 would say that speech mostly originated with me and  
5 Bob and Bowser. And Brett reviewed it and helped,  
6 again, with just things Dr. Broun struggled with or  
7 just, kind of making it better.

8 But not, again, he doesn't know this --  
9 he didn't know the state of Georgia. I mean, he  
10 wasn't a -- we -- we used to have to tell Brett  
11 things like, "Oh, that doesn't play well in  
12 Georgia."

13 Q. Mm-hmm.

14 A. You know, like, Georgia, you know, our  
15 constituents don't respond -- I mean, he -- we're  
16 not from the same place.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And, so.

19 Q. Were there -- was there -- were there  
20 rehearsals in advance of that speech? Or prep  
21 sessions to -- to go over his delivery of the  
22 speech?

23 A. Yeah. That's what I -- I thought we were  
24 just talking...

1 Q. Oh, okay. Yeah, you said he reviewed the  
2 speech.

3 A. Mm-hmm.

4 Q. When you -- when you say that you mean, not  
5 only the text, but also delivery?

6 A. I mean Dr. Broun would read it and we'd  
7 kind of just review the context, and then once he  
8 got it perfectly -- you know what, I mean, he  
9 didn't really practice it too much. He practiced  
10 it the day of up at the podium, but, you know, that  
11 was it.

12 Q. Okay. Okay. Do you recall any other  
13 specific instances in which Brett was involved in  
14 campaign work during your time?

15 A. Nothing that jumps out to me.

16 Q. Okay.

17 MR. SOLIS: And because that November 2012  
18 election would've been fairly uncontested election  
19 for Dr. Broun --

20 A. Mm-hmm.

21 MR. SOLIS: -- again, as you stated before,  
22 Brett and the team wouldn't have really been doing  
23 much work on the campaign front; correct? The  
24 November 2012 election.

1           A.     Yeah.  I think, you know, I can remember  
2     certain things we did for the Simpson part of it.  
3     But, like, the election part of it, no.

4           MR. SOLIS:  Okay.

5           A.     Not at all.

6     BY MR. MORGAN:

7           Q.     Do you remember -- I'm -- I'm trying to --  
8     because it's still a little bit vague in my mind.  
9     It seems like at one point you were saying that you  
10    remember Brett being involved in debate  
11    preparation.

12                     It appears from the -- the records  
13    we've seen that -- that there were one or two  
14    debates in July of 2012 -- so, shortly after Brett  
15    came on --

16           A.     And that had to have been when the primary  
17    -- I don't remember Brett being involved with that  
18    primary.

19           Q.     Yeah.

20           A.     With that Congressional race, at all.

21           Q.     At all?  Okay.

22           A.     I mean, I know that's what the e-mail says  
23    and that the calendar says that, but I truly do not  
24    remember Brett having a hand in --

1 Q. Were you involved in those debate  
2 preparation sessions?

3 A. -- anything having to do with that. A  
4 little bit here and there, but just, again, from a,  
5 like, this is what's going on.

6 I mean, it obviously affects us  
7 media-wise, at that time we were running for our  
8 District.

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. I mean this was a -- the Tim Bryant show on  
11 WGAU, I remember that one that we did regularly, so  
12 I had already had relationships with him.

13 Q. Mm-hmm.

14 A. So from that standpoint, yes. But that one  
15 -- I -- I mean, that primary, I really don't  
16 remember Brett being involved at all.

17 Q. Okay. Do you -- is it possible that Brett  
18 was involved and you didn't know about it? Or that  
19 he was involved and you didn't notice his  
20 involvement because you weren't involved, or?

21 A. I mean that's like -- how do I answer that?  
22 Is it possible that he was involved and I didn't  
23 know about it, I mean, sure, I guess.

24 Q. Well, what I mean by that is how closely

1 were you involved with the debate preparation?

2 A. It would be -- I guess I would say that I  
3 would probably have known if Brett and Dr. Broun  
4 were out meeting on their own. I mean, that's not  
5 to say it didn't happen.

6 Q. Right.

7 A. But I -- I mean...

8 Q. But for the most part, to the extent there  
9 were debate preparation or review sessions you  
10 would've been involved do you think?

11 A. For the most part, yeah. And if it weren't  
12 me, I mean, David certainly. I mean, he -- I don't  
13 think that Brett and Dr. Broun were ever alone in  
14 any capacity.

15 Q. Okay. Okay. At -- at any point during  
16 your time in the Congressional Office, was there --  
17 was there ever any discussion about the  
18 permissibility of Brett's payments?

19 The permissibility of the scope of his  
20 work for the Office or the campaign?

21 Do you -- do you recall hearing any  
22 discussions of reaching out the Ethics Committee,  
23 or House Committee on Administration?

24 A. Again, I -- Brett and payments never came

1 up with me in the room.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. So, I mean, that was something that I --

4 Q. And -- and this may have been after your  
5 time, but it does appear that on a couple of  
6 occasions reporters reached out to the Office to  
7 ask why Brett O'Donnell was being paid by the  
8 Office.

9 Do you recall any of that occurring  
10 while you were -- you were there?

11 A. That was definitely -- I remember that  
12 story. I was here at the time. The WSB story.

13 Q. Okay. So it was after your time. Okay.

14 A. I remember actually seeing it down here.  
15 But, yeah, no, that -- nothing -- no inquiries ever  
16 came up about him while I was there. I mean, it  
17 wasn't anything that was in question.

18 Q. As -- as I said in the beginning, our role  
19 is just to gather facts.

20 A.

21 Q. So, with that in mind, I think you have had  
22 a general sense of what -- the scope of what we're  
23 looking at it is --

24 A. Sure.

1 Q. -- is there anything else that you think we  
2 should know and present to our board?

3 A. No. I'm -- I don't think there's anything  
4 that you haven't covered. I mean -- I -- I would  
5 just like to reiterate that, from my standpoint,  
6 Brett was part of our official communications team.  
7 I mean, that's the way I viewed him.

8 I mean, he was, you know, helpful with  
9 my role as his Communications Director. I think  
10 that his involvement with the campaign was probably  
11 pretty limited and obviously didn't do much for the  
12 campaign since it's no longer in existence.

13 So, that's just, you know, those are my  
14 feelings.

15 Q. All right. We thank you again for being  
16 with us.

17 A. I'm so sorry, again, that  
18 I --

19 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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# **EXHIBIT 4**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

1 MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I am joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics and Ryan Cortazar, a law clerk  
6 with the Office of Congressional Ethics. We are  
7 here on June 24, 2014 with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED].

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. And Ms. [REDACTED], we already discussed the  
11 application of the False Statements Act to this  
12 interview, and so I think what we'd like to start  
13 with is just some general background information --

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. -- about you. So, what is your current  
16 position with Representative Broun?

17 A. I'm the director of operations.

18 Q. What are your duties in that position?

19 A. Oh, everything. I handle the Congressman's  
20 schedule both in Georgia and in D.C.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I do all office management, do all kind of  
23 strategic kind of looking forward, planning of the  
24 schedule and coordinate amongst everyone to make

1 sure everyone is on the same page as far as what  
2 we're doing, not just like from day to day, hour to  
3 house basis but as a you know, month to month, as a  
4 whole.

5 Q. As you're managing the Congressman's  
6 schedule, do you communicate directly with him  
7 about his schedule, or do you usually communicate  
8 through someone else?

9 A. Communicate -- well, directly with him. I  
10 don't really know kind of what you mean through  
11 someone else? Meaning, when we talk about  
12 planning, you know, what committee hearing he's  
13 going to go to at 10:00 a.m., we talk as -- as a  
14 whole --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- as a staff, as a whole and then we'll  
17 communicate that to him, so does that kind of  
18 answer your question?

19 Q. Yeah, I think so. How frequently do you  
20 directly interact with Representative Broun?

21 A. Oh, multiple, multiple, multiple times a  
22 day.

23 Q. Okay. Who do you report to?

24 A. I report to David and then to the

1 Congressman himself.

2 Q. Before you were a director of operations,  
3 what was your previous position?

4 A. I was the scheduler office manager and then  
5 after being here for three years, decided that a  
6 promotion was necessary, so --

7 Q. Okay. And what did you do --

8 A. -- decided that --

9 Q. -- prior to that?

10 A. I did the same, same -- same thing. It's  
11 just a change in job title really. After, you  
12 know, being here for a handful of years, had, you  
13 know, more experience to kind of lead some of the  
14 conference calls that I was just participating on  
15 and things like that but the same job description  
16 was pretty much there from the beginning.

17 Q. And prior to being scheduler and office  
18 manager here with Representative Broun --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- what did you do?

21 A. I was in college. So I've been here for  
22 almost seven years. So came up on August of '07.

23 Q. August of '07?

24 A. And been here ever since which is kind of

1 weird.

2 Q. All right. Have you ever worked on or  
3 volunteered for Representative Broun's political  
4 campaigns?

5 A. Um, his first primary. So July of 2008, I  
6 did fly down for that last weekend before to kind  
7 of volunteer to be on the ground but after that I  
8 decided I don't like campaigns and stay up here.

9 Q. Okay. But in your -- in your current  
10 position and as scheduler, office manager, you do  
11 manage the Congressman's --

12 A. Yeah. So I manage the --

13 Q. -- schedule with regards --

14 A. -- schedule and campaigns. So we had a  
15 separate campaign scheduler that was the one that  
16 was actively, you know, calling the GOP groups to  
17 see about them coming but I coordinated kind of  
18 everything from up here.

19 Q. Who was that campaign scheduler?

20 A. David Heenan.

21 Q. David Heenan.

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. Just so I'm clear --

24 A. Um-hmm.

1 Q. -- you consider yourself a campaign  
2 volunteer even though you're not going down to the  
3 district -- do --

4 A. No.

5 Q. No?

6 A. Not -- mean, everything that I did was all  
7 through kind of the official kind of -- my  
8 understanding of the job is scheduler is that  
9 you're able to kind of manage both sides without  
10 having to have like a separate -- we did have a  
11 separate campaign event calender but that was kind  
12 of managed by all the people in Georgia.

13 So I just managed his part of that, working  
14 with the campaign volunteers and the campaign  
15 staffers to kind of -- as they were setting up the  
16 events but I was just kind of handling the like --  
17 remember what time it's supposed to start kind of  
18 questions.

19 BY MR. MORGAN:

20 Q. Want to ask you some questions about Brett  
21 O'Donnell --

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. -- Congressman's relationship with Mr.  
24 O'Donnell. When did -- when did you first become

1 acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

2 A. It was a couple of years ago. I think we  
3 just setup like the initial meeting 'cause Dr.  
4 Broun has been wanting to from -- I wouldn't say  
5 from the beginning -- from -- after about a year  
6 and a half in office, realizing we needed help with  
7 messaging and so we had a handful of different  
8 consultants come in.

9 We had meetings with Frank Luntz and just  
10 to talk about like words and was -- has always been  
11 a big concern of Congressman Broun's and so I guess  
12 -- it all kind of brought of us together, so don't  
13 remember exactly when that was but when we -- you  
14 know, he was one of a handful that we brought in to  
15 interview at that time and then he started working  
16 for us --

17 Q. I'm going to -- going to show you some  
18 documents --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- just to -- that will perhaps refresh  
21 your -- your memory of the timeline. This is PBTN5  
22 from your document production. Give you a second  
23 --

24 A. Okay.

1 Q. -- to look at that. This is a calender  
2 item and you provided several calender items. Is  
3 this your calender or is this the congressional --

4 A. This is --

5 Q. -- calender?

6 A. -- the congressional calender.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Some of them I wasn't able to pull up in my  
9 archives. They were just from this kind of format.

10 Q. So this is the office's calender --

11 A. Right --

12 Q. -- that you --

13 A. This is Congressman Broun's --

14 Q. -- that you manage?

15 A. -- calender that I would manage. So that's  
16 -- when it says "Organizer" --

17 Q. Um-hmm.

18 A. -- that's Paul Broun but that's me as Paul  
19 Broun --

20 Q. That's you as Paul Broun?

21 A. Um-hmm.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So in all of these it's going to be me as  
24 -- like I'm considered the owner of this calender

1 --

2 Q. Um-hmm.

3 A. -- sets up a handful of meetings himself  
4 but he doesn't know how to do that, so --

5 Q. It is -- does he setup meetings without  
6 letting you know or do you typically --

7 A. Every now and then but it's normally -- he  
8 has like buddies in Athens --

9 Q. Um-hmm.

10 A. -- and that he'll throw up, you know,  
11 "Lunch with Tom," and I'll know that it's not my  
12 same formatting 'cause I have a certain way that I  
13 kind of format things --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- so I'll know that that's something he  
16 did himself --

17 Q. That doesn't happen --

18 A. No --

19 Q. -- often?

20 A. -- does not happen often. So when it's --  
21 that's the organizer and then --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- attendees.

24 Q. All right. So this -- the subject here is

1 "Meeting with Brett O'Donnell --

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. -- Bachmann's debate coach," and this is  
4 May 31st, 2012. Is that about when the timeframe  
5 --

6 A. Yeah, I guess that would --

7 Q. -- when you first became acquainted -- --

8 A. -- make sense --

9 Q. -- with Brett O'Donnell?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Do you know how this meeting came about?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you recall if it was the office reaching  
14 out to Brett O'Donnell or if it was Brett O'Donnell  
15 reaching out to the office?

16 A. I believe it was -- because again, you  
17 know, we looked at several other kind of messaging  
18 coaches --

19 Q. Um-hmm.

20 A. -- so at this time, we were looking and I  
21 think he was one of a handful that we interviewed.  
22 I don't remember who the others would have been but  
23 I know kind of that spring/summer, we were looking  
24 again to hire somebody kind of.

1 Q. Were you in those interviews --

2 A. No.

3 Q. -- those meetings? Okay. What did you  
4 understand the Congressman to be looking for? What  
5 types of services was he looking for and I think  
6 you said messaging --

7 A. Yeah, messaging coach --

8 Q. Messaging coach.

9 A. I mean, if y'all looked back, like  
10 sometimes he says -- he has a clever use of words  
11 and I think we wanted somebody to work on delivery  
12 and getting the message across and --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Now this -- says the location of this  
16 meeting was the NRCC. Is there any reason why it  
17 was held there?

18 A. I don't remember why it would've been.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. He may have had another meeting over there  
21 at the same time, or I don't remember. So we're  
22 coming in -- I guess it's at 10:00. Yeah, morning  
23 hour starts at 10:00 and then we're --

24 Q. I see --

1 A. -- in for the day...

2 Q. And we understand that you know, shortly  
3 after this meeting Brett O'Donnell was retained by  
4 the Congressional Office. Were you -- you weren't  
5 at this meeting I guess --

6 A. No.

7 Q. -- this initial meeting? We understand  
8 that there may have been a second meeting between  
9 the Congressman and Brett O'Donnell in the early  
10 part of June of 2012. Does that --

11 A. That's possible --

12 Q. -- ring a bell?

13 A. He -- Dr. Broun likes to go through a  
14 thorough interview process --

15 Q. Um-hmm.

16 A. So I would not be surprised if they sat  
17 down a second time before anything was formalized.

18 Q. What was your understanding of the services  
19 Brett O'Donnell was to provide the Congressman?

20 A. I mean that's just the messaging.

21 Q. Do you recall any discussion of -- of  
22 holding weekly sessions --

23 A. Yeah. I think it was going -- well, I  
24 don't know if it was necessarily weekly at first.

1 It was just going to be on a regular basis.  
2 Sometimes I think we were going to set things up if  
3 we knew we had a big floor speech or something like  
4 that coming up. We would make sure that they  
5 talked beforehand -- or press conferences or  
6 whatever related to his legislative stuff.

7 Q. Now, in this time -- timeframe, May, June,  
8 July of 2012, Congressman Broun was in the middle  
9 of a republican primary election --

10 A. Yeah --

11 Q. -- in -- in Georgia --

12 A. -- that's the timeline.

13 Q. Was -- do you recall any discussion of  
14 Brett O'Donnell being involved in messaging or  
15 coaching the Congressman with regards to his  
16 campaign appearances?

17 A. No. Those weren't something that I was  
18 involved -- I was just like scheduling the stuff.  
19 So I don't know what they talked about -- his  
20 commitments, I guess.

21 Q. Were you involved in any conversations  
22 about the permissibility of Brett O'Donnell's  
23 services --

24 A. What do you mean by permissibility --

1 Q. -- about whether or not it was permissible  
2 under The House Ethics Rules --

3 A. Oh, no --

4 Q. -- or the House Rules to -- to bring on a  
5 -- a messaging coach?

6 A. Un-uh.

7 Q. Okay. Were you involved in any discussions  
8 about how Brett O'Donnell could be paid or would be  
9 paid?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Do you know anything about how Brett  
14 O'Donnell was paid?

15 A. No. I just kind of assumed it was -- he  
16 got paid, so. I don't know who -- you know, I  
17 don't -- I handle some --

18 Q. How do you know he got --

19 A. -- of --

20 Q. -- paid?

21 A. Well, 'cause I mean, I guess he continued  
22 working for here and we -- it was clear that we  
23 hired somebody. So when you hire somebody, you pay  
24 then. I do handle some vouchering, but I don't

1 create the invoices or anything like that. So  
2 that's not something I remember or know, you know,  
3 how much he was paid or know what accounts it was  
4 coming from.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. Looking back on Brett O'Donnell's  
7 relationship with the Congressional Office and with  
8 Representative Broun, how would you describe his  
9 role with the Congressman? You earlier said that  
10 you were looking to bring on a messaging coach --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- but that was at the time but now,  
13 looking back on what Brett O'Donnell did for the  
14 Congressman, how would you describe his role?

15 A. I think he was one of -- someone that  
16 Congressman Broun took his advice seriously. He --  
17 Dr. Broun has a lot of different people, you know,  
18 both staff members and just his friends that give  
19 him opinions on how to run things and I think he  
20 listens harder to some people and he listened hard  
21 to what Brett was advising him to do.

22 And I think that was something that clicked  
23 'cause again, we talked to several different  
24 messaging coaches and speech people before all of

1 this and that kind of relationship never clicked  
2 because he was never somebody -- or whoever this  
3 individual was was never somebody that Dr. Broun  
4 was going to actually listen to.

5 So I do think Dr. Broun really listened to  
6 him --

7 Q. How -- how frequently did Brett O'Donnell  
8 meet with Representative Broun?

9 A. When we were session, it probably did end  
10 up to be once a week, if not a little less than  
11 that. Again, you know, sometimes when he's just up  
12 in D.C., we're only here for two days and there's  
13 nothing really relevant going on for him to talk to  
14 anybody about. So I guess on average it probably  
15 would've been once a week but there's some, you  
16 know, times when we were in session that he didn't  
17 meet with him in any context.

18 Q. Okay.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Would they meet when you weren't in  
21 session?

22 A. Um, no, because we wouldn't -- you know,  
23 there may have been phone calls or something like  
24 that but that was not an officially scheduled

1 appointment. We didn't send Brett to Georgia or  
2 anything just because we were not in session.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Were you -- you know, we saw various emails  
5 you provided and others provided where you're  
6 arranging the Congressman's schedule and he's --  
7 his sessions with Representative Broun. Do want to  
8 show you a document here. This is PBTN31 --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. -- and take your time to review that. What  
11 I want to ask you about is the top email on the  
12 first page from Meredith Griffanti to you, cc'ing  
13 David Bowser. She writes to you, "We could just  
14 have it be official today and do NRCC stuff next  
15 week." And it appears based on the documents that  
16 we've seen that sometimes the sessions Brett  
17 O'Donnell --

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. -- would have with the Congressman were  
20 here in the Congressional Office and sometimes they  
21 were at the NRCC and here Meredith refers to NRCC  
22 stuff and I just wondered if you could -- you could  
23 explain to us since you were the scheduler -- --  
24 managing the schedule, why it was that sometimes

1 those sessions occurred at the various locations  
2 that they occurred?

3 A. Um, I mean, just looking at the timeline of  
4 this, I don't know what politically we would've  
5 been doing at that point because it would've been  
6 after the primary and runoff --

7 Q. Um-hmm.

8 A. -- and special or the -- after the November  
9 elections. So you know, I don't really -- actually  
10 don't know why they would've been meeting at the  
11 NRCC.

12 Q. But in -- so stepping back --

13 A. Um.

14 Q. -- you know, away from just this -- this  
15 December 13 email, in general, if it was going to  
16 be concerning political activities, would you do it  
17 at the NRCC, and if it was officially --

18 A. Yeah --

19 Q. -- do it here?

20 A. -- sometimes I think things were like --  
21 did bleed over a little bit. It's hard with, you  
22 know, you're talking about Obamacare or something  
23 like that --

24 Q. Um-hmm.

1       A.    -- and if you're having it be on the House  
2 floor or in press statements or things like that  
3 but then if it's talking Obamacare to like a GOP  
4 group in Georgia, that may bleed over more  
5 political --

6       Q.    Um-hmm.

7       A.    So I think those would probably be what  
8 that would be but I don't -- again, not being in  
9 the meetings, I don't know exactly what they  
10 discussed.

11      Q.    Okay.  Were you the one who decided where  
12 the meetings would be held?

13      A.    Um, no.  I think that would be something  
14 that would've just verbally asked Brett -- not  
15 Brett but Meredith or David.

16      Q.    Okay.  Do you recall any of those -- those  
17 conversations --

18      A.    No --

19      Q.    -- specifically?

20      A.    I mean, there's so many like flurries of  
21 conversations --

22      Q.    Yeah.

23      A.    -- at any given point in time.  It would've  
24 been just you know, "Where we -- where we can we go

1 here? Where do we need to be for this?"

2 Q. And then they would -- Meredith or -- or  
3 David would respond, saying, "Today, let's do --

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. -- let's do this session at the NRCC or  
6 let's do that session" --

7 A. Or -- yeah, and I think that would be like  
8 based on what, you know, the press activity --  
9 excuse me -- what the press activity was that week  
10 or --

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. -- you know, what interview they're  
13 preparing for. You know, I don't know what  
14 interview this would've been for.

15 Q. Would it be based on where Representative  
16 Broun is that day on his schedule?

17 A. Yeah. That would definitely have something  
18 to do with it. I know at this point we were doing  
19 a good bit of fundraising calls and using the NRCC  
20 suites for their fundraising calls which obviously  
21 can't happen here in the Congressional Office --

22 Q. Right.

23 A. So you know, that definitely could've been  
24 a reason why, just kind of keeping him in one place

1 instead of having to run him back and forth. In  
2 2012, we were -- we had just moved into this  
3 office, I guess, this office here 'cause we were in  
4 Canon --

5 Q. Um-hmm.

6 A. -- and then -- we were in Rayburn. Then we  
7 were in Canon and now we're back in Rayburn. So --

8 Q. Lot of things to move.

9 A. Lot of things to move. So yeah, that  
10 definitely -- it's kind of hard not seeing what  
11 else was on the schedule that day to say that for  
12 sure.

13 Q. Okay. So let me -- I just want to make  
14 sure --

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. -- that I -- I understand you clearly.  
17 Sometimes where that meeting with Brett O'Donnell  
18 would take place was driven by the subject matter  
19 to be discussed --

20 A. Right --

21 Q. -- in the meeting? Is that correct?

22 A. Um-hmm. Definitely.

23 Q. Other times, it may have been driven by  
24 where Representative Broun was going to already be

1 and where it would be convenient for him?

2 A. Yeah. I mean, just -- but I mean, I don't  
3 necessarily think that means they would've  
4 discussed like something purely political. We were  
5 very cognizant of you know, keeping that side of  
6 Congressman Broun's life out of this office --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- in terms of what we kind of do here --

9 Q. So if it was --

10 A. -- as much as possible.

11 Q. -- if it was convenient for him to meet at  
12 the -- for Representative Broun to meet at the NRCC  
13 and the --

14 A. For --

15 Q. -- subject matter --

16 A. Official.

17 Q. -- official --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- you may have done it over there?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. If it was -- if the subject matter that  
22 Brett was going to be discussing with the  
23 Congressman was political, you would meet some  
24 place other than here --

1 A. Other than here --

2 Q. -- regardless of --

3 A. -- regardless --

4 Q. -- how convenient or inconvenient it was  
5 for the member?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. Okay. Looking back on -- on these weekly  
8 sessions --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. -- what share of them would you say were --  
11 were in that political category and what share were  
12 -- were in the official category?

13 A. I would have no like --

14 Q. But just based on your knowledge of where  
15 you were scheduling meetings?

16 A. This was two years ago. So I don't really  
17 remember that well --

18 Q. But --

19 A. -- where they would've been but --

20 Q. Do you -- do you recall the last time --  
21 the last session that occurred?

22 A. Like a couple of months ago, last session?

23 Q. Yeah. Tell me when it was?

24 A. Um, feel like -- 'cause that was right --

1 that was definitely not in the office.

2 Q. Okay. So this is -- when you said it was a  
3 couple of years ago, you mean it was over the  
4 course of the past --

5 A. Yeah, over the course of the past two  
6 years.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I don't remember --

9 Q. But looking over the --

10 A. -- there have been a lot of meetings.

11 Q. -- the course of those past couple of  
12 years, do you have -- can you give me a sense of  
13 what share of them were scheduled places other than  
14 here --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- because the subject matter was  
17 political? Is it 50/50? Is it --

18 A. It may be --

19 Q. -- can you tell me?

20 A. -- like -- like 60/40. I don't really --

21 Q. 60/40 official?

22 A. 60/40 official.

23 Q. Okay. And you weren't in those meetings?

24 A. No. I wasn't in any --

1 Q. Were you in any of those meetings?

2 A. I was in the meeting for five seconds to  
3 say, "Dr. Broun, you need to get to the floor right  
4 now to vote, or Dr. Broun, this meeting needs to  
5 end 'cause your next meeting is here or --

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. -- you're running late for this committee  
8 hearing."

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. So I mean, I would poke my head in but that  
11 would be it.

12 Q. Are you -- I just want to run through a few  
13 things quickly here. Are you aware of Mr.  
14 O'Donnell working on speeches given by  
15 Representative Broun?

16 A. Yeah, I think they talked about like floor  
17 speeches and 'cause we would -- you know, if we  
18 knew we were going to have a big five minute on our  
19 healthcare bill, we would have Brett come in --

20 Q. Is that the Option Act --

21 A. Option Act, yeah.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So, you know, we would have him come in and  
24 then we would schedule things, again based on what

1 was going on in the floor that week and what the --  
2 kind of theme of the week. Every week sort of has  
3 a them. Some weeks were better at sticking out  
4 than others but.

5 Q. Do you know if -- if -- if Brett O'Donnell  
6 was involved in the office's communications  
7 strategy, when to respond to stories, what approach  
8 to take --

9 A. Yeah. I think he was, you know, one of the  
10 many people that we kind of consulted.

11 Q. Who -- who else was involved in that?

12 A. That would be I guess -- Christine --  
13 depending on who was working at the time and then  
14 sometimes if it contained district stuff, that  
15 would be our district press person who's now our  
16 district director, Jessica Hayes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. But I think -- again, I don't really  
19 remember when, you know, she became district  
20 director and left all the press stuff behind but.

21 Q. Did -- did Brett O'Donnell ever provide any  
22 training to the Congressional staff to your  
23 knowledge?

24 A. The staff as a whole? No.

1 Q. What about to you and --

2 A. To me --

3 Q. -- individually?

4 A. -- no.

5 Q. Are you aware of him providing -- you said  
6 not to the staff as a whole but are you aware of  
7 him providing any training to staffers, you know,  
8 one or two staffers at a time or --

9 A. I don't know if those were any of the  
10 conversations that he may have had with our press  
11 team --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- as I'm not part of the press team. I  
14 don't know.

15 Q. Okay. I want to ask you some questions  
16 about Representative Broun's campaigns --

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. -- and Brett O'Donnell's involvement in  
19 those. To your knowledge, was -- was Brett  
20 O'Donnell involved in Representative Broun's 2012  
21 congressional campaign?

22 A. That would've been the primary?

23 Q. That would've been that primary in the --

24 A. Yeah. I think he had some involvement --

1 Q. -- summer.

2 A. -- in creating like overall communication  
3 kind of plans but I don't know how. Again, you  
4 know, not being on any of these conversations  
5 myself...

6 Q. Want to show you another email. This is  
7 BOD00234. Take time to look at that but this  
8 appears to be an email from David Bowser to a  
9 number of people including yourself in which David  
10 Bowser writes, "Good afternoon Team Broun. Just  
11 wanted to do a quick intro of two new additions  
12 brought on today by Dr. Broun to our political  
13 efforts." Again, this is December 19, 2012 and  
14 then he introduces "Hans Kaiser" and "Guy Shore" as  
15 two new people and then he goes on to introduce  
16 other people involved. The very bottom of that  
17 page, he writes, "Brett O'Donnell is Congressman  
18 Broun's messaging consultant and media prep  
19 advisor."

20 A. Right.

21 Q. Does that accurately describe --

22 A. Yeah --

23 Q. -- Brett O'Donnell's role --

24 A. -- that's how -- what I understood his kind

1 of role to be --

2 Q. With the campaign?

3 A. With the campaign.

4 Q. Okay. Are you aware of Brett O'Donnell  
5 providing input on campaign speeches or preparing  
6 Representative Broun for campaign speeches?

7 A. Not any -- no. Again, this I think would  
8 go back to not being in any of these messaging  
9 meetings.

10 Q. Do you recall scheduling some of those  
11 meetings? I have a document I'll show you here  
12 from your production. This is PBTN0062. Take your  
13 time to --

14 A. Yeah. I mean but that could've easily been  
15 -- I mean, it doesn't say anywhere in here that  
16 that's campaign versus political --

17 Q. This is an email. Okay. The email from  
18 you May 1st, 2013 to Brett, writing, "Hi Brett. We  
19 are looking ahead for the next few weeks before  
20 convention." Do you know if -- if that reference  
21 to convention is the Georgia Republican Convention  
22 that was held in mid-May 2013?

23 A. I don't remember.

24 Q. Don't remember. You don't recall the

1 purpose of these meetings?

2 A. No, I don't.

3 Q. Okay. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
4 involved in keeping track of Representative Broun's  
5 campaign debates?

6 A. What do you mean keeping track? Like  
7 coordinating them?

8 Q. Show you this email here. This is PBTN97.  
9 Take time to look at that. The email I want to ask  
10 you about is the bottom of the first page where it  
11 says from Brett O'Donnell --

12 A. Right.

13 Q. -- there to David Bowser, cc'ing you and a  
14 few other individuals in which he writes, "We need  
15 to debate and forum calender -- started with  
16 contact info, so I can help negotiate formats and  
17 we can track."

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Does that -- does that refresh your  
20 recollection of the role he might've had with --

21 A. Yeah. It sounds like he probably was  
22 involved but again, this isn't something that like  
23 I didn't direct him to be involved.

24 Q. Okay. But you -- you were aware that he

1 was involved?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Okay. And then I want to -- if -- could  
4 run through a few documents here of specific  
5 scheduling or calender items? This is PBTN9. This  
6 is an email. At the bottom, it starts off with an  
7 email from David Bowser to Brett. This is in --  
8 June 14th of 2012. So this would've been right  
9 around the time when Brett O'Donnell was retained.  
10 He says, "As we discussed last week, there was a  
11 potential for a debate which has now turned into a  
12 scheduled event on June 22nd." If you'd skip a  
13 line down, it says, "The Congressman would like to  
14 schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon for  
15 debate preparations, so we're going to hold from  
16 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on schedule and secure a  
17 conference room at the NRCC for this purpose."  
18 Brett O'Donnell responds, "I can be there for the  
19 entire time." Do you recall if that debate  
20 preparation session occurred?

21 A. I don't remember.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. It would be June. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay. Do the next email here. This is

1 PBTN10 and on the second page, it appears this  
2 chain of emails starts with an email from -- from  
3 you to Brett O'Donnell on July 3rd, 2012 where you  
4 write, "Hey, Brett. Dr. Broun wants to set up  
5 about 90 minutes next week to go over both  
6 debates."

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Do you recall setting up that session?

9 A. I mean, this was just one of many sessions  
10 that we would've done, so it doesn't stick out --

11 Q. Doesn't stick out --

12 A. -- in particular.

13 Q. Okay. Do you -- do you recall that request  
14 from Dr. Broun --

15 A. No --

16 Q. -- to setup the session?

17 A. -- I mean, clearly he did 'cause I don't  
18 think I came up with it myself but don't remember  
19 you know, that particular conversation  
20 specifically.

21 Q. Do you recall a session that may have  
22 occurred at the NRCC in late July of 2012 where a  
23 campaign film was or a campaign video was filmed?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Does that ring a bell?

2 A. That does not.

3 Q. Show you this email. See if this refreshes  
4 your recollection. This is BOD02240. On the next  
5 page, there's a email from you to Brett O'Donnell.  
6 It says --

7 A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know what that video  
8 would've been about or remember the video in  
9 particular.

10 Q. Okay. And you don't recall being requested  
11 to setup that meeting?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Next email I want to show you, this  
14 is going forward to 2014 --

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. -- the -- Representative Broun's campaign  
17 for the U.S. Senate. This is BOD00680. Email from  
18 you to Brett O'Donnell, subject is "Debate prep  
19 schedule," and then they're are like five dates and  
20 times listed here. Do you recall why you were  
21 sending this email to -- to Brett?

22 A. Possibly -- I mean, just -- sometimes when  
23 he would come in after his meetings here, we would  
24 talk about, you know, the future meetings that we

1 needed to set up and look forward to what was on  
2 Congressman's calender and look forward both  
3 officially --

4 Q. He being --

5 A. He -- Brett.

6 Q. -- Representative Broun? Brett?

7 A. Brett. So when Brett would meet with  
8 Congressman Broun here in the office, he would  
9 swing by my desk on his way out -- "Schedule the  
10 next meeting." So this probably looks like we were  
11 planning ahead.

12 Q. When -- you said that they met roughly  
13 weekly --

14 A. Um-hmm.

15 Q. Was it -- were there times in which they  
16 met more than one time a week or was it pretty --  
17 pretty rigid that they met weekly.

18 A. Pretty rigidly, weekly. There may have  
19 been times where we would meet and again, I don't  
20 know if Congressman Broun called Brett in addition  
21 to the weekly meetings --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- 'cause I don't, you know, track his cell  
24 phone records or anything like that --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- but --

3 Q. When -- when one of those weekly meetings  
4 was concerning political --

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. -- the political activities of  
7 Representative Broun, would an additional session  
8 be scheduled to make up for that, to do official  
9 stuff or would it take place --

10 A. Yeah. We would kind of try and always have  
11 the one official session because there was always  
12 -- obviously like floor activity and things like  
13 that going on in addition to whatever may -- he may  
14 be doing politically --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- so that may be an instance where there's  
17 more than one a week. This obviously -- they're  
18 clearly -- there's three in this one week --

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. -- one of these weeks 'cause I guess the  
21 14, 16, and 17 would've all been in one week. So  
22 that would be an instance where we may have met  
23 with him more than just the one time a week.

24 Q. Okay. Would -- if there was a week where

1 you did one or more sessions on the political side

2 --

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. -- would that take place of official  
5 session or would it be in addition to the official  
6 session?

7 A. Sometimes but not always maybe. I mean,  
8 and again, there may have been -- it may have been  
9 90 percent political but there may have been a 10  
10 percent talking about a one minute that would be on  
11 the official side. Know that, you know, when they  
12 were meeting outside of the office, a lot of times  
13 that's still included. It was -- but we can meet  
14 -- my understanding of all of this is that if it  
15 was 90 percent political, 10 percent official, we  
16 would have to meet outside the office.

17 Q. Um-hmm.

18 A. If it was 90 percent official, 10 percent  
19 political, we would still have to meet outside of  
20 the office. If it was just 1 percent political,  
21 we'd have to meet outside of the office.

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. When did you get that understanding?

24 A. I think that was just conversations of

1 talking about like locations and --

2 Q. With who?

3 A. With David.

4 Q. You mentioned sometimes when Brett was here  
5 talking to the Congressman --

6 A. Um-hmm.

7 Q. -- he'd swing by your desk --

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. -- and set up the next meeting. What type  
10 of meeting would he set up? Would it be always  
11 official, sometimes political?

12 A. It -- you know, and sometimes it would be,  
13 "Okay, so let's meet Tuesday at 4:00," and then we  
14 would decide on Monday. If it was going to end up  
15 being more official or political, then we would decide  
16 the location.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Okay. Was there ever a conversation of --  
19 along these lines where you said or somebody said,  
20 "This week, it looks like that session is going to  
21 be political, so make sure you schedule an official  
22 session with Brett to make up for it" or --

23 A. I don't feel like we ever tried to like  
24 balance them equally --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- balance his time --

3 Q. Okay. So some -- over the course --

4 A. -- in that way.

5 Q. -- the two year period that Brett was a --

6 working with Representative Broun, during some

7 periods, those weekly sessions would be political

8 in nature, sometimes they were more official but it

9 -- sort of ebb and flow with the campaign activity?

10 A. Yeah. I feel like it definitely ebbed and

11 flowed and would ebb and flow based on you know,

12 recesses and different things like that. So we

13 would kind of figure it out based on what was going on

14 'cause there's no day that's exactly the same as the

15 day before --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- week that's exactly the same as the week

18 before.

19 Q. Do you recall being involved in scheduling

20 some debate preparation sessions at Jamestown

21 Associates?

22 A. Yeah. That's where we would hold -- that's

23 the townhouse that's I guess right over there --

24 Q. I think it's a group associated with James

1 Miller --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. -- if that rings a bell? Okay.

4 A. And --

5 Q. You said -- is that -- that's a townhouse  
6 nearby?

7 A. It's my understanding. I've never been  
8 because I again --

9 Q. Never been there?

10 A. -- wasn't really going to these sessions at  
11 all --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- ever. I think there was a certain point  
14 where there was a lot going on the kind of  
15 political side. So we needed a permanent-ish place  
16 --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- to go.

19 Q. Does the name Michael Hall ring a bell?  
20 There's some calender items that "List prep for  
21 debate with Michael Hall."

22 A. Yeah. I think Brett had to go out of town  
23 for his son's basketball game maybe and I don't  
24 really -- I don't remember exactly what but there

1 was a conflict that Brett had and so, he had this  
2 Michael Hall gentleman who again never met because  
3 he didn't come to this office, kind of fill in as a  
4 replacement person.

5 Q. Okay. Would -- were there any debate  
6 preparation sessions that occurred with -- other  
7 than the -- than the one or two that may have  
8 occurred with Michael Hall -- were there any ones  
9 that occurred without Brett? I mean, you were --  
10 you were scheduling --

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. How critical was Brett's attendance?

13 A. It wasn't like critical. I feel like we did  
14 debate sessions in Georgia just with Congressman Broun  
15 looking over his notes and we would set aside time  
16 for him to kind of prepare mentally, time away from  
17 his family and his other staffers, for him to kind  
18 of prepare and he didn't fly Brett by any means for  
19 those sessions, so --

20 Q. Would you -- do you know if Brett  
21 conferenced called in or Skyped in?

22 A. I think there may have been -- think --  
23 tried to do Skype once and that did not go well if  
24 I remember correctly, I think --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- and so, you know, those would just be  
3 kind of -- Dr. Broun kind of stepping out of  
4 himself to kind of focus before a debate.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. So yeah, there were definitely going to be  
7 some that he was not participating in.

8 Q. For those sessions -- debate preparation  
9 sessions that were held up here in Washington, D.C.  
10 --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- did Brett attend most of them to your  
13 knowledge?

14 A. Yeah I feel like he probably attended the  
15 majority of them --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- that were like official or not official  
18 -- not officially like congressionally but that  
19 were designated times.

20 Q. Okay. Do you recall if there were ever any  
21 debate preparation sessions that related to  
22 official work?

23 A. Yeah. I think we, you know, talked about  
24 -- this time last year, I guess, just an

1 appropriations kind of season, preparing for kind  
2 of going -- floor debates and going back and forth  
3 on certain issues and think that was all in kind of  
4 the messaging, how to best prepare the Congressman  
5 to respond to the questions from another member of  
6 Congress, whether that would be in a committee  
7 setting or just on the floor.

8 Q. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell was  
9 involved in those prep sessions?

10 A. Yeah. Anything that concerned messaging,  
11 he was normally included.

12 Q. Are you aware at all of Brett O'Donnell  
13 assisting Niki Broun with messaging?

14 A. I think there probably was one or two phone  
15 calls that we had Brett do. This is -- obviously,  
16 we don't -- we try not to kind of manage the  
17 Congressman's wife because that's not our official  
18 duty --

19 Q. Um-hmm.

20 A. -- but there were times where she may  
21 needed -- have needed a phone call, some  
22 encouragement.

23 Q. Do you recall if Brett O'Donnell traveled  
24 to Georgia in February 2013? I think you believed

1 there may have been some sort of staff retreat in  
2 Georgia at that time. Do you recall that?

3 A. Yeah. I guess that was that -- he was --

4 Q. Were you -- did you travel --

5 A. Um-hmm. I did.

6 Q. What was -- tell us a little bit about why  
7 you went to Georgia? What was going on?

8 A. Well, the whole staff kind of gathered. We  
9 tried to do these once a Congress --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- either in D.C. or in Georgia and it  
12 would be to talk about kind of what's going on in  
13 the district and what's going on in D.C., kind of  
14 looking forward as an office and as a staff, both  
15 just the caseworkers in Georgia and the legislative  
16 staff up here --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- already knew what was going on with  
19 everybody's jobs and talking about planning for the  
20 future.

21 Q. Do you recall if there was a meeting of the  
22 campaign team in Georgia at that time?

23 A. I don't remember. That's not something I  
24 would've been involved with.

1 Q. Okay. When -- when did you -- when did the  
2 relationship between Brett O'Donnell and the  
3 Congressional office end?

4 A. Let's see. Probably March or -- March  
5 maybe -- February or March --

6 Q. Of this year?

7 A. -- of this year.

8 Q. What's your understanding of why that  
9 relationship ended?

10 A. I think Congressman Broun was getting a  
11 little frustrated with some of his debate  
12 performance and just in general and kind of wanted  
13 to -- he gets this way on his schedule too. He  
14 wants to -- think it must be very difficult to be a  
15 Congressman because you're whole life is planned by  
16 somebody else and you know, where you're going to  
17 lunch and where you're doing all of this and every  
18 now and then he reacts to that by taking the reigns  
19 back and I think that was kind of part of that.

20 Q. When you say he was frustrated with his  
21 debate performance, do you mean the campaign  
22 debates?

23 A. Yeah, and just -- he was just kind of  
24 generally kind of frustrated and there were several

1 other changes that happened at that same time.

2 Q. What were some of those other changes?

3 A. Well, just changing how we do scheduling  
4 and changing how we -- you know, looking at what  
5 his priorities were.

6 Q. Okay. Any -- any staff changes at that  
7 time?

8 A. No. There weren't any other staff changes.

9 Q. Okay. Just the relationship with Brett?

10 A. Just the relationship.

11 Q. Were you involved in discussions about  
12 ending that relationship?

13 A. No. Just told all of a sudden "Brett's no  
14 longer involved. Don't worry about setting up debate  
15 or messaging sessions."

16 Q. Okay.

17 BY MR. SOLIS:

18 Q. Who told you that, that Brett's no longer  
19 involved?

20 A. David.

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Okay. Were you involved in putting  
23 together a statement from the office? Show you a  
24 copy of that. This is BOD0281. Were you involved

1 in putting that statement together?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you know who was?

4 A. I mean, this is from Christine, but I don't  
5 remember this conversation. I don't know if it was  
6 Christine and David or -- or what.

7 Q. Show you another document. This is  
8 PBTN148. This is -- it's an email communications.  
9 Actually, this is not the right one I meant to show  
10 you. This -- so this statement says at the bottom,  
11 "As stated by the House Administration Committee,  
12 O'Donnell's communications training is in  
13 compliance with house rules."

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Were you involved or were you aware of the  
16 office reaching out to the committee --  
17 administration?

18 A. No. That was not a conversation that I was  
19 involved with.

20 Q. Okay. What about any -- any reaching out  
21 to the ethics committee to discuss Brett O'Donnell?

22 A. I never had any conversations with official  
23 -- Ethics Committee.

24 Q. And to your knowledge, the last time that

1 Brett O'Donnell met with Representative Broun, you  
2 said March of 2014 --

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. -- you believe? Do you recall what -- what  
5 that meeting was about? What their last meeting  
6 would've been about?

7 A. No.

8 Q. All right. I think --

9 BY MR. SOLIS:

10 Q. I just had a couple of questions.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Just to -- to finish up on some of the  
13 information you provided. You know, you mentioned  
14 that during recess and times when Congress is out  
15 of session --

16 A. Um-hmm.

17 Q. -- you said that there'd be no reason for  
18 Brett and the Congressman to have one of their  
19 weekly --

20 A. Yeah. We may have setup brief phone calls  
21 if Dr. Broun was speaking before a big group of  
22 some sort, but we didn't schedule regular sessions  
23 while we were in Georgia for extended periods of  
24 time.

1 Q. During those times, did you schedule  
2 political or campaign meetings between Brett and  
3 the Congressman when Congress is out of session?

4 A. No. We really didn't schedule anything  
5 with Brett, either political or official while we  
6 were in Georgia unless -- again, you know, there  
7 may have been phone calls between the Congressman  
8 and Brett but those weren't like officially --  
9 don't think there were --

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. When there were phone calls, would you  
12 schedule those or would they schedule them --

13 A. Occasionally, we would -- say, "Hey,  
14 Teddie, set up Brett to call -- set up -- make sure  
15 Brett can talk to Dr. Broun at 2:00," and I would  
16 maybe coordinate that but a lot of the times, I  
17 think Dr. Broun would call Brett himself without it  
18 being officially scheduled.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Bryson asked you about Brett's role in  
21 assisting Congressman Broun in prepping for floor  
22 debates.

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. You mentioned that one of the examples you

1 could think of was during appropriations season --

2 A. Yeah. So --

3 Q. Were there -- were there any other  
4 instances --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. -- you can think of where Brett assisted  
7 the Congressman --

8 A. And that was just kind of something 'cause  
9 we're going through that right now and I know  
10 that's something we've talking to Congressman Broun  
11 about --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- now but you know, we would -- I think  
14 that was all in kind of the overall messaging and  
15 like making sure in the delivery of his kind of  
16 speeches of any sort. So floor speeches or floor  
17 debates or committee stuff 'cause we're chairman of  
18 the subcommittee and...

19 Q. But can you specifically recall any -- any  
20 other instance or any other issue involving floor  
21 debate preparation between --

22 A. Not specifically but I think that's  
23 probably because I wasn't in those conversations  
24 myself.

1 Q. Last question I had is, you know,  
2 concerning our review and the fact that we're here  
3 speaking with you, have you spoken to anybody on  
4 the congressional staff, Dr. Broun, Brett  
5 O'Donnell, anybody about the fact we'd be speaking  
6 to you today?

7 A. I mean, David, Christine and I talked about  
8 it yesterday, just to figure out what exactly --  
9 not to you know -- figure out what y'all were going  
10 to do. He explained to us who y'all were 'cause  
11 y'all are not the official, official Ethics  
12 Committee but y'all are outside Ethics Committee  
13 and so but I mean, we didn't talk about our stories  
14 and corroborate, you know, "Make sure not to say  
15 this," or anything.

16 Q. That's good. That's good.

17 A. That's not -- that's not right but he just  
18 kind of explained who y'all were and kind of what  
19 they were --

20 Q. Did you speak to Brett O'Donnell at all?

21 A. No. I haven't spoken to Brett since he  
22 left here I guess in March.

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Just one last question. You talked about

1 some instances Brett O'Donnell would help prepare  
2 for floor debates --

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. As you were scheduling those, I want to  
5 show you a few calender items here 'cause sometimes  
6 on your calender items you would -- under the  
7 subject line, you would say "Debate prep."

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Lot of times -- if you're scheduling a  
10 session where you're going to go over committee  
11 back and forth or floor debates, would you refer to  
12 that as debate prep or would --

13 A. I don't recall. I mean, I -- like I'm sure  
14 if you look -- sometimes it's prep with Brett.  
15 Sometimes it's prep with Brett O'Donnell.  
16 Sometimes I just change up how I say things. I  
17 don't think that means anything specifically or --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- or not specifically.

20 Q. A session to go over -- you know, a floor  
21 speech or a floor back and forth --

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. -- would it be common for you to refer to  
24 that as debate?

1 A. That could be, yeah.

2 Q. Okay. Do any -- on any of those instances,  
3 those documents before you, do any of those -- do  
4 you recall -- being related to official activity?

5 A. I don't remember.

6 Q. Okay. All right. Well, I think we've  
7 asked all of our questions.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. I think you have a general sense of what  
10 we're looking at --

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. -- so given that, is there anything else  
13 you'd like to share with us? Anything you think we  
14 should know?

15 A. No, don't think so.

16 MR. MORGAN: All right. Well, then I think  
17 --

18 MS. [REDACTED]: Okay.

19 MR. MORGAN: -- that will end our  
20 interview. We'll stop the recording right now.

21 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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# **EXHIBIT 5**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2012 9:48 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Bachmann's Debate and Communications Coach

David,

Just confirming our meeting today at 4 pm at the NRCC. Should we meet in the lobby?

Thanks and looking forward to meeting the Congressman and you.

Brett

On May 23, 2012, at 9:10 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Brett,

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> Appreciate your outreach. If you are available, can we setup an initial meeting with the Congressman, our Communications Director Meredith Griffanti, and myself on Thursday, May 31st from 4-5pm at the NRCC?

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> Thank you!

> David

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:24 PM

> To: Bowser, David

> Subject: Bachmann's Debate and Communications Coach

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> David,

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> Michele Bachmann said that Representative Broun had asked about me in reference to improving his media interview performance. I would love to assist him in improving these skills. I currently do this kind of work for a couple of members, including Michele and Cathy McMorris Rodgers as well as others in and out of the political world. Let me know if you would like to talk about how I might assist the Congressman and you. I've attached my bio so you have some information on me.

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> Brett

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> <BrettODonnell-Bio.pdf>

# **EXHIBIT 6**

## **Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meeting w/ Brett O'Donnell, Bachmann's Debate Coach  
**Location:** NRCC

**Start:** Thu 5/31/2012 4:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 5/31/2012 5:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith

# **EXHIBIT 7**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2012 5:20 PM  
**To:** [redacted]@aol.com  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Attachments:** Broun Proposal.doc; BrettO'Donnell-Bio.pdf

Dr. Broun, David and Meredith,

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday. I very much enjoyed meeting with each of you and learning about your vision for turning our country back to Judeo-Christian values. Attached is my proposal to assist you with that goal by helping you sharpen your communication skills. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns, and I would welcome the opportunity to meet again if you would like to discuss the proposal in more detail. I welcome the opportunity to serve you and your staff.

Brett O'Donnell

# **EXHIBIT 8**

### Proposal

TO: Congressman Paul Broun

David Bowser

FROM: Brett O'Donnell

DATE: June 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Proposal for Communication/Media Assistance

Dr. Broun,

It was great speaking with you and your staff yesterday. Below is a proposal and description of the services I could provide to you in assisting with fine tuning your communication, public speaking and media interview skills. My expertise is in communication skills, message strategy and policy development, all areas I have worked on at the Presidential, Senate, and House levels. The method of media prep and the materials I provide are essential in preparing for media interviews and speeches as well as debates. Additionally, this proposal will cover assisting with messaging, and other strategic communication campaign or official activities, including specific media interview prep for each appearance as they are scheduled.

My experience with four presidential campaigns (Bush-Cheney 2004, McCain 2008, Bachmann 2012, and Romney 2012), numerous gubernatorial and senate campaigns, and evangelical leaders have prepared me to provide you with expert strategic communications, communication skills development, debate and messaging advice, speech writing, media presentation and interview skills necessary to assist in fine tuning and improving your skills and to prepare you for individual media appearances and speeches with attention given to both skill development and clear messaging.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I would eagerly welcome the opportunity to serve you and your staff as I share the Biblical values you wish to further through your service in the U.S. House of Representatives. If you find this proposal acceptable, I can provide you with a consulting agreement/contract. Additionally, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you again to personally address any concerns.

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### Proposal for Congressman Paul Broun

We believe that an effective communications strategy is the foundation of getting one recognized and developing potent advocacy for outstanding ideas. Our mission is to listen and understand your needs and what the essence of the client is, and then to develop communications strategies, including branding that ensure that the ideas, marketing or policies are clearly communicated and built around a comprehensive message strategy across a variety of platforms, including speeches, debates and media interviews. We go beyond the normal boundaries of a communications strategist to develop an organic communications strategy that continues to evolve with the challenges you face and that is adapted to the individual. Our goal isn't to build communications effectiveness for a day's worth of media coverage or one speech, but to develop strategies that will bring continued attention to you and your vision by reaching the appropriate audience through a variety of mediums, including speeches, debates and media appearances. We help you look for opportunities to communicate and anticipate and prepare you to defend your message through times of crisis through our whole messaging strategies. We can help you meet the entire range of communication challenges that you face in the fast paced and ever evolving cultural, political and media climate without compromising your integrity or vision. We'll also coordinate with your congressional and campaign staff to ensure messages delivered by broadcast, mail, print, or electronically are consistent, on target, and are best suited to your needs rather than consultant's or compromised for an audience.

Brett O'Donnell brings the experience of tested communication strategies from four presidential campaigns and has the experience necessary to prepare the candidate for success in formulating and delivering effective messages, responding to crisis, or participating political debates, joint appearances or discussion. In 2011-12 O'Donnell served as the Chief Strategist for the Bachmann for President Campaign and advised the Romney Campaign in Florida to help turnaround his debate performances there. In 2006-2008 O'Donnell served as the Director of Messaging for the John McCain Presidential Campaign. In 2004 O'Donnell served as an advisor to President Bush and the Bush-Cheney Campaign. O'Donnell has consulted on numerous gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races as well. He also served as the Director of Debate at Liberty University where his teams won eighteen national championships from 1993-2008.

What we offer:

**Our experience** in intercollegiate policy debate and communications combined with our extensive national and state political experience is leveraged in a way that leaves us well-positioned to identify the underlying interconnections and implications of diverse policy

initiatives, marketing opportunities or issue advocacy. We can then be uniquely effective at quickly translating our understanding into powerful, concise, and persuasive arguments that will bolster your support while undermining support for your opponents or competing ideas or organization. Our communications experience allow us to develop your communications competence through specifically adapted skills training that personalized to your strengths and weaknesses. Our combined decades of in-depth policy research experience place us in a position to utilize and fully exploit the entire spectrum of research tools, both electronic and traditional. In addition, our experience has equipped us to perform at the highest level even under intense time pressures, giving us a comparative advantage when it comes to quickly and effectively synthesizing large quantities of information gathered from a wide range of sources.

### **Our Services**

We can help the candidate meet the entire range of communication challenges they confront. Our strategies are particularly valuable in formulating and sharpening the communication and analytical tools that are the key to successful message strategy, debate and media performance and full exploitation of other "head-to-head" opportunities involving direct clash between the competing visions frequently debated in the political sphere.

#### **Media/Public Speaking/Debate Preparation**

With few exceptions, candidates for both national and state offices have shown anxiety or even disdain for political debates, speeches and media interviews. Political speeches and debates are a part of the modern American political fabric and continue to become more significant in each election cycle. Although some candidates believe that debates do not affect an election's outcome, there is ample evidence to suggest otherwise at both the national and state levels. In the 2012 Republican presidential cycle debates have been the determining factor in candidate support. The dramatic swing of the polls after the first presidential debate of 2004 was attributable in large measure to public perceptions of President Bush's performance in that debate. Even when a debate isn't widely televised, having the media declare your candidate a loser of a debate can negatively impact the character and competence evaluations made by the public. Beyond winning debates, proper debate preparation can dramatically sharpen a candidate's message, improve their general public speaking skills and prepare them for effective media presentations and interviews. Effective debate preparation can also improve the ability of the campaign staff to prepare and write effective policy briefs for the candidate and the media.

#### **Message Strategy and Media Preparation**

- Formulation of effective **message strategies** for the individual's activities and events by **listening** carefully to their needs and challenges, **analyzing** their audience, and **connecting** their message to that audience through a variety of mediums, particularly debates and interviews to meet their **goals and objectives**

- **Understanding** media strategies for media interviews and media debates
- Developing **effective communication skills** for successful media appearances/speeches and other communication events
- Development, assessment and consistent implementation of effective **branding** and messaging for each media forum
- Effective **Speechwriting** for special appearances
- **24/7** access to Brett O'Donnell for communications related consultation.
- **Preparation** for specific media appearances through providing thorough briefing materials, potential questions and thinking through appropriate responses for those questions
- **Comprehensive message strategy** in developing “campaigns” to advance the vision of the individual and organization

### **Debate Preparation**

- “Turn Key,” comprehensive debate preparation
- Written Analysis of all candidates, including video/DVD samples
- Strategic planning for debates—rules, strategies, arguments, stylistics, scheduling and programming for effective debate preparation
- Policy analysis relative to debate preparation and argument crafting
- Formal debate training
- Format negotiation and analysis (**this area is extremely important in controlling the ground of the debate for the candidate—most campaigns do a poor job of thinking through format priorities and negotiating the formats for debates**)
- Training and assistance in preparing briefing books used for debate preparation
- Face-to-face preparation and practice with DVD recording provided for candidate evaluation
- Argument briefing, including tracking campaign themes to ensure consistency between debate prep and other campaign messages
- Evaluation and improvements for subsequent debates
- Cross-over to other head-to-head opportunities

### **Argument Consultation and Speechwriting**

- Argument strategies that account for the candidate’s entire vision
- Message evaluation (argument style)
- Message and Speechwriting and preparation

### **Communications Plan for Representative Paul Broun**

In viewing video of your prior communication activities there are several areas of weakness that can be improved with my assistance. First, we will work on sharpening your message both in

terms of exactly what the constituents of that message are and how it is constructed through argument and in expression. Second, we will work on how that message gets communicated strategically (what contexts and audiences are addressed) and tactically (specific communication skills). Third, we will work on specific communication habits to build more effective communication practice, particularly in fluency, approaches to formulating messages (speeches, interviews, etc.), the difference between offensive and defensive arguments, argument construction and effective delivery of messages. Finally, we will deploy these strategies into live contexts with pre and post briefings and evaluations to encourage ongoing improvement of communication competence.

### **The Plan**

- 1) Begin weekly one hour meetings to work on identifying communication weaknesses and strengths.
- 2) Work on improving those identified weaknesses through practice and other activities to build increased communication competence in those weekly meetings.
- 3) Develop systematic approaches to formulating messages in specific contexts that allows the message to be effective in purpose and in connecting to audiences.
- 4) Work on how to approach preparing for media interviews both at the general and individually specific levels.
- 5) Work with your communications staff on assisting in preparing for media interviews, speeches and other communication activities and messaging opportunities.
- 6) Work on refining your message to increase its clarity and effectiveness.
- 7) Work on developing messaging for specific issues, speeches and media appearances.
- 8) Develop a communications plan that allows for preparation to produce effective outcomes and post appearance evaluation for continued improvement.

### **Our Capabilities**

1. Served as the Director of Messaging for the 2008 McCain-Palin Presidential Campaign in charge of debate preparation for all primary and general election debates, preparation for media appearances, crafting the overall message of the campaign, crafting responses to media and candidate attacks, and writing speeches for the candidate.
2. Chief Strategist for the Bachmann for President Campaign 2012
3. Served as consultant to the 2004 Bush-Cheney Campaign for debate preparation and message strategy.
4. Senior communications advisor to numerous gubernatorial and U.S. Senate campaigns.

5. My experience in intercollegiate policy debate is leveraged in a way that leaves me well-positioned to identify the underlying interconnections and implications of diverse communication challenges. I can then be uniquely effective at quickly translating that understanding into powerful, concise, and persuasive arguments that will bolster a ministry's support while effectively responding to charges that might pose a serious risk to its reputation and integrity.
6. My experience of in-depth policy research experience places me in a position to utilize and fully exploit the entire spectrum of research tools, both electronic and traditional to monitor potential threats and communication crisis and to make sound decisions about the appropriate response or if a response is warranted. In addition, my experience has equipped me to perform at the highest level even under intense time pressures, giving me a comparative advantage when it comes to quickly and effectively synthesizing large quantities of information gathered from a wide range of sources.
7. Access to media capabilities for production of high quality films and other media to enhance messaging campaigns.
8. An extensive array of media and government contacts for access to communicating messages and monitoring potential attacks from both the media and government policy.
9. Assessment of your organization's internal communication activities to improve effectiveness of your ministries internal communications activities.

### **The Value of Our Services**

I understand the "political" functioning and sensitivities of message opportunities for members of congress and also the impact affirmative and response communications has. Message and response strategies that reflect internal consistency are particularly valuable for any candidate that seeks to espouse a coherent philosophy, values or vision through its various activities. Our communication approach incorporates consistent themes across multiple issues to protect the overall brand and maintain consistency in messaging. In other words, we don't just think about the individual opportunity or crisis, but also think about the context of the message we develop. Development of integrated underlying themes also provides the crucial foundation for advancing your message, for creating effective responses, and for defenses against attacks.

Additionally, the experience I bring enhances your message by providing comprehensive communications strategies that incorporate the production of materials that will comprehensibly support the its important work and vision.

### **Our Approach**

We can assist you in confronting the entire range of communication challenges with which you are faced. Our strategies are particularly valuable in formulating and sharpening the analytical tools that are the key to successful media performances, effective communication and message strategies and in responding to the barrage of attacks from a variety of sources that are inevitable in modern political contexts. We focus on creating "holistic" communication and argument strategies in both crafting an affirmative message and in responding to attacks or managing crises, meaning simply strategies that result in an internally coherent positive message. Given the pace at which communication events and the news cycle now unfold because of the cables, internet and blogosphere, many communicators understandably overlook opportunities to create positive communication themes that bind together their various initiatives or fail to realize the substantial damage that can be quickly created over a long-period of time because of the failure to effectively respond to attacks. My connections to key media sources allow me to effectively push back, counter or even prevent negative media coverage and to understand how to construct an effective media strategy to further the mission of your message.

Investment in integrated communication strategies both affirmatively crafting message strategy and in responding to attacks will pay dividends for you as we bring an understanding of how to deploy an effective response that can turn a potentially damaging situation into an opportunity to further communicate your affirmative message. I function under the principle that the best defense is a good offense: be prepared, particularly in debates or national media interviews.

### **Fees**

My fees are negotiable based on the time expected for my services. I usually work on a monthly retainer. I would suggest a fee of 2,500.00 (plus expenses) for a monthly retainer.

### **Here is what others are saying about O'Donnell:**

"But having Brett O'Donnell aboard for debate prep is going to raise the level of anyone's game, because Brett is simply the best in the business." **Mark McKinnon**, Global Vice Chair, Hill and Knowlton Strategies and Media Advisor to President Bush (*Business Week*, February 1, 2012)

"But O'Donnell may be the most potent force on Bachmann's presidential campaign. His job description is debate coach. But he's more accurately described as the candidate whisperer, because that's what he does all day...He is known in the industry for working with the natural abilities of his clients rather than doing what too many consultants try to do, which is to make a candidate into something he or she is not." (*Washington Post*, September 21, 2011)

"I'm a big fan of Brett's. If candidates ask me about him for 2008, I'm going to recommend him." **Ken Mehlman**, Chairman, Republican Party (*New York Times*, March 19, 2006)

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"The guy has great chops. He knows more about presidential debates than anyone I've ever talked to." **Mark McKinnon**, Global Vice Chair, Hill and Knowlton Strategies and Media Advisor to President Bush (*New York Times*, March 19, 2006)

"Politicians without debate experience often find themselves at a disadvantage when elections approach, so some call in the experts. Republicans count on Brett O'Donnell, the former Liberty University debate coach who has helped candidates George W. Bush, John McCain, and Sarah Palin prep for national debates." (*Washingtonian Magazine*, November 2009)

### Awards and Recognition

- Number one on GQ's Weekly DC Power list (January 27, 2012)
- Twice Selected as one of the "Five Most Important People In American Politics Not Running for President" in 2008 by Mark Halprin (<http://thepage.time.com/halperin%E2%80%99s-take-the-five-most-important-people-in-american-politics-not-running-for-president-4/>)
- Numerous articles recognizing skills in communications in the New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek, Slate, CBS News and other media outlets
- Part of Harvard University's Kennedy School 2012 Project on Political Debate Reform
- Guest on Comedy Central's, *The Colbert Report* (February 2006)
- Guest Lecturer at the Institute of Politics, Harvard University, Fall, 2006
- Guest Lecturer at the LBJ School of Government, University of Texas, Spring 2006
- Participant in 2008 Presidential Campaign Preview Program, Harvard Institute of Politics, February 2007
- National Debate Tournament Keele Intercollegiate Debate Coach of the Year, 1996

### Read more about Brett O'Donnell's experience:

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# **EXHIBIT 9**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:55 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** RE: Congressman Broun

Thank you. See you then.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun  
**From:** "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Fri, June 08, 2012 11:53 am  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>  
**Cc:** "Norton, Teddie" <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov>, "Griffanti, Meredith" <Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov>

Yes, that's great! Our office, 325 Cannon.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:51 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun

Would 2:15 pm work? I can make that work and would give us 45 minutes

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2012, at 11:36 AM, "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Appreciate the reply Brett...we have a 3 pm meeting with Eric Cantor and a 4 pm radio interview, given those two commitments, what would work best for you?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2012 11:28 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun  
**Importance:** High

No worries. I am available at 2:30pm and after. I'd prefer to meet as early as possible as I'm headed out of town.

Thanks

Brett

On Jun 8, 2012, at 11:09 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

Brett,

Hope you are well, I just left you a vm on this as well...Congressman Broun would like to know if you would have time to meet this afternoon? I apologize for the short notice.

Thanks!

David

(202) 225- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] cell

# **EXHIBIT 10**

## Norton, Teddie

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**Subject:** Meeting w/ Brett O'Donnell  
**Location:** 325

**Start:** Fri 6/8/2012 2:15 PM  
**End:** Fri 6/8/2012 3:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Griffanti, Meredith; Bowser, David

**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 11**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER**

1 MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I'm joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics, and we are here with [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] on June 23rd, 2014.

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8 Q. And Mr. [REDACTED], we -- we covered the  
9 application of the False Statements Act to this  
10 interview. So I think we'll go ahead and begin  
11 with our questions. First, we'd like to ask you  
12 some general background information, so we'll begin  
13 there. How are you currently employed?

14 A. I'm self employed with O'Donnell and  
15 Associates, which is a communications consulting  
16 firm.

17 Q. What types of services does your firm  
18 provide?

19 A. Range of communication services to both  
20 corporate, non-profit and political clients.

21 Q. You said you provide services to political  
22 clients?

23 A. And corporate and non-profit.

24 Q. And non-profit. On the -- on the political

1 side, do you provide services to both state and  
2 federal political clients?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. When you say political clients --

5 A. Or elected officials.

6 Q. -- what do you mean? Elected officials?

7 A. Elected offices or candidates for public  
8 office.

9 Q. Okay. Approximately how many political  
10 clients does your firm have at this time?

11 A. I'm not going to reveal that --

12 Q. Okay. Do you have --

13 A. I've had multiple clients.

14 Q. Multiple clients?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. More than one?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. And you have clients at both the federal  
19 and state level --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- local -- local level as well?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Do some of your current clients  
24 include election campaigns?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Are some of those election campaigns  
3 federal election campaigns?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And are you paid for the services  
6 you provide to those federal election campaigns?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Have you ever provided these communication  
9 type services or the types of services you provide  
10 to federal elections on a volunteer basis?

11 A. I have.

12 Q. On how many occasions would you say you've  
13 done that?

14 A. Multiple occasions.

15 Q. Have you ever provided volunteer -- those  
16 types of volunteer services to Representative Paul  
17 Broun's political campaigns?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. When did you do that?

20 A. This past year, both in 2014 and some in  
21 2013.

22 Q. And what about in 2012?

23 A. Um, you know what? I don't remember. I  
24 think we may have talked about he -- his House

1 debate for like 10 -- you know, off -- out of the  
2 context of my work with him but I don't believe I  
3 did provide anything in 2012.

4 Q. When did you first become acquainted with  
5 Representative Broun?

6 A. Okay. You got the email and I should've  
7 looked at the date again, but it was in 2012. His  
8 chief of staff reached out to me and asked if I  
9 would submit a proposal to provide communication  
10 services to the Congressman, something that I've  
11 done for other members of Congress as well.

12 Q. I think I do have a few documents I want to  
13 show you that may reflect that. Show you this  
14 document which is PBTN0005.

15 A. Yeah, yeah. So it was -- I think we  
16 started like in the summer of 2012.

17 Q. Other document I want to show you is PBT --  
18 DB120 through 130. This first document I showed  
19 you number PBTN05 is -- appears to be a calender  
20 item from Thursday, May 31st, 2012. The subject is  
21 "Meeting with [REDACTED], Bachmann's debate  
22 coach, attending David Bowser, Meredith Griffanti  
23 and organized by Paul Broun," and then the second  
24 document I showed you, PBDB120 through 130 is an

1 email from you it appears --

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. -- to [REDACTED] and that email address, it  
4 appears belong to Representative Broun, CC-ing  
5 David Bowser and Meredith Griffanti in which you  
6 write, "Thank you for meeting with me yesterday,"  
7 and then skipping a sentence, "Attached is my  
8 proposal to assist you with that goal by helping  
9 you sharpen your communication skills," and then  
10 there is a proposal attached to that email.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. What -- that May 31st, 2012 meeting, do you  
13 recall that meeting?

14 A. I recall we actually had, I think a couple  
15 of meetings --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. -- at the NRCC where we just sort of met  
18 initially and then I submitted this proposal and  
19 then we met again to discuss it. So I believe --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- that's correct.

22 Q. Do you recall who was in that meeting?

23 A. I think Meredith and David and Dr. Broun.

24 Q. And what was discussed?

1           A.     Assisting him in doing better with media  
2 interviews, speeches, things related to this  
3 official duties as a Congressman, floor speeches.

4           Q.     Okay.

5           A.     The proposal I submitted is kind of a  
6 boilerplate. You know, it lists all of the range  
7 of services and then they can pick what they want.  
8 So it's not -- you know, it's not a "Here's  
9 everything I will deliver." It's "What I could  
10 deliver."

11          Q.     So this proposal was not customized for  
12 Representative Broun?

13          A.     Not very much. Un-uh, no. Most of it is  
14 standard language that I use in most of my  
15 proposals for you know, elected officials or -- or  
16 candidates, so.

17          Q.     It's the same proposal you use for both  
18 elected officials and candidates?

19          A.     Um-hmm.

20          Q.     During that meeting, that May 31st meeting  
21 or the second meeting that you recalled --

22          A.     Yeah.

23          Q.     -- did you discuss Representative Broun's  
24 campaign --

1 A. Not at all --

2 Q. -- campaigns?

3 A. I had no idea that he was even considering  
4 running for the Senate when I met with him in 2012.

5 Q. Did you discuss his 2012 congressional  
6 campaign?

7 A. Not at all.

8 Q. I will note that the proposal does include  
9 -- first paragraph of it, "The method of media prep  
10 and the materials I provide are essential in  
11 preparing for media interviews and speeches as well  
12 as debates." Debates are mentioned throughout.

13 A. Yeah --

14 Q. On page three, there's a section on media  
15 public speaking debate preparation. Page four,  
16 several bullet points under debate preparation.

17 A. Right, right. And I would point out that  
18 in their official activities, members of Congress  
19 do debate. That's what they do on the floor of the  
20 House.

21 Q. So when you're --

22 A. The debate bills, things like that.

23 Q. -- proposal referencing debates here,  
24 you're --

1 A. It can either --

2 Q. -- referencing it?

3 A. -- either candidate debates or official  
4 debates.

5 Q. Okay. So on page four, where it says  
6 "Debate preparation," this is referring to both  
7 candidate debates and --

8 A. Some of those bullets --

9 Q. -- floor debates?

10 A. -- can refer to official debates. Sure,  
11 absolutely. Some of them do refer to candidate  
12 debates as well -- refers to both.

13 Q. But in your meetings --

14 A. It was not discussed in terms --

15 Q. -- campaign debates were not discussed?

16 A. Not at all.

17 Q. You have any idea why the subject of the  
18 meeting on the 31st would've been identified as  
19 "Meeting with [REDACTED], Bachmann's debate  
20 coach"?

21 A. Um.

22 Q. That didn't refer to any -- any subject  
23 matter to be discussed?

24 A. Just it was an identifying feature, who I

1 was.

2 Q. Okay.

3 BY MR. SOLIS:

4 Q. When Representative Broun's chief of staff  
5 reached out to you in 2012 to kind of get the  
6 discussions started --

7 A. Um-hmm.

8 Q. -- about bringing you on, did you talk  
9 about debate issues with the campaign or --  
10 candidacy for --

11 A. Not at all.

12 Q. -- office at all?

13 A. No. His -- his reach was specifically  
14 targeted to Dr. Broun doing better with media  
15 interviews, doing better with floor speeches, doing  
16 better with his official duties.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Want to show you now document identified as  
19 PBDB114. This is an email from you to David  
20 Bowser. The subject is, "Consulting agreement,"  
21 sent on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. You write, "Hi  
22 David. Attached is my consulting agreement. I  
23 wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be  
24 paid, so I left the address blank," and then

1 attached to that is a consulting agreement. Is --

2 A. And this is kind of a boilerplate  
3 consulting agreement that I use.

4 Q. This is a boilerplate consulting agreement?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. What was -- was there a discussion in those  
7 meetings of how you would be paid?

8 A. Not in the first couple of meetings, and  
9 David had kind of just left it open. So that's why  
10 it's referenced in that email.

11 Q. Was there a discussion of options for how  
12 you would be paid?

13 A. We had talked about either through the  
14 official office or through the campaign, depending  
15 on what it was they wanted but it seemed like they  
16 wanted, you know, official duty stuff, so.

17 Q. Okay. So there was a discussion of -- of  
18 perhaps paying you from the campaign?

19 A. I just gave them a range of how people pay  
20 me --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- so that was where that left and then  
23 David was the one who settled on, "This is how  
24 we're going to pay you 'cause this is what we

1 want."

2 Q. Is -- is how you are paid something that  
3 you typically have a lot of input --

4 A. No.

5 Q. -- in?

6 A. Un-uh. No, no, no. I just told him. He  
7 asked me how people pay me, and I asked -- and I  
8 answered that question.

9 Q. And the way you answered is...

10 A. Some people pay through the campaign, some  
11 people pay through their offices, depending on what  
12 they want done.

13 Q. So you said this is boilerplate. Does this  
14 consulting agreement accurately describe the  
15 services you were to provide Representative Broun?

16 A. Yeah, I think it did actually: Public  
17 speaking, debate, message media, strategy, media  
18 interview preparation.

19 Q. It appears that a -- this agreement lasted  
20 for a short period --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- and then a new agreement was entered  
23 into --

24 A. Correct, which is essentially the same --

1 Q. -- about September of 2012?

2 A. The terms are just changed.

3 Q. And then again in believe in January 2013?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And -- and it appears that the relationship  
6 maybe extended month to month thereon?

7 A. Right, right, exactly.

8 Q. The monthly retainer being \$2500 from --  
9 from that point forward I believe --

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. When did your consulting agreement with  
12 Representative Broun end?

13 A. Let's see. In March of this year -- March  
14 of 2014.

15 Q. Why did it end?

16 A. We just mutually agreed that he no longer  
17 needed my services.

18 BY MR. SOLIS:

19 Q. Why did he no longer need your services?

20 A. I mean, what I do is instruction and then  
21 you know, I teach them based on specific interviews  
22 how to approach things and both of us agreed that  
23 he had sort of gotten the max out of what -- what I  
24 provide.

1 BY MORGAN:

2 Q. I want to ask you some questions about your  
3 interactions with and you work for Representative  
4 Broun's congressional office.

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. How would you describe your role in  
7 Representative Broun's congressional office?

8 A. As a consultant, both as an instructor in  
9 terms of teaching him communication skills at a  
10 general level in terms of media interview, prep  
11 messaging, floor speeches, both delivery and  
12 substance and then I'd be consulted on to help  
13 write floor speeches or to prep him for specific  
14 interviews, or if he was doing a, you know, tell --  
15 town hall that he would do frequently to speak to  
16 his district, I'd prep him for those, so.

17 Q. Okay. How frequently were you in  
18 communication with the Congressional Office?

19 A. I met with him once a week.

20 Q. Okay. I think we saw some reference to  
21 weekly sessions?

22 A. Yeah. So I met with him once a week, but  
23 you know, we didn't have -- his communications  
24 person would maybe call me every now and then or

1 email me or you know, and I've provided most of  
2 those emails or all of those emails actually --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- and he would -- he would not contact me  
5 outside of those meetings.

6 Q. Okay. Who in the Congressional Office did  
7 you interact with?

8 A. Um, David Bowser, Meredith --

9 Q. Griffanti?

10 A. -- and then -- Griffanti and then when his  
11 communications director changed, Christine Hardman  
12 and then Teddie Norton just to schedule times.

13 Q. Okay. So I want to break that down a  
14 little bit the type -- the types of things --

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. -- you did for Representative Broun. These  
17 weekly sessions, what -- what was done in the  
18 weekly sessions?

19 A. It would vary. Initially, it was sort of  
20 generic, "Here's some communication principles you  
21 need to start," based on evaluation of tapes of  
22 him, former interviews, things like that. So it  
23 would vary from week to week, but most of the time  
24 it would be evaluating media that he had done,

1 talking about how to improve and then if he had  
2 interviews upcoming, prepping him for those or if  
3 he was doing official speeches or floor speeches,  
4 things like that, prepping for that and then giving  
5 advice on -- on how to message on some of his  
6 positions.

7 For instance, you know, one of his big  
8 pieces of legislation is his Patient Option Act,  
9 talking about how to message around that or  
10 different things, different votes that he was going  
11 to be taking, how to message those.

12 Q. How to message around those?

13 A. Yeah. And -- and then on the side, working  
14 with his communications team to help them as they  
15 wrote op-eds or releases from the office, those  
16 things too.

17 Q. When you say prepping, what -- what is  
18 generally involved in -- in preparing for a speech  
19 or for a media appearance?

20 A. Well, they're different.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I mean, the speech, it's writing the speech  
23 and then talking, you know, going back and forth on  
24 what he wants in it, what he doesn't want in it and

1 --

2 Q. Were you involved in -- in writing speeches  
3 then?

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. Would you -- what was your role? Would you  
6 do a first draft?

7 A. It depended. Sometimes Meredith or  
8 Christine would write the initial draft and then I  
9 would look at it and edit it, or sometimes I'd  
10 write the initial draft and we'd go back and forth  
11 in the session and work on -- work on the final  
12 details for it and then media interviews, it's  
13 just, you know, thinking through the potential  
14 questions he'd get asked in the media interviews  
15 and what the message would be for those interviews  
16 and how to answer questions.

17 Q. Show you a document here. This is PBTN...  
18 Take your time to review this series of email  
19 exchanges between you and Meredith Griffanti. The  
20 question I have is it appears to us that some of  
21 these weekly sessions were held in the  
22 Congressional Office, and on occasion, they were  
23 held at the NRCC. Is that correct?

24 A. Yeah. And I -- I -- you know, initially, I

1 think it was just convenience, if he was going to  
2 be making calls or stuff like that, so.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I don't think there was any.

5 Q. So here, at the top of page one, Meredith  
6 Griffanti writes to Teddie Norton and David Bowser,  
7 "We could just have it be official today and do  
8 NRCC stuff next week." Was there -- if you were  
9 discussing official matters, would you meet in the  
10 Congressional Office? If you were discussing  
11 campaign or political matters, would you meet in  
12 the NRCC?

13 A. Yeah. And we very rarely discussed  
14 campaign matters. So we very rarely met at the  
15 NRCC. We met there a couple of times in the  
16 beginning. I think we met there -- like I said one  
17 time we may have talked about debate stuff, and so  
18 he wanted to meet there and asked me if I would  
19 just give him a few tips about an upcoming debate  
20 and then sometimes I -- you know, but I -- very  
21 rarely did we meet there. Most of the time, we met  
22 in his office.

23 BY MR. SOLIS:

24 Q. When you say an upcoming debate, do you

1 mean?

2 A. When -- when he was running for Congress.  
3 I think he said, "You know, hey, I've got a debate  
4 coming up. Will you give me a couple of tips," and  
5 I never went to Georgia or anything like that. I  
6 went -- I went to Georgia one time. That was last  
7 year but --

8 MR. MORGAN: Think we'll ask you some  
9 questions about that.

10 MR. [REDACTED]: But -- but -- yeah, at any  
11 rate, it was just -- you know, "Will you give me a  
12 couple of pointers?" So.

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. And you mentioned it was on convenience,  
15 the office you would select at times?

16 A. I think sometimes. I think it was based  
17 on, you know, if he was making calls or whatever --  
18 would I meet him there as opposed to his  
19 congressional office.

20 Q. And by calls, you mean fund raising calls?

21 A. I think.

22 BY MR. MORGAN:

23 Q. Show you an email. This is from your  
24 document productions, BOD155. This is an email

1 from Christine Hardman to you August 11, 2013 in  
2 response to an email you sent on August 11. At the  
3 bottom of the page there in which you -- you say,  
4 "Christine, please send me media interviews on Dr.  
5 Broun's schedule for this week, also, any other  
6 events -- need to discuss on the call tomorrow  
7 morning and also, send clips from media done in the  
8 past week," and then her response includes a list  
9 of several different events and speeches, town  
10 hall. Was this typical --

11 A. Yeah --

12 Q. Were you given a list of upcoming  
13 appearances --

14 A. Yeah, absolutely.

15 Q. -- in your weekly session or it appears  
16 sometimes that that session took place over the  
17 phone?

18 A. Yeah. Sometimes, it was via phone.

19 Q. And then would you also -- so in those  
20 sessions, you would discuss the upcoming events and  
21 do preparation for those specific events? Is that  
22 correct?

23 A. Yeah. And evaluate past media which is  
24 exactly what I asked for.

1 Q. Okay. You mentioned speeches that  
2 Representative Broun gave in his official capacity.

3 A. Um-hmm.

4 Q. You sometimes edited those. Sometimes  
5 you'd write them. You mentioned Dr. Broun's Option  
6 Act. Do you recall if you drafted a speech for Dr.  
7 Broun on that?

8 A. I think I drafted a couple of floor  
9 speeches on that and an op-ed actually but I don't  
10 remember the -- I mean, he -- that's been his big  
11 thing, so there were several things that we -- we  
12 did interviews around that, so.

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. Do you know what op-ed -- what newspaper  
15 that appeared in?

16 A. I don't. I do think it was -- think it  
17 might've been Wall Street Journal or something like  
18 that but it was -- it was a relatively big  
19 placement.

20 BY MR. MORGAN:

21 Q. Show you this document here. This is  
22 PBDB170.

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. Take your time to look at that. What I

1 want to ask you about is the email, the second half  
2 of this first page from David Bowser to Teddie  
3 Norton, Gov Bob, you and Christine Hardman in which  
4 he -- he asked -- second line of that email,  
5 "██████, do we have an updated five minute on big  
6 government spending?" You, you know, respond 40  
7 minutes later writing, "I'll get something done by  
8 late tonight/early in the morning."

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Do you recall -- is that another speech --

11 A. It's like a five minute, you know, the one  
12 minute, five minute speeches that they give on the  
13 floor of the House, absolutely.

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall drafting a floor  
15 speech that Dr. Broun gave shortly after visiting a  
16 VA hospital to discuss a speech in which he  
17 discussed veterans' issues?

18 A. No, I do not actually, but that doesn't  
19 mean, I didn't. I write a lot of speeches.

20 Q. Would you draft talking points --

21 A. Sure.

22 Q. -- for Representative Broun as well to be  
23 --

24 A. Yeah.

1 Q. -- used either by him or perhaps at press  
2 releases?

3 A. Yep, absolutely.

4 Q. Do you recall any specific instances of  
5 that?

6 A. Truckload of them. I mean, pretty much if  
7 he was doing radio, we would draft talking points.  
8 Meredith and I would go back and forth on those.  
9 There were many, many times where we drafted  
10 talking points for media interviews that he was  
11 doing.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Concerning?

14 A. That was a regular occurrence. What's  
15 that?

16 Q. Concerning his official duties?

17 A. Sure, yeah.

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. Do you recall -- let me show you one  
20 document. This is PBDB151.

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. This appears to be some talking points you  
23 drafted for David Bowser on the FAA?

24 A. Yeah. This was in the middle of the

1 sequester and you know, it was stuff that he could  
2 use in media interviews or even on the floor  
3 talking about this issue, absolutely.

4 Q. So was this -- was this typical for you to  
5 do --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. -- draft talking points?

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. How many -- how many times during your  
10 consulting agreement do you believe you did --

11 A. Oh my gosh --

12 Q. -- did work like this?

13 A. It took -- for me to venture a guess, would  
14 be inaccurate because --

15 Q. Would it be on a weekly basis?

16 A. Oh, maybe not on a weekly basis but on a  
17 regular basis I would say.

18 Q. More than once a month?

19 A. Yeah, absolutely. Sometimes it was more  
20 than once a week if there were big issues going  
21 through Congress that he needed help with.

22 Q. What -- what big issues do you recall?

23 A. Well, sequester for sure. We -- we did  
24 several things through the period of sequester,

1 shut down. I mean, he was out in front talking  
2 about that a good bit. Definitely, the healthcare  
3 debate and that was ongoing. So, you know, there  
4 were multiple things that came up during the  
5 healthcare debate that called for different talking  
6 points, whether it was when he was re-introducing  
7 the Patient Option Act or if there was something  
8 happening like the shutdown or some other bill.  
9 Congress has taken up -- the House has taken up  
10 Obamacare many, many times.

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. So through -- and -- and each one of those  
13 times, I might've drafted some talking points based  
14 on the specific goals -- going to be taken.

15 Q. Do you recall doing any work on  
16 Representative Broun's continuing resolution vote?

17 A. Not specifically, but I'm sure I did.

18 Q. What about gun rights issues --

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. -- universal background checks --

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. -- do you recall --

23 A. Yeah, yeah, absolutely.

24 Q. -- that being a major issue?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Were you -- I think you may have mentioned  
3 this but can you give me a sense of what extent you  
4 were involved in discussions of communication  
5 strategy, if you were involved in those? Were you  
6 involved in those types of discussions?

7 A. Yeah. I would talk to Meredith and  
8 Christine about what media we wanted to do and even  
9 helped them from time to time reach out to  
10 different folks. Yeah, I was -- and then what we  
11 wanted to say in that -- in those interviews. I  
12 was reasonably integrated into that process.

13 Q. Were you involved in legislative strategy,  
14 discussions of legislative strategy?

15 A. Only as it related to the communication  
16 side. You know, Dr. Broun worked with his policy  
17 -- policy folks and to be honest with you, I have  
18 seen them but I couldn't even tell you their names.  
19 I remember Austin who was in that office, but you  
20 know, I never really did anything with the policy  
21 folks. So he would usually meet with them  
22 separately and he's -- you know, he's -- he doesn't  
23 change his positions based on communications. He  
24 wants to develop the communication strategy off of

1 his positions.

2 Q. Did you ever provide any training to the  
3 congressional staff?

4 A. To -- Meredith and Christine went through  
5 the training that I gave Dr. Broun initially with  
6 me. I have like a message video that I show them  
7 and -- and they sort of went through how I approach  
8 prepping a candidate for interviews. So both of  
9 them were trained, yeah.

10 BY MR. SOLIS:

11 Q. How many times that occurred, just the one  
12 time?

13 A. No, no. There -- you know, I mean, there  
14 were lots of times where I would -- especially at  
15 the beginning when I was working with Dr. Broun,  
16 pulled Meredith aside and say, "Here's, you know,  
17 how I'm thinking through this. Here's how you want  
18 him to think through it." So it -- it might not  
19 have been like, "Okay, today, we're going to do a  
20 training session for Meredith." It may have been  
21 -- now, when I first took Dr. Broun through my  
22 initial training, she sat in through all of that.  
23 So there were probably four or five sessions that  
24 she sat in on where it was just sort of generic,

1 "Here's how you approach media interviews. Here's  
2 how you approach speeches."

3 Q. Did he ask her -- for you to train her?

4 A. I think so, yeah, yeah.

5 Well, I volunteered actually. I mean, I  
6 think that's healthy, so that the communications  
7 staff eventually takes over for doing this. The  
8 goal is to do the training, be with them for awhile  
9 and -- and then watch them grow and then have a  
10 communications staff take over and be able to do it  
11 without me.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. The training -- this initial training you  
14 give you said was four to five sessions?

15 A. Probably so, yeah.

16 Q. Were those with Meredith separately or --

17 A. No, no. Meredith --

18 Q. -- were you giving it to Dr. Broun --

19 A. -- would've been --

20 Q. -- and then she was present?

21 A. Yeah, she was present. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay. What about with Christine?

23 A. Um, well, since they -- you know, they  
24 changed in the middle. I kind of talked to

1 Christine on the side, just told her how I approach  
2 media interviews.

3 Q. Did she go through those four to five  
4 sessions?

5 A. No, no.

6 Q. All right. Now want to talk a little bit  
7 about your role with Representative Broun's  
8 congressional campaigns. Show you a document here.  
9 This is BOD00234. This is an email from David  
10 Bowser to several individuals including yourself  
11 where he writes, "Good afternoon, Team Broun. Just  
12 wanted to do a quick intro of two additions brought  
13 on today by Dr. Broun to our political efforts."  
14 He introduces those two people and then he says by  
15 way of introductions to everyone involved and then  
16 lists each person who's involved in the political  
17 efforts and -- and a short statement of what they  
18 do --

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. -- and at the bottom of that page it  
21 says, "██████████ is Congressman's Broun's  
22 messaging consultant and media prep advisor."

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. Does that accurately describe your role

1 with his campaigns?

2 A. Yeah, I think so. Well, not -- with his  
3 campaigns? No, I had no official role with his  
4 campaign.

5 Q. So this is December 19 of 2012.

6 A. Yeah. I mean, I --

7 Q. So this is referring to his 2000 -- his  
8 senate run, 2013 --

9 A. Well, I think -- yeah. And I think what he  
10 is doing is introducing everyone who's on his team  
11 and the way I take this is, you know, I mean, you  
12 can't have a guy going out in a campaign and doing  
13 exactly opposite of what he's doing on his official  
14 side. They're not two people. They're the same  
15 person, and so I think he's just introducing  
16 everyone who's on Dr. Broun's team, whether it's  
17 one side or the other in terms of things that might  
18 impact the -- what they're doing politically.

19 Q. So this reference to you here is -- I want  
20 to be clear here -- is a reference to your role in  
21 the official capacity --

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. -- or?

24 A. Official side. I had no -- you know, I had

1 no official role. I wasn't paid by the campaign.  
2 So I had no official role on his senate campaign.  
3 I did volunteer stuff for him but I had no official  
4 role. I was -- officially, I was his messaging and  
5 media prep advisor --

6 Q. Um-hmm.

7 A. -- but I had no official role in his  
8 campaign.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Did you do those same types of duties for  
11 the campaign?

12 A. Some on a volunteer basis, yeah.

13 BY MR. MORGAN:

14 Q. When was the last time you did any  
15 volunteer activity for the campaign?

16 A. March.

17 Q. In March?

18 A. Yeah, of 2014.

19 Q. Of 2014. Okay. I want to go through the  
20 various types of services you may have provided to  
21 the campaign.

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. So, did you discuss campaign speeches,  
24 media appearances, campaign debates, those types of

1 campaign related media or engagements in your  
2 weekly sessions with Dr. Broun?

3 A. Not in our official weekly sessions, no.

4 Q. Not in your official...

5 A. No, no, but we did discuss them, so.

6 Q. When would you discuss them?

7 A. On the phone. Occasionally, we met down --  
8 Jamestown Associates. We'd use their conference  
9 room to meet.

10 Q. Okay. Did you draft or provide feedback on  
11 campaign speeches?

12 A. I did, yeah.

13 Q. Would you also prepare Representative Broun  
14 for campaign speeches and events?

15 A. Yes. Well, yes, yes.

16 Q. Okay. What was your role in the  
17 announcement speech that Representative Broun gave  
18 kicking off his senate campaign?

19 A. I helped draft it.

20 Q. Help draft it.

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Did you help --

23 A. Think Meredith and --

24 Q. -- Dr. Broun rehearse for that speech?

1           A.     No.  Meredith and I went back and forth via  
2 email drafting it, but we did not.  He -- I think  
3 he -- he did that in Georgia and I wasn't with him.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5           Q.     Want to show you a document here.  This is  
6 BOD0 -- 0193.  This is an email from you to  
7 yourself, CC-ing David Bowser, Brian Tringali, Bob  
8 Bibee and Meredith Griffanti where you write,  
9 "Attached is the 10 minute stump that Dr. Broun  
10 asked me to write."

11          A.     Um-hmm.

12          Q.     What -- what can you tell me about the  
13 speech?

14          A.     It's a stump speech, and Dr. Broun asked if  
15 I -- he respected my writing ability, and he asked  
16 me if I would write a stump speech for him to which  
17 I said, "Yes."

18          Q.     Campaign speech?

19          A.     Yeah.

20          Q.     What role did you play in -- in preparing  
21 Representative Broun for the Georgia Republican  
22 Convention that was held in mid-May of 2013?

23          A.     Well, I think he used this speech -- parts  
24 of that speech for it, so you know, I helped kind

1 of craft the final speech for that as well.

2 Q. Show you the same -- this is PBTN62.  
3 Middle of the page, there's an email on May 1st,  
4 2013 from Teddie Norton to you where he writes, "Hi  
5 [REDACTED]. We are looking ahead for the next few weeks  
6 before convention, and I wanted to know if you  
7 could meet with Dr. Broun the following times?"

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. "Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May  
10 16, 3:00 p.m. Just let me know." You responded  
11 saying both were fine. Did you meet with  
12 Representative Broun leading up to the convention  
13 to prepare for his speech?

14 A. I did.

15 Q. What -- what occurred in those prep  
16 sessions?

17 A. We went back and forth on what he wanted to  
18 do in the speech and say. So we just kind of  
19 worked through drafts of the speech.

20 BY MR. SOLIS:

21 Q. About how many times would you meet with  
22 him about that issue?

23 A. Oh, not very many.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. You think these two meetings occurred?

2 A. I believe they may have.

3 Q. And those both would have been to prepare  
4 for the convention speech?

5 A. I think, yeah.

6 Q. Okay. Show you another document. This is  
7 BOD01311.

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. This is an email from Christine Hardman to  
10 you, subject is "Intro," dated January 29, 2014.  
11 She writes, "Hey, [REDACTED]. Dr. Broun was trying to  
12 figure out which flight to take today and was  
13 wanting to practice his new intro before leaving.  
14 When do you expect to have it done?" What does  
15 this email -- what intro is this referring to?

16 A. It refers to his debate opening statement.

17 Q. Campaign debate?

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. This document is BOD00365. This is an  
20 email from you to Representative Broun. You write  
21 -- or on February 12, 2014. You write, "Dr. Broun,  
22 attached are your announcement, convention  
23 speeches. These were two of your best, and as I  
24 said yesterday, all you would have to do is

1 substitute governments for spending announcement,  
2 and you have a great speech." Tell me about this  
3 email?

4 A. It was just -- actually, this was meant as  
5 an inspirational message. He was lacking  
6 confidence in some of the things that he was doing,  
7 and so I just sent him an email with some videos to  
8 say, "Hey, you gave -- here's a couple of good  
9 speeches you gave. You can do it." That's  
10 basically it.

11 Q. Did you work on talking points for the  
12 campaign in addition to actually working on  
13 speeches? Did you -- did you work on talking  
14 points?

15 A. I may have. I don't remember working on  
16 specific talking points with the campaign, but if  
17 you have a document?

18 Q. Show you an email. Yeah...

19 A. Maybe...

20 Q. This is BOD00082. These are emails. It  
21 appears to be referencing a -- some talking points  
22 that you sent to Representative Broun. You write,  
23 "Can someone send me a link? I sent him talking  
24 points last night." Appears to be in relation to

1 an interview he did with Martha Zoller of the  
2 Zoller radio show. Does that ring a bell?

3 A. Yeah. But this was in relationship to --  
4 well, it was a couple of things being -- this was  
5 in relationship to spending --

6 Q. Um-hmm.

7 A. -- some spending stuff and so --

8 Q. When you say spending, can you be more  
9 specific?

10 A. Yeah. Like government spending.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. So -- and so I -- I don't even know if  
13 those were campaign related. When I talked to him,  
14 he may have -- he may have asked me for some  
15 talking points on government spending.

16 Q. The -- the subject line of the email says,  
17 "Broun interview on Kingston spending."

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Does that refresh your recollection at all?

20 A. Um, just that those two had gone back and  
21 forth about spending. So it could've been in  
22 relationship to -- but I never did any work on --  
23 like I never did any research on Kingston or any of  
24 his opponents. That was all done by campaign

1 folks.

2 Q. Okay. You said you never did in your  
3 research, but were you involved, and did they share  
4 that research with you?

5 A. I think I saw some of it, not all of it,  
6 but I do think I saw some of it, yeah.

7 Q. Were you involved in drafting or providing  
8 input on campaign speeches?

9 A. Yes. Yeah. You just -- we just went  
10 through that.

11 Q. Excuse me. Campaign press releases?

12 A. No, I don't think so. I mean, there may  
13 have been one or two that came by me, but for the  
14 most part, no. That wasn't something I was really  
15 involved with. They did most of their jobs.

16 Q. Show you this email, get a sense of the  
17 extent you were involved in the campaign's  
18 communication strategy, messaging strategies. It's  
19 on page two of the document I just gave you.

20 A. Um-hmm.

21 Q. It's BOD00741.

22 A. Yeah --

23 Q. Fairly lengthy email from you on February  
24 10, 2014. You write, "I think we should discuss

1 this, a couple of initial thoughts," and then  
2 appears what attached was a senate announcement  
3 final --

4 A. Um-hmm.

5 Q. -- and then the both -- numbers here, you  
6 have seven points on I think -- I'll let you  
7 describe this but it appears to be --

8 A. This is --

9 Q. -- your thoughts on the messaging strategy?

10 A. Yeah. That's what this is, thoughts on  
11 messaging strategy.

12 Q. Did you have access to a Google drive or a  
13 shared G drive or shared YouTube account from the  
14 campaign where they would --

15 A. I did --

16 Q. -- post videos?

17 A. Um-hmm. I did.

18 Q. What would you do? What was your role?  
19 Why did you have access to that?

20 A. Just to review media that went in there or  
21 speeches that he was doing. I mean, again, he's  
22 one person, so I want to look at what he's doing in  
23 all of his speeches and all of his media  
24 interviews.

1 Q. And would you review that with him, provide  
2 him feedback?

3 A. General feedback on, "Here's how you'd be a  
4 better speaker. Here's how you do better media  
5 interview." Sure.

6 Q. When you say general feedback, you mean?

7 A. Yeah. I mean, whether you're doing a  
8 campaign speech or official speech, your speaking  
9 skills are your speaking skills. So I would review  
10 any and all that content to give him feedback on  
11 how to do better.

12 Q. Were you involved in negotiating the debate  
13 -- campaign debate formats for the senate race?

14 A. Little bit. There wasn't really much  
15 negotiation that took place. The Georgia  
16 Republican Party sort of, you know, released what  
17 the rules were and I had contact with the Georgia  
18 chair of the Republican Party and gave them some  
19 input. I think I sent an email to them,  
20 describing, "Here, you know, what you should do for  
21 your format," but they were actually pretty  
22 difficult to -- to engage.

23 BY MR. SOLIS:

24 Q. Were you asked to do that?

1           A.     I volunteered to do it.  Sure.  It's one of  
2     the things I'm good at, so.

3           Q.     What I mean by that --

4           A.     Negotiated three presidential debate format  
5     rules.

6           Q.     What I mean by that is I understand that  
7     your position is you volunteered for it, but did  
8     somebody from Dr. Broun's congressional or campaign  
9     staff ask you to reach out to you -- contact?

10          A.     No.  I volunteered to do it and then they  
11     facilitated that.

12          Q.     So the answer is they did not ask you to?

13          A.     They did not directly ask me to.

14                 MR. MORGAN:  Show you this email.

15                 MR. ██████████:  I never felt like any of my  
16     campaign work was expected as part of my duties.

17     BY MR. MORGAN:

18          Q.     This is BOD00717, second email down.  It's  
19     an email from you to Jordan Chinouth in which you  
20     say, "I spoke to Adam yesterday afternoon.  He's  
21     sending a packet later this week.  I'll brief Dr.  
22     Broun and David this morning on the debate.  He  
23     basically let me write the format."

24          A.     Yeah.  I sent him an email with, "Here's

1 what you should include in the format..."

2 Q. So were you successful in negotiating the  
3 format?

4 A. Well, I mean they -- they took my  
5 suggestions.

6 Q. Who -- let's talk about actually preparing  
7 Representative Broun for campaign debates.

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. Who all was involved in that process?

10 A. Well, predominantly, Bob Bibee was  
11 basically sort of, you know, steering that ship but  
12 Jason Miller with Jamestown was involved, David  
13 Bowser was involved, Christine Hardman was in some  
14 of those sessions, so and I was involved some as  
15 well.

16 Q. Show you a document here. I'm going to ask  
17 you about your involvement in debate preparation  
18 for the 2012 campaign. This is PBTN0009, and the  
19 bottom email here is an email to you from David  
20 Bowser on June 14, 2012 where David writes, "[REDACTED],  
21 as we discussed last week, there was a potential  
22 for a debate which has now turned into a scheduled  
23 event on June 22nd." Skipping a line there. "The  
24 Congressman would like to schedule a couple of

1 hours later that afternoon for debate preparations,  
2 so we are going to hold from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on  
3 our schedule and secure a conference room at the  
4 NRCC for this purpose."

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. "Please let me know -- attending some or  
7 all of this prep time." You respond, saying, "I  
8 can be there for the entire time. Let's talk early  
9 in the week about how to structure that session."

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. When he says, "As we discussed last week,"  
12 and then the campaign, this is -- this is June 14.  
13 This is right as you entered into that consulting  
14 agreement?

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. Do you recall discussing with David Bowser  
17 Representative Broun's campaign debate -- this June  
18 22nd debate he references?

19 A. Yeah, I told you. We -- we probably did a  
20 session where he talked about his debate at the  
21 NRCC, yeah.

22 Q. But the timing -- so June 14th, he's  
23 saying, "As we discussed last week."

24 A. Yeah.

1 Q. So the week before then, you had a  
2 discussion about the potential for debate  
3 preparation?

4 A. Apparently so, yeah, yeah. They had asked  
5 if I would give him a few tips, and so, yeah, I  
6 said, "Sure."

7 BY MR. SOLIS:

8 Q. I just want to -- they -- they did ask if  
9 you can give him tips related to the campaign?

10 A. If I'd be willing to outside of what I was  
11 doing with them, yeah.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. It was discussed that it would be outside?

14 A. Right, which is why it had occurred at the  
15 NRCC.

16 Q. But your meetings to discuss your  
17 consulting agreements also occurred at the NRCC; is  
18 that correct?

19 A. Initially, yeah. That's where I met him,  
20 yeah, so.

21 BY MR. SOLIS:

22 Q. So during that meeting, would've been the  
23 time they asked you for tips?

24 A. No, no, no, no, no.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Initially, it was all geared toward  
3 speeches and media interviews. When I first went  
4 to work -- when they first asked me to propose, I  
5 never was talked -- campaign stuff was never talked  
6 about and after I started working for him, a couple  
7 of weeks in, then they asked if I'd give him a few  
8 tips...

9 Q. Couple of weeks in to that? Okay.

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. Show you this email. This is BOD00681.

12 A. Um-hmm.

13 Q. What I want to ask you -- second email  
14 there. It's from you, date June 22nd, 2012 to  
15 David Bowser, CC-ing Bob Bibee, Jordan Chinouth,  
16 Meredith Griffanti and Dr. Broun.

17 A. Right.

18 Q. "Dr. Broun, below are reminders from the  
19 prep sessions today."

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. You sent this at 12:05 a.m. So I think  
22 when you say today, you may be referring to the  
23 prep session that occurred on June 21st?

24 A. 21st. Yeah, the one that's referenced

1 here.

2 Q. Right. So you were in that prep session?

3 A. Correct, yeah. And these are a list of  
4 reminders that I gave him. These are the tips that  
5 I gave him. That's it.

6 Q. Next document is BOD00535, want to actually  
7 start at the back. It's part of -- probably the  
8 best way to understand it. This is again that  
9 email from you attaching your consulting agreement  
10 --

11 A. Um-hmm.

12 Q. -- on June 19, 2012.

13 A. Um-hmm.

14 Q. The response from David Bowser is, "[REDACTED],  
15 I have the contract approved and signed. Please  
16 make sure you get it this afternoon." That's on  
17 June 21st.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. You respond, "Thanks." You then respond  
20 less than two hours later, "Where is prep today?"  
21 David Bowser responds, "NRCC. We have a conference  
22 room..." So here's -- here's the question I have.  
23 When was the first time you volunteered for  
24 Representative Broun's campaign?

1 A. Well, for the congressional campaign, it  
2 would've been when I did --

3 Q. For any campaign of his?

4 A. For any campaign of his? Would've been  
5 when I did this work at the -- at the prep session.

6 Q. And this prep session occurred --

7 A. But there -- there was more than just  
8 debate prep that occurred at this session.

9 Q. At this session at the NRCC?

10 A. People pay me -- yes. People pay me  
11 thousand of dollars to do debate prep --

12 Q. Right.

13 A. -- and if you think that that's the extent  
14 of the prep that I provide to them, that's  
15 laughable. This is just like a few --

16 Q. What do you mean by that? This is not the  
17 extent --

18 A. -- a few tips.

19 Q. -- of your debate prep?

20 A. This is the extent of what I provided to  
21 Dr. Broun. What I provide to someone who pays me  
22 to do this is much more than what goes on one page.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. So I gage him a few tips about his debate

1 and then we met and talked about media interviews  
2 and things that they were paying me to talk about.

3 Q. So when you met with him in person --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- you did -- did you discuss the debate?

6 A. Absolutely. It's right here. It's says,  
7 "Here's what I told you about how you win and lose  
8 a debate."

9 Q. And you discussed other things as well?

10 A. But then we talked about media interviews.  
11 I had clips to go over with him. Yes, absolutely.

12 Q. Okay. And your debate prep was not part of  
13 your consulting arrangement?

14 A. No. It was not what was discussed when we  
15 originally talked -- about.

16 Q. You realize that your consulting agreement  
17 references debate preparation and then we have you  
18 here in an email chain right after you send the  
19 executed -- you receive the executed agreement, the  
20 next line of discussion is "Where's the prep  
21 session today?"

22 A. That is a --

23 Q. Referring to a debate preparation?

24 A. I can show you contract after contract

1 where I do work for members of the House, members  
2 -- where I say, "Debate prep." Why? Because  
3 members of the House do debates. So debate  
4 preparation can extend to both official side and  
5 the campaign side.

6 Q. Let's talk about debate preparation  
7 sessions you did with Representative Broun related  
8 to the official side. How many official related  
9 debates did he participate in that you're aware?

10 A. He's always participating in official --

11 Q. What do you mean --

12 A. -- related debates?

13 Q. -- by that? I need you to be more  
14 specific.

15 A. When -- when he's on the floor giving one  
16 minute speeches, he's debating. When he is in  
17 committee sessions, he is debating.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Okay.

20 Q. How many prep sessions did you have for  
21 those what -- debates?

22 A. Constant. I mean, when I'm giving him  
23 talking points, I'm preparing him for debates.  
24 When he's going on media interviews, those are

1 debates. Sometimes there are more than one  
2 congress person that he's appearing with. Those  
3 are debates. So debates occur across a variety of  
4 context. It's not just an official candidate  
5 debate.

6 Q. All right. You said you charge for your  
7 debate sessions, your campaign debate sessions?

8 A. Other clients, yes. Other clients retain  
9 me specifically to do their debate prep.

10 Q. Okay. Clients who retain you specifically  
11 to do campaign debate preparation --

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. -- what is your standard rate for those  
14 services?

15 A. I'm not going to tell you that. It's much  
16 more.

17 Q. It's much more --

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. -- than the \$2500 retainer you were under?

20 A. Significantly more 'cause I do research for  
21 them. I evaluate their debate performance. I go  
22 to the debates with them. I never went to a single  
23 campaign debate that this guy had.

24 Q. Do you -- do you bill that on a retainer

1 basis --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- or was it on a hourly basis --

4 A. I bill it on a retainer basis.

5 Q. And you realize that those expenditures by  
6 campaigns are likely made public?

7 A. Right. You can go research them if you  
8 want.

9 Q. So would you want -- could you give me some  
10 examples of what those rates might be?

11 A. They would range from \$4-\$6500 a month.

12 Q. Just for campaign debate preparation?

13 A. That's correct. And that involves much  
14 more. First of all, I would never engage a  
15 candidate unless I was going to go to the debates  
16 with them because I'm responsible for the format  
17 and whether the format gets executed and the media  
18 coverage and the spin and are they ready to go out  
19 and actually do the debate? I never went to a  
20 single debate this guy had, not one.

21 Q. Wouldn't that then explain the somewhat  
22 less amount you were paid --

23 A. No, I was --

24 Q. -- if you weren't providing --

1 A. -- I was paid --

2 Q. -- services?

3 A. -- I was paid to do media and messaging for  
4 him. That's what he wanted me to do. When he sat  
5 down with me, the initial meeting was, "I'm a bad  
6 public speaker, and I don't do very well with  
7 media," and I agreed with that and so, I agreed to  
8 help him get better at that.

9 Q. Okay. The first weekly session you had  
10 with Dr. Broun after he retained you, do you recall  
11 what was discussed in that session?

12 A. I showed him a message video that I show  
13 clients who I'm trying to help do better with media  
14 interviews and messaging.

15 Q. So was that this June 21st --

16 A. Yes, I would've shown it to him --

17 Q. -- prep session?

18 A. -- during that prep session. That's why we  
19 schedule it for two hours because the video alone  
20 takes about an hour and 15 minutes to show.

21 Q. So it's correct that your first session you  
22 did with Dr. Broun, the campaign debate was  
23 discussed?

24 A. Well, I don't know if that's the first

1 session to be honest with you. I -- we may have  
2 met --

3 Q. Was it one -- one of the first two --

4 A. -- we may have started --

5 Q. -- sessions?

6 A. -- but it was one of the first few, yeah,  
7 sure.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And so we met at the NRCC 'cause there'd be  
10 two topics. If a guy calls me up and says, "Hey, I  
11 got a debate. Will you give me a few tips?" I'm  
12 going to -- I'm not going to say, "No."

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. So did you go into that meeting for the  
15 first time knowing that there would be two topics  
16 discussed?

17 A. For the first time?

18 Q. Right.

19 A. What do you mean for the first time?

20 Q. When you met with him for the first time?

21 A. When I met with him for the first time?

22 No. When I met with him, I don't know if this was  
23 the first meeting that we had.

24 Q. Okay. Okay. Good.

1           A.     I think we started in June.    So we -- we  
2     may have met before this meeting.

3     BY MR. MORGAN:

4           Q.     Do you recall a Georgia 10th District  
5     debate that happened on Athens Radio, WGAU?  It was  
6     July 2nd, 2012?  Do you recall if you were involved  
7     in preparing Dr. Broun for that?

8           A.     First of all, like I said, if -- I don't  
9     recall the debate specifically, but if I was, it  
10    was like, you know, I never did extensive debate  
11    prep with this guy.  Extensive debate prep with  
12    this guy involves me doing researching, having  
13    extensive sessions with him and going to the  
14    debate.  Never did any of those things.

15    BY MR. SOLIS:

16           Q.     Have you ever heard of WGAU radio?

17           A.     I don't remember that forum, but I do  
18    remember he had -- you know, he had a couple of  
19    debates during his congressional run.

20    BY MR. MORGAN:

21           Q.     Show you this document.  This is PBTN0010.  
22    What I want to ask about is on the second page, an  
23    email to you from Teddie Norton in which Teddie  
24    write, "Hey [REDACTED].  Dr. Broun wants to setup about

1 90 minutes next week to go over both debates."

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. "What days, times are better for you,  
4 Tuesday through Thursday?" This email was sent to  
5 you on July 3rd, 2012.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Do you recall going over, doing a session  
8 like -- that's described here to go over --

9 A. I think we may have --

10 Q. -- couple of campaign debates?

11 A. -- like looked at them and then I may have  
12 given him an evaluation post those --

13 Q. Why was Teddie Norton sending you this  
14 request?

15 A. She did all of his scheduling.

16 Q. For the official side?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. What about for the campaign?

19 A. Well, I'm here in D.C. So she schedules  
20 all this time when he's here in D.C.

21 Q. So she was involved in scheduling your...

22 A. She was involved in scheduling anytime I  
23 met with him.

24 BY MR. SOLIS:

1 Q. Campaign or official?

2 A. Yeah.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Okay. Do you recall a -- a session in July  
5 -- think it was late July of 2012 where a campaign  
6 ad was filmed at the NRCC by Representative Broun?

7 A. Campaign ad? No. I wasn't involved in  
8 filming any campaign ads. He filmed --

9 Q. Show you this document here.

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Maybe you can explain to us what they --  
12 what they -- referring to? This is BOD02240. It's  
13 an email from Teddie Norton, "Hey [REDACTED]" --

14 A. Yeah. And that never -- that actually  
15 never happened, so. This meeting, I -- I remember  
16 specifically when she called about this.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And it was just they're -- they were going  
19 to film a campaign video and then we were going to  
20 meet after they filmed the campaign video and I  
21 don't think -- I don't remember what happened but I  
22 wasn't involved with the shoot of the campaign  
23 video.

24 Q. When you say you weren't involved, were you

1 even present while it was taking place?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Un-uh. 'Cause I don't think it happened.  
5 I think this got cancelled or something happened  
6 with it.

7 Q. Okay. Moving forward to 2014 senate  
8 campaign.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Do you recall something called "The Charge  
11 Senate Forum"? It was on about July 8 of 2013. I  
12 do have a document here.

13 A. Was that like in Manassas or something like  
14 that?

15 Q. I'm not sure where it was. This is  
16 PBDB158.

17 A. Oh, that was something that was -- yeah,  
18 yeah, yeah. That was filmed over at the Capital  
19 Hill Club, I believe.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. So, yeah.

22 Q. Do you recall what it was? Was it a -- it  
23 was described as a senate forum --

24 A. It was --

1 Q. -- was it campaign related?

2 A. You know what? I think it was a video that  
3 he filmed for like a Tea Party group or Freedom  
4 Works or something like that and I just walked over  
5 to watch him do it.

6 Q. Did you prepare his --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- script?

9 A. I don't think so. I think Christine did  
10 that. I may have edited it. I may have looked at  
11 it, but yeah, I don't think.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. Moving on from there. Would you do  
15 messaging calls with Representative Broun before he  
16 had campaign speaking events?

17 A. Um, I think I mainly did them before he had  
18 media interviews. There may have been a couple.

19 Q. Campaign or official or?

20 A. Um, both. There may have been -- there may  
21 have been, you know, a campaign event or two that I  
22 may have talked to him before but for the most  
23 part, you know, it was more media than speaking  
24 events.

1 Q. Do you recall a "Georgia Public  
2 Broadcasting Get to Know the Candidate" piece? It  
3 was -- believe it was --

4 A. That was a media interview, I think, wasn't  
5 it?

6 Q. Yeah. I think it was like a pretaped media  
7 --

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. -- interview or something along those lines  
10 in December of 2013.

11 A. Yeah, yeah.

12 Q. Do you recall preparing Representative  
13 Broun --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- for that?

16 A. I think we talked about that, yeah. We  
17 talked on the phone, I think, before he went in and  
18 did it.

19 Q. This is BOD01956. This is an email --  
20 bottom email there on December 26, 2013 from you in  
21 which you write all -- appears this -- you know,  
22 this went to David Bowser, someone at Campaign  
23 Research Associates and Josh Findlay and perhaps  
24 one other person. Says, "Attached is the attack

1 grid for Dr. Broun to use against PG and KH in the  
2 debates." What is an attack grid?

3 A. Yeah. It was just like a little chart of  
4 couple of things he could use in the debate.

5 Q. As in the messaging?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Counters to attacks?

8 A. Yeah, just -- just messaging.

9 Q. And you prepared that attack grid?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Ask you about this. This is BOD00630.

12 This is an email from Teddie Norton to you sending  
13 -- subject is "Debate prep schedule." Lists five  
14 debate prep times. Do you recall being involved in  
15 these prep -- prep sessions?

16 A. Think some of them. I don't remember which  
17 ones.

18 Q. We can -- we can sort of go through these.  
19 This is BOD02268. This is on January 8. Teddie  
20 Norton writes to you, "David has arranged --

21 A. Right.

22 Q. -- to prep for the debate at Jamestown  
23 Associates townhouse --

24 A. Right.

1 Q. -- address is below." Do you recall this  
2 debate, prep session?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. You were involved in that?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Do you recall --

7 A. Like I said, I don't remember the precise  
8 dates but I did -- we did do a couple of sessions  
9 -- several sessions down at that townhouse.

10 Q. Okay. Do you recall drafting  
11 Representative Broun's opening statement for his  
12 debates?

13 A. Well, that was a source of great  
14 consternation. Bob Bibee really grabbed it and --  
15 and the Congressman himself drafted the opening  
16 statement. I made some edits to it and made --  
17 suggested -- opening but he never took my advice,  
18 so --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- which is -- which is why I wasn't  
21 driving the debate prep. If I was driving debate  
22 prep, he'd been getting, you know, fuller version.

23 Q. So this was partial -- a version?

24 A. Very partial -- version.

1 Q. This is PBDB25, the PBTN133.

2 A. Sure. Yeah, we -- like I said, we did  
3 several sessions.

4 Q. Several sessions?

5 A. Down at the -- at Jamestown Associates.

6 Q. How long were those sessions generally  
7 speaking?

8 A. Probably about an hour. Sometimes an hour.

9 Q. And what was your level of involvement in  
10 the sessions?

11 A. I'd, you know, ask him questions. We'd do  
12 some Q&A. Christine would do some Q&A. David  
13 would do some Q&A. Bob would be on the phone. He  
14 worked with him too.

15 Q. Show you two documents here, PBTN134 and  
16 PBTN135, few calender items.

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Subject on each of them is listed as "Prep  
19 for debate with Michael Hall, location D.C."

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Who -- who is Michael Hall?

22 A. He's an associate of mine. He came up to  
23 help him out a little bit too. I always like to  
24 have someone else who's smarter than me look in on

1 those, you know, and see what -- so I asked Mike to  
2 come up when he was making a trip for something  
3 else.

4 Q. Were you out of town at that time or --

5 A. I was.

6 Q. -- unavailable?

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. Did you request that Michael Hall take your  
9 place?

10 A. Yes. He was -- he was going to be in town  
11 for something else and so I asked him to come up  
12 and -- and/or asked him to come over and do -- do a  
13 session. So he did one session with --

14 Q. I believe -- it appears there was a session  
15 on the 16th and another one on the 17th -- the two  
16 sessions?

17 A. Don't know if there were two. If they did,  
18 that was -- I thought they only did it once.

19 Q. You're aware -- you're aware of there being  
20 one session?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Had Michael Hall previously volunteered or  
23 otherwise worked for Representative Broun?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Did he subsequent to this one or if it was  
2 two, two sessions, did he do any work for  
3 Representative Broun?

4 A. No.

5 Q. So he was a substitute volunteer?

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Do you remember or recall there being a  
8 Georgia Municipal Association debate on about  
9 January 27 of 2014?

10 A. Well, he had multiple debates, so --

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. -- I don't remember the specific sequence  
13 but he had multiple debates.

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall at some point doing  
15 debate prep where you were either conference called  
16 or Skyped in to Representative Broun and his  
17 campaign team down in Athens?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Does that ring a bell?

20 A. Yeah, absolutely.

21 Q. Did that occur on more than one occasion?

22 A. I think a couple of times. It didn't  
23 really work very well.

24 Q. This -- when you said it didn't work, you

1 mean the --

2 A. Technology didn't work and he wasn't very  
3 focused. So I don't -- plus, I don't like wasting  
4 time. So if it wasn't working, I just didn't -- we  
5 didn't do it very much.

6 Q. Did you assist Niki Broun with her  
7 messaging?

8 A. A little bit, very little. We talked on  
9 the phone a couple of times. I think I may have  
10 even sent her some talking points, but yeah, very  
11 little.

12 Q. Okay. And did you travel to Georgia in  
13 February of 2013?

14 A. I think that's when I went down. I went  
15 down one time --

16 Q. Tell us about that.

17 A. Just to meet with his team, listen in to  
18 what they were doing. I mean, I think --

19 Q. When you say team, do you mean official or  
20 campaign?

21 A. No, his campaign team. I think they -- you  
22 know, and they paid my way down -- the campaign  
23 did. Came out of the campaign funds. You know, I  
24 think the thinking was if he made it through the

1 primary, they wanted -- they were short on funding  
2 and so, I think the idea was if he made it through  
3 the primary, I would come on and do work for the  
4 campaign for his general election debates.

5 Q. Why did they cover your expenses?

6 A. Because I wasn't going to go down for free.

7 Q. But you had provided --

8 A. I'll -- I'll volunteer time but I'm not  
9 going to volunteer expenses.

10 Q. Okay.

11 BY MR. SOLIS:

12 Q. Did you make that clear to them?

13 A. Yeah, yeah.

14 Q. You said, "If you don't pay for me, I'm not  
15 going to go to"?

16 A. Yeah, yeah.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. This is PB --B150 and that will be this --  
19 this invoice here.

20 A. Um-hmm. Yeah. Yeah, those are my expenses  
21 for that trip. Took me a while to get them which  
22 was separate from the other --

23 Q. Was there also a congressional staff  
24 retreat during that time that you were down there?

1 Do you recall that?

2 A. No. Well, not that I know of. I wasn't  
3 down there for it. I was down there for a day. I  
4 went down, came back the same day, I think.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I don't even think I stayed overnight.  
7 Yeah, I didn't 'cause there's no hotel in here.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. There were probably maybe six people in  
10 that meeting, so.

11 Q. Did -- at any point during the course of  
12 your consulting agreement or -- or -- between one  
13 ended in March and now, did you or anyone else in  
14 Representative Broun's Congressional Office seek  
15 advice from the Ethics Committee or any other  
16 congressional body about the permissibility of your  
17 consulting agreement?

18 A. I guess I don't understand the question --

19 Q. Let me --

20 A. -- between then and now, did anyone seek  
21 what's that now?

22 Q. Seek advice from the Ethics Committee or  
23 advice from a congressional body like the House  
24 Committee -- Administration regarding the

1 permissibility of your consulting agreement?

2 A. I didn't seek that advice.

3 Q. You didn't seek that? Were you --

4 A. I don't think.

5 Q. -- were you involved in any conversations  
6 in which it was discussed?

7 A. Um.

8 Q. I'll show you this.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. PBDB174, an email from David Bowser to you  
11 on July 18, 2013. He says, "I just talked to  
12 admin. Let me know when you can chat. I have more  
13 info." You responded, "Can all -- in a bit -- in a  
14 meeting." I believe what you perhaps meant to  
15 write is "Call in a bit," but do you recall having  
16 a conversation with David Bowser and I would say  
17 that -- that timeline of this email is very near or  
18 shortly after a reporter from the U.S.A. Today  
19 asked questions of the congressional office about  
20 your relationship?

21 A. Yeah. I think this was around, you know,  
22 the -- the stuff with Cathy McMorris Rodgers. So I  
23 think he was double checking to make sure that  
24 everything was fine with how they were paying me

1 and everything, so.

2 Q. So you do recall a conversation with David  
3 Bowser?

4 A. If it was, I don't remember the substance  
5 of it. It may have just been, "Hey, I checked and  
6 everything is fine." You know, beyond that, I  
7 don't remember what the substance was.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. So I mean, it was -- in my opinion, it  
10 wasn't a big issue. I think he was double checking  
11 to make sure that the way they were working things  
12 was the way it was supposed to be working because  
13 he had been called by Singer at U.S.A. Today, you  
14 know, about my duties. So they had -- Cathy's  
15 office had double checked that with you guys and or  
16 you guys or someone. I don't know, so.

17 Q. Show you these couple of documents here.  
18 This is BOD02081. This is from Christine Hardman,  
19 an email to you on March 13 of 2014 with -- in  
20 quotes -- what appears to be a statement by the  
21 office in response to some media stories regarding  
22 your relationship with the office. Were you  
23 involved in putting together this statement?

24 A. No. They did it on their own.

1 Q. Okay. The next document PBDB0014 is an  
2 email exchange between you, Christine Hardman and  
3 David Bowser. Christine Hardman forwarded a WSB-TV  
4 article that raises some questions about your  
5 relationship. You write in response, "Of course,  
6 they didn't use the line from the statement that it  
7 is perfectly legal."

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. What did you mean when you -- when you said  
10 that?

11 A. Because as stated by House Administration  
12 Committee, [REDACTED]'s communications training is  
13 compliant with all House rules.

14 Q. So you were -- you were relying on the  
15 correctness of their statement?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. You didn't independently have any  
18 knowledge of the legality of the contract --

19 A. No.

20 Q. -- or it's permissibility under the House  
21 Ethics Rules --

22 A. Un-uh.

23 Q. -- or House Administration Rules?

24 A. No, no. I rely on the members to make sure

1 of that.

2 Q. Okay. And then Christine Hardman writes in  
3 response, "Yes," and that you are a member of the  
4 communications team in an official capacity. Is  
5 that how you viewed your role, as -- as a member of  
6 the communications team?

7 A. Absolutely. As a consultant to their  
8 communications team.

9 Q. Okay. Now, you said the last volunteer  
10 activity you had for Representative Broun's  
11 campaign was March 2014.

12 A. Right.

13 Q. You also said --

14 A. Well, that was the end of my contract work  
15 with them.

16 Q. Right. But I believe the question I asked  
17 you when the last time that you volunteered for the  
18 campaign and you said March of 2014.

19 A. I think, you know, right around there. I  
20 may have talked to Dr. Broun in a April or you  
21 know.

22 Q. And the first time you volunteered for his  
23 campaign was shortly --

24 A. Well --

1 Q. -- after your consulting --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- was entered into?

4 A. Technically, yes. That's right.

5 Q. Okay. So the obvious question is: It  
6 appears that campaign activity, debate preparation  
7 was contemplated within the four corners of your  
8 consulting agreement. It's mentioned. You then  
9 begin doing those campaign services only after your  
10 consulting agreement is entered into.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. You do them throughout the entire term of  
13 consulting agreement. You then stop doing them --

14 A. No, no. That's -- that's a false  
15 statement.

16 Q. Well, what's a false statement?

17 A. That I did them throughout my entire term.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Because after I sat down with him and  
20 reviewed those debates, from July through whenever  
21 he decided to run for the Senate --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- I didn't do any campaign stuff because  
24 the campaign was done in my opinion.

1 Q. Okay. So --

2 A. Okay. So there was no --

3 Q. -- to the extent there was campaign --

4 A. -- no campaign --

5 Q. -- activity --

6 A. Wait, wait, let me finish. No campaign  
7 stuff from July of 2012 until whenever he announced  
8 in 2013. That's --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- many months of nothing related to  
11 campaign but I'm still employed --

12 Q. Right.

13 A. -- doing my services.

14 Q. Correct.

15 A. So to imply that my agreement was to do  
16 campaign stuff would be a misrepresentation of the  
17 activity that detailed from July 2012 through  
18 whenever he announced in 2013.

19 Q. Okay. But to the extent that  
20 Representative Broun was involved in campaign  
21 activity, campaign debates, campaign speeches, the  
22 announcement speech, to the extent -- that  
23 overlapped with the period of your consulting  
24 agreement -- you were involved in those campaign

1 activities?

2 A. Sure. Because he asked me to. He asked me  
3 if would help him, and I would ask you, "Have you  
4 ever worked for someone where you did something  
5 that was outside of your specified duties?"

6 Q. Well, I think --

7 A. The answer to that question is, yes. Most  
8 of us --

9 Q. The question --

10 A. -- have. Most of us have had bosses where  
11 they might ask us to do something that's outside of  
12 our regular duties and we say, "Okay. We'll do  
13 that," knowing that it's not expected of us but  
14 we're doing it because we want to keep our boss  
15 happy.

16 Q. Doesn't the consulting agreement govern  
17 what your duties are?

18 A. The consulting agreement says debate prep.  
19 It doesn't say campaign debate prep. It just says  
20 debate prep. Doesn't say anything about campaign  
21 in there. There's nothing -- the word campaign  
22 isn't mentioned in the consulting agreement.

23 So what's mentioned in there is media prep,  
24 interview prep, debate prep, speeches, messaging.

1 That's what's mentioned. I served those functions  
2 in my official duty. Then on the outside, I helped  
3 him. Yeah, I did. I did campaign activities, but  
4 I didn't think my payment expected those duties of  
5 me. In other words, I didn't think for a second that  
6 if I said, "No, I'm not going" -- in fact, there were  
7 times where I told them no. "Hey, can you prep us  
8 for" -- "No." "Why?" "Because I've got other  
9 duties that I'm paid to do where I can't do that.  
10 If he paid me to do it, I would've said, "You're  
11 paying me to do this as a campaign, I would do  
12 them."

13 Q. When you weren't available?

14 A. When I -- was I -- and when I wasn't  
15 available --

16 Q. You would ask Michael Hall to substitute?

17 A. He did one time, one time because he had an  
18 important debate and he said and plus, I said, "You  
19 know, what? I'd be good if -- if my partner came  
20 up and took a look, you know, just to make sure."

21 'Cause to be honest with you, I was trying  
22 to help him, and he wasn't really taking my advice  
23 and so I thought, you know, maybe if another voice  
24 tells him, "This is what you should be doing," he

1 might listen.

2           So I wanted the guy to succeed, of course.  
3 I was working for him, but my contract specified  
4 duties that were related to his official business  
5 and not one time did I think, "If I say no to  
6 helping you with a speech or getting ready for a  
7 debate did I think you're going to fire me because  
8 you're not doing your contract."

9 BY MR. SOLIS:

10       Q.    In 2013 and 2014, sort of the extent of the  
11 work you did for Dr. Broun's Senate campaign, how  
12 many hours a week were you working -- were you  
13 doing campaign related activity for him?

14       A.    Well, if it's a week I met with him for a  
15 prep session, you know, that'd be more but you  
16 know, maybe an hour or two a week.

17       Q.    And you talked about sort of the extensive  
18 research and the extensive work, different pay  
19 rates that would govern --

20       A.    Right.

21       Q.    -- the type of work, you know, paid work  
22 you would do for a campaign.

23       A.    Yeah.

24       Q.    Why did you not discuss with Dr. Broun and

1 his campaign staff -- gave you a full on --

2 A. I did and the expectation was after they  
3 made it through the primary, I would come on full  
4 time with the campaign.

5 Q. What about during the primary? You know,  
6 when you're preparing for the campaign, what about  
7 that time? You were doing the work and you said to  
8 them?

9 A. I wasn't doing -- I wasn't doing the work  
10 that I would do if I had a regular contract.

11 Q. Right. I just want to get an idea of the  
12 type of negotiations you had with them about doing  
13 the more full on --

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. -- extensive --

16 A. Well, I think the -- I think what David and  
17 I pretty much verbally agreed on was that if he  
18 made it through the primary, they would hire me on  
19 through the campaign. --

20 Q. Was it at any point --

21 BY MR. MORGAN:

22 Q. Do you recall when that conversation with  
23 David occurred?

24 A. I don't, I don't.

1 BY MR. SOLIS:

2 Q. Was it at any point while you were, you  
3 know, doing this work where you said to members of  
4 the campaign staff, "I'm doing too much. I'd like  
5 to be compensated for what I'm doing"?

6 A. No. 'Cause to be honest with you, I wasn't  
7 really doing that much, so. You know, it was  
8 nothing for me to do -- the few things that I did.  
9 It was nothing for me to say, "Here are the four  
10 ways you win a debate. He are the four ways you  
11 lose a debate." Okay.

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. You provided -- given the extent of the  
14 campaign debate and campaign work you did for  
15 Representative Broun, have you had that same level  
16 of activity on a volunteer basis with other federal  
17 candidates?

18 A. Not federal candidates. With state  
19 candidates...

20 Q. State candidates but not federal  
21 candidates?

22 A. Yeah, yeah --

23 Q. So this is the most you have --

24 A. Well, let me think. Let me think.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Trying to think through if I have given  
3 that level of advice to others? Probably not  
4 debate stuff but I've done outside stuff for other  
5 folks.

6 Q. When you said outside, as in?

7 A. Like as in campaign stuff for folks that I  
8 have, you know, met through my connections.  
9 They've called and said, "Hey, I hear you're good  
10 at -- would you help?" And I'll do some work for  
11 free in hopes of maybe getting business later or  
12 just to make that connection. So yeah, I mean,  
13 I've done a lot of work on a pro bono basis,  
14 volunteer work, yeah.

15 Q. When was -- when was the last time  
16 Representative Broun asked you to do anything  
17 related to his campaign?

18 A. Probably would've been March or April 2014.

19 BY MR. SOLIS:

20 Q. Of all the -- of all the members that you  
21 have or still continue to provide official  
22 consulting services to --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. -- of the type that you provide

1 Representative Broun, how many are you providing as  
2 well volunteer campaign services to? You know,  
3 Bryson just asked you a similar question. You said  
4 the debate style and things like that, probably not  
5 --

6 A. Not a ton. Not -- no federal. I can't  
7 think of anyone on the federal level I'm doing that  
8 for right now. I have done it in the past, but you  
9 know, for instance, I did work with a state  
10 candidate in Virginia. I'm doing work with a  
11 lieutenant governor candidate in another state who  
12 is running alongside of a person who is a client of  
13 mine and I'm doing that gratis, you know, so.

14 Q. Would it be safe to say that Representative  
15 Broun is unique amongst members of Congress, that  
16 you provide official consulting services to in that  
17 he received a wider range of volunteer services  
18 from you?

19 A. No. I don't think that'd be fair to say  
20 he's unique. I mean, I think, you know, I provided  
21 a range of things to folks from time to time on a  
22 free basis and if you look at the timeframe, it's  
23 not that enormous of a timeframe compared to the  
24 length of the contract, right? I started with Dr.

1 Broun in June of 2012. I finished with him in  
2 March of 2014. From July of 2012 through when he  
3 announced in 2013, so better than probably seven or  
4 eight months, I did no campaign work for him,  
5 nothing.

6 Q. I just want to make clear because --

7 A. And by the way, had no idea he was even  
8 thinking about running for the Senate. When --  
9 when he told me in 2013, "Hey, I'm thinking about  
10 running for" -- that was a total shock to me. I  
11 had no idea in 2012 when I went to work for him  
12 that he was running for the Senate, none  
13 whatsoever.

14 Q. I just want to be clear. When Bryson asked  
15 you if you provided these types of volunteer  
16 services to other members of Congress --

17 A. Absolutely.

18 Q. -- you paused --

19 A. Yeah --

20 Q. -- for a moment, thought about --

21 A. -- well, I want to give you a truthful  
22 answer. So I'm trying to run down the list of  
23 everybody that I'm --

24 Q. Right.

1 A. I've done work for a lot of folks --

2 Q. Absolutely.

3 A. -- and from time to time, they will call  
4 and say, "Hey, what about, you know?" I had a  
5 Congressman call me this weekend and say, "Hey, I'm  
6 doing X show. Would you mind giving me some advice  
7 about how to answer questions on this show?" Now,  
8 I don't know if that was campaign or else wise but  
9 I did it for free, right. He didn't tell me if  
10 he's going on there to appear in his official role  
11 or if he was -- he's in the middle of a campaign  
12 too 'cause everybody in the House is in the middle  
13 of a campaign.

14 Q. Right.

15 A. So when he called me and we chatted for an  
16 hour and a half, I didn't say, "Is this campaign or  
17 whatever?" And I didn't say, "You'll get my bill  
18 in the mail." I was happy and honored that he  
19 called, and so, I took the call and we talked.

20 Q. Did you ever discuss --

21 A. And by the way, that's not unique, right.  
22 Frank Luntz does this for pretty much everybody.  
23 There's a bunch of people who do this.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. Yeah. Did you ever have any conversations  
2 with Representative Broun about the distinction  
3 between your official work for which you were  
4 getting paid and your campaign activity as being  
5 volunteer? Did you ever discuss that with  
6 Representative Broun?

7 A. No, I don't think so. I mean, I think --  
8 you know, we -- I made -- I don't think I even made  
9 sure. I think his office was pretty careful about  
10 making sure that if campaign stuff could be  
11 potentially come up, we'd met in a place that  
12 wasn't in his office. So that's why we used the  
13 townhouse down at Jamestown Associates. When it  
14 was obvious he wanted to talk about debates, you  
15 know, then we did that. So -- but Dr. Broun had  
16 -- he'd -- he has expressed gratification to me  
17 many times for giving him advice or helping him or  
18 whatever but we never had the conversation.  
19 Personally, I think that was all with David.

20 Q. You and David had the conversation about  
21 your campaign work being volunteer?

22 A. Yeah, yeah and just -- and David was always  
23 good about, "Yeah, we need to make sure that, you  
24 know, anytime you're talking campaign stuff, you're

1 down in either the NRCC or at Jamestown  
2 Associates."

3 Q. Is it possible that Representative Broun  
4 when he -- you know, in some instances is  
5 requesting things related to his campaign from you  
6 --

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. -- is it possible that he viewed your work  
9 for the campaign as part of that consulting  
10 agreement and viewed --

11 A. Um --

12 Q. -- you as a consultant to his campaign as  
13 well?

14 A. I -- you'd have to ask him that question.  
15 I have no idea how he viewed it, so.

16 Q. But there was no distinction maintained in  
17 your communications with him?

18 A. Well, I mean, there was by virtue of the  
19 fact of where we met, so.

20 BY MR. SOLIS:

21 Q. Just -- you know, you said that when you  
22 talk about debates, debates can mean floor speeches  
23 or they can mean --

24 A. Right.

1 Q. -- you know, on the radio --

2 A. But if he --

3 Q. -- so when we talk about you would meet at  
4 Jamestown or NRCC when debates would be discussed,  
5 I would think that if the topic was debates, you  
6 wouldn't know -- whether it was going to be about  
7 debating on a floor or debating on -- on radio. So  
8 how would you know where to go if debates was the  
9 subject?

10 A. No, no. I mean, Teddie would say, "We want  
11 a prep for a debate he's got for the Senate race,  
12 and can we do it Jamestown?"

13 Q. So the debate would be specified in those  
14 instances --

15 A. Sure, sure, sure.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. Did his congressional staff ever refer to  
18 anything as a debate that was not a campaign  
19 related activity?

20 A. Absolutely, yeah, yeah. The whole Patient  
21 Option Act stuff, the sequester stuff, those were  
22 --

23 Q. Those were debates?

24 A. Those were all referred to as, you know,

1 they wanted an argument guy to help him muster  
2 arguments.

3 Q. Were they referred to as debates?

4 A. Sure, absolutely.

5 Q. Using the work debates?

6 A. Yeah, yeah. "We're going to have a floor  
7 debate on X. Can you help us with talking points  
8 about this?"

9 Q. Any debate -- any sessions referred to as  
10 debate sessions that were related to official  
11 activities?

12 A. Well, our sessions weren't referred to as  
13 anything but just meetings with Dr. Broun 'cause --

14 Q. A lot of them are referred to as debate  
15 prep. I showed you several calender items.

16 A. Yeah, yeah.

17 Q. Any debate prep items ever referred to  
18 anything other than campaign activity?

19 A. I don't -- I don't know the answer to that  
20 question.

21 Q. So when you say -- just -- again, knowing  
22 the False Statements Act applies, when you say --

23 A. I --

24 Q. -- consulting agreement --

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. -- refers to debate preparation --

3 A. It does not refer --

4 Q. It does not state --

5 A. -- to campaign debate.

6 Q. -- it does not specifically mean campaign?

7 A. No, it does not, absolutely not.

8 Q. And in the consulting agreement you have  
9 with his office, then they refer to debate  
10 preparation, was it excluding campaign debate  
11 preparation or just including both campaign and  
12 official?

13 A. No. It was meant to apply to his official  
14 duties.

15 Q. How is that? 'Cause you've said at length  
16 here that when you use the word debate, it can mean  
17 both campaign and official.

18 A. Exactly.

19 Q. And it says here debate and message. So is  
20 that --

21 A. Because it was based --

22 Q. -- not referring to campaign and official?

23 A. -- it was based on who hired me.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. His office hired me.

2 Q. And hired you to debate but you did not  
3 specify in here official related debate and you  
4 said several times debate preparation refers to  
5 both official and campaign?

6 A. It can. Yes, it can refer to both.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. That's right. But in that agreement, it  
9 doesn't refer to campaign. There's nothing --

10 Q. And how would we know that?

11 A. The word campaign does not appear in that  
12 agreement.

13 Q. But the word debate does appear.

14 A. Yes, that's right. And so for you to say  
15 that that means campaign would be an implication.  
16 There's no -- there's no -- campaign does not  
17 appear in that agreement.

18 Q. Can you provide a specific? You know,  
19 we'll let you come back to us. We have two more  
20 days in our review period. If you can provide any  
21 documentation of any debate preparation session  
22 that you did similar to the campaign debate  
23 preparation sessions that you did with  
24 Representative Broun related to --

1       A.    They would be totally different because  
2   debates --

3       Q.    We would welcome that information.

4       A.    Debates on the -- first of all, you have  
5   every email. I've turned over like 1200 emails to  
6   you.

7       Q.    Right.

8       A.    Okay. Second of all, debates on the floor  
9   are different from campaign debates. They're  
10   different. So debates on the floor are one minute,  
11   five minute speeches but they're all about making  
12   arguments.

13      Q.    I think they're typically referred to as  
14   floor speeches.

15      A.    They can be referred to as floor speeches,  
16   but they do occur in the context of debate. If you  
17   listen -- if you go do a search of the  
18   congressional record and transcripts from floor  
19   exchanges, you will find those referred to, "There  
20   will be an hour of debate scheduled on X topic."

21      Q.    Okay.

22            MR. SOLIS: Think --

23            MR. MORGAN: Think those are all the  
24   questions we have.

1 MR. SOLIS: Think that's all we have --  
2 MR. MORGAN: Stop the recording.  
3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay.  
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# **EXHIBIT 12**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:55 PM  
**To:** Chinouth, Jordan  
**Subject:** RE: New Addition To Team Broun

This is not a media consultant for the campaign...that part is dragging...

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**From:** Chinouth, Jordan  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:55 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: New Addition To Team Broun

Congrats! Had no idea we were close to making a decision!  
Jordan Chinouth  
District Director  
US Representative Paul Broun  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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Sent using BlackBerry

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:20 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; Broun - All Staff  
**Cc:** '[REDACTED]@aol.com' <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; GovBob; 'Brian Tringali' <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>; 'Pat Mooney' <[REDACTED]@responsehq.com>; Anfinson, Susan; Anfinson, Tom (external)  
**Subject:** New Addition To Team Broun

We are pleased to announce the addition of Brett O'Donnell to Team Broun as a communications and messaging consultant to our official office. Brett is founder and President of his firm, O'Donnell & Associates, providing communications coaching, training, and strategy with an impressive resume and references from several other members of Congress. Brett will begin working with the Congressman and key staff starting next week so you may be hearing his name, seeing emails, and for those in the DC office you will be seeing him here several times throughout the coming weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 13**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:03 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Consulting Agreement  
**Attachments:** Consulting Agreement-Broun.doc

Hi David,

Attached is my consulting agreement. I wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be paid so I left the address blank. I'll be in there at 4 if you'd need to discuss this as well. Otherwise, if you could fill in the contact address and sign and return to me that would be great. Thanks for the nice note welcoming me to the team. Look forward to working with Dr. Broun, you and the rest of the team.

Brett

**CONSULTING AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is effective as of June 16, 2012, by and between "Representative Paul Broun" (the "Client"), located at \_\_\_\_\_, and O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (the "Consultant"), located at 3101 N Hampton Drive, #1517, Alexandria, VA 22302.

**RECITALS**

1. Consultant has expertise in the area of public speaking/debate and message/media strategy and media interview preparation for individuals/organizations and is willing to provide consulting services to Representative Paul Broun.
2. The Client is willing to engage Consultant as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises set for the herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. Engagement:**

(a) The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun and such other services as may be agreed to in writing by the Client and Consultant from time to time.

(b) Consultant hereby accepts the engagement to provide consulting services to the Client on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**2. Term.**

Client will retain Consultant, and Consultant will accept such retention, commencing as of June 16, 2012 and continuing until August 3, 2012. The contract may be renewed beginning September 1 by the Client and then will be month to month.

**3. Compensation.**

- (a) Monthly Retainer: Client will pay Consultant as compensation \$3,750.00 for the entire term (June 16-August 3). Renewal will be at the rate of \$2,500.00 per month.

Expenses: Reimbursement for ordinary expenses such as long distance, copies, postage, etc. shall be made paid within thirty (30) days of being incurred by Consultant upon presentation to Client of invoices with original receipts and documentation of costs/expenses incurred. Consultant's expenses under this Contract shall be invoiced without mark-up. Consultant also agrees to obtain prior approval for any travel and/or other incidental expenses. First class travel in any form is not reimbursable and shall be reimbursed only at a coach or other discounted rate.

- (b) Production and out-of-pocket expenses incurred specifically on behalf of Client will be billed monthly as incurred at cost. Consultant agrees to immediately notify Client if the aggregate amount of expenses in any given month exceeds \$500.00.
- (c) Payment: Any payment due Consultant shall be remitted directly to consultant. Consultant shall submit an invoice upon the beginning of each calendar month for work performed and expenses incurred the previous month. Client shall remit payment for such invoices within fifteen days (15) of receipt.

#### **4. Intellectual Property Rights**

Client shall own all right, title and interest, including copyrights, in any materials, files and work product developed or acquired by Consultant and/or Client' employees as a result of the consulting services provided to the Client by the Consultant.

#### **5. Outside Employment**

- (a) Consultant represents that he is not and will become a party to any agreement which conflicts with his duties under this Agreement.
- (b) Consultant shall devote such time, attention and energy to the business and affairs of the Client as reasonably requested by the Client.

#### **6. Notice.**

Any notice to required or permitted by the terms of this Agreement shall be given by registered mail, prepaid and properly addressed as follows:

If to Client:

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If to Consultant:

O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.  
Attn: Brett O'Donnell  
3101 N Hampton Drive  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given when received.

**7. Termination.**

- (a) This Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause upon 30 (30) days written notice, pursuant to Section 6 of this Agreement, to the other party.
- (b) Upon the termination of this Agreement, all outstanding retainers, expenses shall be paid to the Consultant within fifteen (15) days of notice of termination.

**8. Confidentiality.**

Consultant will not either during the term of this Agreement, or thereafter divulge, furnish, or make available (either directly or indirectly) to any person, firm, corporation or other entity any proprietary or confidential information used by Client or acquired by Consultant pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Consultant agrees that all such matters and information shall be kept strictly and absolutely confidential.

**9. Not an Employee.**

Consultant is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of Client. Consultant shall be entitled to no benefits or compensation from Client except as set forth in this Agreement and shall in no event be entitled to any fringe benefits payable to employees of Client. Consultant shall be solely responsible for the payment of all taxes due on the income received for the consulting services provided under this Agreement.

**10. Personal Services.**

Consultant is being retained for the personal services of O'Donnell and Associates Client consultant. The performance of such services under this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated by Consultant without the written consent of the Client.

**11. Liability.**

Nothing herein shall be construed to create a personal liability on behalf of Brett O'Donnell, President, O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd or any employee of O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.

**12. Waiver.**

Failure by either party to exercise rights contained in this Agreement upon the occurrence of any event or contingency set forth herein will not constitute a waiver of such rights upon the reoccurrence of such event or contingency.

**13. Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, understandings, and agreements of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. It may be amended only by an agreement in writing, signed by both parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brett O'Donnell, President  
O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agent for Representative Paul Broun

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **EXHIBIT 14**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:11 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: New Agreement  
**Attachments:** Consulting Agreement-Broun 9-12-12.doc; September 2012-Invoice-Broun.doc

Here you go. Thanks again.

Brett

On Sep 13, 2012, at 6:39 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Can you shoot me a contract with revised payment schedule and an invoice for the first payment? I'd change the contract myself but I won't be at a computer until tomorrow.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** [redacted@odacommunications.com] [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 10:13 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: New Agreement

I don't take foreign currency. I'm fine with however you need to work the terms. Do you need an invoice?

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: New Agreement  
**From:** "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, September 13, 2012 9:50 am  
**To:** "Brett ODonnell" <[redacted@odacommunications.com]>

Can I pay you in karma?

If not, can I change the terms to half due on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and other half due on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>?  
Better schedule for our finance dept too.

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:47 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** New Agreement

David,

Please find attached the new agreement per our meeting last week. I look forward to continuing to work with you, Meredith, Dr. Broun and the entire team.

Thanks

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 15**

# O'Donnell & Associates

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

## CONSULTING AGREEMENT

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### RECITALS

1. Consultant has expertise in the area of public speaking/debate and message/media strategy and media interview preparation for individuals/organizations and is willing to provide consulting services to Representative Paul Broun.
2. The Client is willing to engage Consultant as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

### AGREEMENT

In consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual promises set for the herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **1. Engagement:**

(a) The Client hereby engages Consultant to render, as an independent contractor, the consulting services associated with media interview/public speaking/message/debate preparation for Representative Paul Broun and such other services as may be agreed to in writing by the Client and Consultant from time to time.

(b) Consultant hereby accepts the engagement to provide consulting services to the Client on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

#### **2. Term.**

Client will retain Consultant, and Consultant will accept such retention, commencing as of September 1, 2012 and continuing until December 31, 2012. The contract may be renewed beginning January 1, 2013 by the Client and then will be month to month.

#### **3. Compensation.**

- (a) Monthly Retainer: Client will pay Consultant as compensation \$3,750.00 for the entire term (September 1, 2012-December 31, 2012). \$1875.00 to be paid September 15 and \$1875.00 to be paid November 15, 2012

Expenses: Reimbursement for ordinary expenses such as long distance, copies, postage, etc. shall be made paid within thirty (30) days of being incurred by Consultant upon presentation to Client of invoices with original receipts and documentation of costs/expenses incurred. Consultant's expenses under this Contract shall be invoiced without mark-up. Consultant also agrees to obtain prior approval for any travel and/or other incidental expenses. First class travel in any form is not reimbursable and shall be reimbursed only at a coach or other discounted rate.

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- (a) Consultant represents that he is not and will become a party to any agreement which conflicts with his duties under this Agreement.
- (b) Consultant shall devote such time, attention and energy to the business and affairs of the Client as reasonably requested by the Client.

#### **6. Notice.**

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If to Client:

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If to Consultant:

O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.  
Attn: Brett O'Donnell  
3101 N Hampton Drive  
#1517  
Alexandria, VA 22302

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**12. Waiver.**

Failure by either party to exercise rights contained in this Agreement upon the occurrence of any event or contingency set forth herein will not constitute a waiver of such rights upon the reoccurrence of such event or contingency.

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This Agreement is the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, understandings, and agreements of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof. It may be amended only by an agreement in writing, signed by both parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brett O'Donnell, President  
O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.

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David Bowser  
Agent for Representative Paul Broun

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **EXHIBIT 16**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 08, 2013 9:04 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Invoice and New Agreement

David,

I'm ready to go! Do you want me to send a contract? I usually do a month to month contract (you have 30 days out notice) at 2500.00 per month. We could do a half fee for January as I take it Dr. Broun isn't in town this week and we didn't work last week together. Let me know if that works and I'll send the contract.

Brett

On Jan 8, 2013, at 8:57 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Susan, attached is the final 2012 invoice for Brett O'Donnell, please submit for payment.

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> Brett, let me know when you want to setup this year.

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> Thanks!

> David

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]

> Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 3:25 PM

> To: Bowser, David

> Subject: Invoice and New Agreement

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> Hi David,

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> Happy New Year,

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> Attached is my invoice for the completion of our agreement through December. I'm hoping that you and Dr. Broun want to continue. We need to set a new agreement in place. Please let me know what you'd like to do and I can forward a new agreement.

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> Thanks

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> Brett

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> <December 2012-Invoice-Broun.doc>

# **EXHIBIT 17**





*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
*3101 N Hampton Drive*  
*#1517*  
*Alexandria, VA 22302*

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: December, 2012

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training	1,875.00
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Total	1,875.00
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Please remit payment by January 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

FEIN: 20-2727606







*O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd.*  
*3101 N Hampton Drive*  
*#1517*  
*Alexandria, VA 22302*

Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: April, 2013

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

~~Past Due--March fees 2,500.00~~

~~Total 5,000.00~~

Please remit payment by May 15 to *O'Donnell and Associates, Ltd. (mail to above address)*

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To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: December 2013

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training	2,500.00
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Total	2,500.00
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Vendor Invoice Number REP. PAUL BROWN

Vendor Name O'DONNELL AND ASSOCIATES LTD

Vendor Invoice Date 02/10/2014

Address Line 1 3101 N. HAMPTON DRIVE

Payment Grand Total \$ 2500.00

Address Line 2 #1517

City ALEXANDRIA

State VA

Zip 22302

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#1517  
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Invoice

To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: January 2014

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training 2,500.00

Total 2,500.00

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*Alexandria, VA 22302*

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To: Representative Paul Broun

Service Dates: February 2014

Fees:

Public Speaking-Media Educational Training	2,500.00
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Total	2,500.00
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# **EXHIBIT 18**



David H &lt;[REDACTED]@gmail.com&gt;

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## Change on Team Broun

2 messages

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**David Bowser** <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 11:12 AM

Reply-To: David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Algis Silas <[REDACTED]@campaignresearchassociates.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Guy Short <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, Patrick Mooney2 <[REDACTED]@responsehq.com>, Fred Cooper <[REDACTED]@therainmakers.biz>, Stephen Goodrick <[REDACTED]@therainmakers.biz>, Paul Kilgore <[REDACTED]@pdscompliance.com>, David Heenan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Austin Carson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

I just wanted to let you all know that Brett O'Donnell resigned his contract position with our official office this morning and is no longer on Team Broun. Dr. Broun reluctantly accepted Brett's resignation and we are all moving forward.

Heenan, as part of protocol, we need to change the passwords to our private campaign Gmail, youtube, and picture library accounts.

Thanks!  
David

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**David H** <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 11:18 AM

To: David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

On it.

[Quoted text hidden]

# **EXHIBIT 19**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Additions to Team Broun  
**Date:** December 19, 2012 at 1:07 PM  
**To:** Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Patrick Mooney2 [REDACTED]@responsehq.com, Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Teddie Norton Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov, Austin Carson [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Paul Kilgore [REDACTED]@pdscompliance.com, Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com, Mackenzie Smith [REDACTED]@verizon.net, Hans Kaiser [REDACTED]@moore-info.com, Guy Short [REDACTED]@aol.com, Algis Silas [REDACTED]@campaignresearchassociates.com

Good afternoon Team Broun - just wanted to do a quick intro of two new additions brought on today by Dr. Broun to our political efforts.

Hans Kaiser is a partner in the polling firm Moore Information and will be conducting our big survey this January.

Guy Short is coming on to handle our online fundraising efforts.

We are lucky to have them both as part of the team!

By way of introductions to everyone involved:

Bob Bibee is Dr. Broun's GC and mail consultant, has been with him since the beginning of our current team.

Jordan Chinouth is our Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director, prior campaign manager, and my part-time therapist.

Patrick Mooney is our fundraising mail guru and resident deviant.

Meredith Griffanti is our Communications Director.

Teddie Norton is our office Director of Operations and hub for anything involving Dr. Broun's time.

Austin Carson works in our office's legislative operation and handles our campaign social media efforts and lists.

Paul Kilgore is our compliance consultant and Pat Mooney's conscious.

Brett O'Donnell is Congressman Broun's messaging consultant and media prep advisor.

Mackenzie Smith is our DC Fundraising consultant.

Algis Silas is our Research Consultant.

Just thought everyone should meet as we will all be on an increasing load of emails and spending some time together in the near future.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 20**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnel [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 6:36 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

Are pushing them to correct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2014, at 6:25 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Yes, and that you are a member of the communications team in an official capacity.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnel [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 06:20 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

Of course they didn't us the line from the statement that it is perfectly legal. Ugh.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2014, at 6:03 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Bloomberg Government [redacted@bgov.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 05:50 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Alert: WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach

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**WSB-TV: Ga. Congressman slams door on Ch. 2 reporter when asked about campaign coach**

March 17, 2014 05:49PM ET | WSB-TV

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**Paul Broun**

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# **EXHIBIT 21**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S PRESS SECRETARY**

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INTERVIEW OF

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TRANSCRIPT OF

RECORDED PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2014

BEFORE:

BRYSON MORGAN, OCE Investigative Counsel

PAUL SOLIS, OCE Investigative Counsel

RYAN CORTAZAR, OCE Legal Clerk

Transcribed by:

BETH RADABAUGH, CSR, RPR

1 MR. MORGAN: This is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics, joined by Paul Solis,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics, and Ryan Cortazar, a legal  
6 clerk to the Office of Congressional Ethics. We  
7 are joined here by [REDACTED] on  
8 June 24th, 2014.

9 And, Ms. [REDACTED], we discussed the  
10 application of the False Statements Act to this  
11 interview. So I think we can go ahead and  
12 begin.

13 We'd like to first just ask you some  
14 general background questions about your current  
15 employment and your previous employment.

16 THE WITNESS: Yep.

17 MR. MORGAN: So could you tell us  
18 your current title?

19 THE WITNESS: Press secretary  
20 Congressman Paul Broun's office.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How long have you  
22 been in that position?

23 THE WITNESS: Since July 1st, 2013.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what are your  
25 duties as press secretary?

1 THE WITNESS: Drafting all press  
2 releases, opinion editorials, corresponding with  
3 the media, providing talking points, drafting  
4 speeches for the congressman, providing talking  
5 points for the office for constituent calls on  
6 specific issues, handling social media accounts,  
7 etcetera.

8 MR. MORGAN: And who do you report  
9 to?

10 THE WITNESS: That would be David  
11 Bowser.

12 MR. MORGAN: Who else is involved in  
13 the press wing of the office?

14 THE WITNESS: It's really just me,  
15 David. We talk to Dr. Broun about most of our  
16 press activities and Brett was involved.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What did you do  
18 prior to becoming press secretary?

19 THE WITNESS: I was press assistant  
20 in Congressman Hal Roger's office for about  
21 almost two years.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what did you  
23 do prior to that?

24 THE WITNESS: I interned in Virginia  
25 Fox's office and before that I graduated --

1 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

2 THE WITNESS: -- in May.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Have you ever  
4 held any positions with Representative Broun's  
5 political campaigns?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes. I was  
7 spokesperson on the campaign as well.

8 MR. MORGAN: Which -- was that the --

9 THE WITNESS: The senate campaign.

10 MR. MORGAN: -- senate campaign?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: Who was involved in the  
13 press function for the campaign?

14 THE WITNESS: That would be -- let's  
15 see. Jason Miller worked for the digital media.  
16 There was -- I mean Josh, our campaign manager  
17 worked with us.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

19 THE WITNESS: Bob Bibee worked with  
20 us. Bob works on our official side as well,  
21 too, with press operations and --

22 MR. MORGAN: Bob Bibee works on the  
23 official side?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: Do you know what his

1 position is?

2 THE WITNESS: He serves as a  
3 consultant.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what types of  
5 matters does he handle as a consultant?

6 THE WITNESS: I think, you know, just  
7 related to press and messaging as well. He's  
8 been with Dr. Broun from the start I think.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Does Bob Bibee  
10 have his company or?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: Do you know the name of  
13 that? You don't know the name of that?

14 MR. SOLIS: Where is that company  
15 located?

16 THE WITNESS: Somewhere in Tennessee.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

18 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if a contract  
19 exists between Bob and the congressman's office?

20 THE WITNESS: I have no idea.

21 (Indiscernible).

22 MR. CORTAZAR: You said he's retained  
23 by the congressional office and the political  
24 side; he does both?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think he's on

1 both sides.

2 MR. MORGAN: On both sides. Okay.

3 Do you know if he's paid by the congressional  
4 office?

5 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I assume  
6 so.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. All right. So  
8 you said Jason Miller, Josh -- is that Findlay?

9 THE WITNESS: Josh Findlay.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Bob Bibee.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, and Brett helped  
12 out on the campaign side as well.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

14 MR. SOLIS: Did you volunteer or were  
15 you paid by the campaign?

16 THE WITNESS: I volunteered, as did  
17 Brett.

18 MR. MORGAN: How do you know that  
19 Brett volunteered for the campaign?

20 THE WITNESS: That's what he told me.

21 MR. SOLIS: When did he tell you  
22 that?

23 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I mean it's  
24 just one of those things. You just kind of like  
25 know it I guess.

1 MR. SOLIS: Did you have a  
2 conversation with him where he said that to you?

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I mean I -- they  
4 knew that I was volunteering just as I knew he  
5 was volunteering. I can't think of a specific  
6 conversation we had about it. I mean maybe it  
7 was David that told me, but I know that  
8 information was passed on.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When did you  
10 first become acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

11 THE WITNESS: It was probably within  
12 my first two weeks of working here.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Let me show  
14 you -- I do have some documents that I want to  
15 show you at certain points to help jog your  
16 memory.

17 This is PBDB156 and this starts with  
18 an e-mail from David Bowser on June 13th,  
19 2013 --

20 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah, that's right.

21 MR. MORGAN: -- where he's announcing  
22 I think your addition to the congressional  
23 office --

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: -- and then shortly

1 after that Brett O'Donnell e-mails -- it looks  
2 like he e-mailed David Bowser cc'ing you, a  
3 couple of your different e-mail accounts, saying  
4 "Hi, [REDACTED], welcome aboard. I think you're  
5 going to be in tomorrow's meeting with Dr. Broun  
6 and me. I'd like to get together in advance of  
7 that meeting. Can we meet?"

8 Was it around this time that you  
9 first became acquainted with Brett O'Donnell?

10 THE WITNESS: I guess, yes. So I did  
11 come by the office after I was officially hired  
12 and I think I actually did sit in on one meeting  
13 the first week before I came here.

14 MR. MORGAN: The first week before  
15 you started?

16 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So is this  
18 meeting he referred to tomorrow's meeting with  
19 Dr. Broun?

20 THE WITNESS: That must be it because  
21 it was June. I started working in July.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So this would  
23 have been --

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

25 MR. MORGAN: I see.

1 All right. So did you meet with  
2 Brett in advance of this --

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's right.  
4 Sorry. I forgot that meeting ever took place.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What happened in  
6 that meeting?

7 THE WITNESS: I mean I think it was  
8 probably just a regular session that we had with  
9 Brett talking about upcoming messaging items,  
10 talking about issues that are important to  
11 Dr. Broun, to his constituents.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

13 THE WITNESS: Most of the meetings  
14 kind of blend together.

15 MR. MORGAN: So did you get together  
16 with Brett O'Donnell in advance of that session  
17 as he requested of you?

18 THE WITNESS: I think what happened  
19 was I came by here a little bit before the  
20 meeting and just met him and talked to him for  
21 about ten minutes or so.

22 MR. MORGAN: How was his role  
23 explained to you?

24 THE WITNESS: Well, pretty much he  
25 was I think -- well, he was hired before I came

1 onboard and what David told me is that  
2 Dr. Broun's strong suit was really not  
3 communications and messaging and so they decided  
4 a while back that they needed to bring someone  
5 on that could just help them out a little extra.

6 And so they told me that Brett was  
7 someone they met with on a weekly, you know, or  
8 monthly basis to just go over messaging items,  
9 talk about upcoming media events. Just helping  
10 keep Dr. Broun on message.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall  
12 anybody around that time mentioning to you that  
13 Brett O'Donnell had a role with Representative  
14 Broun's campaign?

15 THE WITNESS: Not -- not that I  
16 recall.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you -- I  
18 realize you came onboard I think -- do you know  
19 how long Brett O'Donnell had already been  
20 working with the congressman?

21 THE WITNESS: I believe he was hired  
22 in 2012.

23 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So he'd already  
24 been there about a year or so?

25 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I feel like over

1 a year maybe --

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

3 THE WITNESS: -- when I got there.

4 MR. MORGAN: Were you ever involved  
5 in any conversations about O'Donnell being --  
6 his payment?

7 THE WITNESS: I didn't really know  
8 what was going on payment wise. Obviously I  
9 knew that he was volunteering. I'm not sure  
10 when exactly that was told to me, but that  
11 wasn't really something I was discussing. That  
12 wasn't really my business.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you ever  
14 involved in any discussions about the  
15 permissibility of Brett's relationship with the  
16 office, you know, running the relationship by  
17 the Ethics Committee or did Mr. --

18 THE WITNESS: I think it was back in  
19 August or September maybe we had an inquiry from  
20 USA Today and --

21 MR. MORGAN: Which year are you  
22 referring to?

23 THE WITNESS: 2013.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

25 THE WITNESS: And so at that time

1 David and I spoke with House Administration and  
2 they told me this reporter had contacted them  
3 and she said that she would be happy to just  
4 talk to them instead, and so -- I mean she said  
5 that it was cleared by them and that was all  
6 completely legal.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall who it was  
8 in admin that you talked to?

9 THE WITNESS: I can't remember her  
10 name. She was their spokeswoman. I want to say  
11 Susan maybe. I could look it up though.

12 MR. MORGAN: I'd ask you to do that.  
13 Is that -- I did I believe see some reference in  
14 documents to a Susan with the finance office?

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 MR. MORGAN: Is that the Susan?

17 THE WITNESS: No.

18 MR. MORGAN: No, it's someone else?

19 THE WITNESS: It's -- I mean she's  
20 quoted in that article if you look it up. So...

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you say in  
22 that article, you mean the USA Today article?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And when she said  
25 it was cleared by them, what did that mean? Had

1 you sent --

2 THE WITNESS: I mean he's been used  
3 by other members of congress and his sort of  
4 activity from what I knew was completely legal.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

6 MR. SOLIS: What about as it  
7 specifically pertains to Dr. Broun? I realize,  
8 you know, Brett's working for other members.

9 THE WITNESS: Right.

10 MR. SOLIS: Did she refer to Brett's  
11 relationship with other members being legal or  
12 specifically related to Dr. Broun?

13 THE WITNESS: I mean just his  
14 services in general to members of congress.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what services  
16 in general were --

17 THE WITNESS: Communication services.  
18 Like I said earlier, helping members stay on  
19 message. Dr. Broun struggled with his  
20 messaging. He's been known to put his foot in  
21 his mouth before, and so he was there to just  
22 really help him get in the right mind set and to  
23 focus on relevant issues.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Are you at all  
25 familiar with the consulting agreement that was

1 in place between Representative Broun and  
2 Brett O'Donnell?

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 MR. MORGAN: Do you know if that  
5 consulting agreement was ever sent to the  
6 Ethics Committee or the Administration Committee  
7 to review?

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So this  
10 conversation where you said David and I spoke  
11 with Susan in admin --

12 THE WITNESS: Right. I don't know if  
13 it was Susan.

14 MR. MORGAN: You don't know if it was  
15 Susan.

16 THE WITNESS: I'm just saying it  
17 was --

18 MR. MORGAN: Someone.

19 THE WITNESS: -- someone with admin  
20 and I believe other conversations had taken  
21 place before I was there.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

23 THE WITNESS: My understanding. I  
24 remember having a conversation with a  
25 spokeswoman there.

1 MR. MORGAN: And so in that  
2 conversation you didn't -- you didn't send her  
3 or whoever it was that consulting agreement to  
4 review; you just explained Brett's role?

5 THE WITNESS: I wasn't involved in  
6 that. That wasn't something I would be involved  
7 in. All I did was talk to her about this  
8 reporter --

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

10 THE WITNESS: -- where she gave us  
11 the impression that everything was legal and  
12 that --

13 MR. MORGAN: When you say everything,  
14 I'm trying to --

15 THE WITNESS: His service, that  
16 Brett's services were legal.

17 MR. MORGAN: As explained to her by  
18 you and David or as she --

19 THE WITNESS: I mean I guess. I --  
20 just generally speaking based off what this  
21 article was claiming, that there wasn't anything  
22 illegal being done on our account.

23 MR. MORGAN: We -- I didn't -- in the  
24 documents you produced I didn't see any  
25 reference to that conversation.

1 THE WITNESS: Right. It was a phone  
2 call --

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. If you could --

4 THE WITNESS: -- we made in his  
5 office.

6 MR. MORGAN: -- get us more  
7 information about that, we'd appreciate it.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 MR. MORGAN: Even if you just recall  
10 the person's name.

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to ask you  
13 some questions about Brett O'Donnell's work for  
14 the congressional office.

15 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

16 MR. MORGAN: How would you describe  
17 his role with the congressional office?

18 THE WITNESS: Like I said, he would  
19 just come in here to check on Dr. Broun and make  
20 sure he was in the right mind set, particularly  
21 before media events. If he had an interview  
22 coming up, we liked to meet with Brett  
23 beforehand just to go over issues that were  
24 important to Dr. Broun's constituents,  
25 ObamaCare, spending, jobs, and really just try

1 to stay on topic with those issues.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How frequently  
3 would those sessions take place?

4 THE WITNESS: Either once a week or  
5 once every other week. It depended if we were  
6 in session or not and just what worked schedule  
7 wise.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So if you were in  
9 session, would they be more or less once a week?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And then in a --  
12 was the preparation that took place for specific  
13 interviews, was that always -- or was that  
14 typically part of that session or would that  
15 happen throughout the week as those media  
16 appearances occurred?

17 THE WITNESS: It was usually part of  
18 the session, but if we had a big interview come  
19 up last minute, we would phone Brett and talk to  
20 him, like a three-way call.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Who in the  
22 congressional office did Brett interact with?  
23 Was it yourself?

24 THE WITNESS: Mainly me and David.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

1 THE WITNESS: Teddie scheduled the  
2 interviews -- or sorry, the sessions.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. It appears that  
4 sometimes those weekly sessions were held in  
5 various locations.

6 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

7 MR. MORGAN: Right? Where were they  
8 held? Were they held here in the congressional  
9 office at times?

10 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11 MR. MORGAN: Were they held at the  
12 NRCC at times?

13 THE WITNESS: Not while I was here.

14 MR. MORGAN: Not while you were here?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Where else were  
17 they held?

18 THE WITNESS: We held -- well, it was  
19 not really the same as what we do here. It was  
20 more focused on -- on the debate side, we would  
21 do those, but Jason Miller's.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you say  
23 debate side --

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

25 MR. MORGAN: -- you mean campaign --

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

2 MR. MORGAN: -- side?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

5 THE WITNESS: Which is why we did  
6 them off-campus.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So here -- you  
8 weren't a part of any meetings that took place  
9 at the NRCC?

10 THE WITNESS: No.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And debate  
12 preparation occurred at Jamestown Associates?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 MR. MORGAN: Were there ever any  
15 times where you did debate preparation here in  
16 the office?

17 THE WITNESS: I mean we didn't do it  
18 in that sort of context. I would say that the  
19 sessions are very different from what happened  
20 in this office versus at Jamestown.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So describe the  
22 sessions that happened here. What was the  
23 typical format?

24 THE WITNESS: Usually I would go over  
25 any sort of press items we had coming up that

1 week, what legislative items were going to be on  
2 the floor. If we wanted him to do one minute,  
3 we would talk about that and even start working  
4 on a speech in here. He could come back and he  
5 could practice it, you know, just to go out to  
6 speak on the floor.

7 We would talk about if we wanted to  
8 do an auped (ph), like, you know, talking about  
9 op-ed ideas, but, as I said, most of it was for  
10 media appearances and making sure that, you  
11 know, he knew relevant news items so that he  
12 wouldn't be caught off guard.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were there ever  
14 any times where -- well, what would happen with  
15 the debate preparation sessions at Jamestown  
16 Associates? What was the format of those?

17 THE WITNESS: I guess they were  
18 different in that Brett would ask questions that  
19 he would typically get in a debate.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. A campaign  
21 debate?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 MR. MORGAN: Would there be role  
24 playing involved? Would you actually sort of do  
25 a mock debate?

1           THE WITNESS: I mean just pretending  
2 to be the moderator, yeah, asking questions like  
3 that.

4           MR. MORGAN: Okay. So Brett would --  
5 would Brett pretend to be the moderator?

6           THE WITNESS: I mean we both would --

7           MR. MORGAN: Okay.

8           THE WITNESS: -- ask him different  
9 questions, yes.

10          MR. MORGAN: Do you recall any  
11 meetings where there was a similar type debate  
12 style format that occurred here in the  
13 congressional office regarding official  
14 activity?

15          THE WITNESS: No, I don't recall  
16 that.

17          MR. MORGAN: Okay. What about  
18 similar type, you know, questions and back and  
19 forth with regards to any floor activity or  
20 committee activity? Do you recall that type  
21 of --

22          THE WITNESS: Right, I mean we had  
23 that same sort of style for any media events we  
24 were prepping for and, yeah, floor debate or --  
25 but mainly media centered though, just playing

1 the reporter.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
3 O'Donnell work on any official speeches?

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall any  
6 specific instances when he was involved in a  
7 speech?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. We were working  
9 on a speech for a doctors caucus that Dr. Broun  
10 was giving. We helped with his, I believe his  
11 five minute he did on the Patient Option Act.  
12 Usually I would draft the speeches and we would  
13 run them by with Dr. Broun. He would practice  
14 them. Brett would give him suggestions and we'd  
15 make edits together on them, all three of us.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

17 MR. SOLIS: So you'd send your  
18 written products sometimes to Brett for his --

19 THE WITNESS: Yeah, just to see if he  
20 had any other suggestions or comments.

21 MR. SOLIS: What type of suggestions  
22 would he make?

23 THE WITNESS: Usually very general.  
24 He would never like rewrite something for me.  
25 He would just say maybe add something like this

1 or focus something -- on something like this.

2 He wasn't giving me like specific edits really.

3 MR. MORGAN: Did he ever do the first  
4 draft of any speeches?

5 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall while  
6 I was here.

7 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall him  
8 maybe working on a speech regarding the  
9 sequestration?

10 THE WITNESS: I was in Hal Roger's  
11 office --

12 MR. MORGAN: You were in Hal Roger's  
13 office.

14 THE WITNESS: -- when sequestration  
15 took place.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. What about a  
17 speech on big government spending?

18 THE WITNESS: I wasn't here when --  
19 if that took place, he did that.

20 MR. MORGAN: Would Brett O'Donnell  
21 draft talking points for the office?

22 THE WITNESS: Not that I'm aware of.

23 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'll show you --

24 THE WITNESS: If anything, like I  
25 would draft those sort of things and send them

1 by him to see if he had any comments or anything  
2 else to add, like I said earlier.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. This is PBCH105.

4 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

5 MR. MORGAN: I was wondering if you  
6 could tell us a little bit about, you know, the  
7 context of this e-mail. This appears to be you  
8 forwarding on to Brett some, you know, research  
9 on legislation that Julie Marsh had done.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes. So I believe that  
11 this is one we were just talking about,  
12 messaging on ObamaCare --

13 MR. MORGAN: Um-hmm.

14 THE WITNESS: -- and Dr. Broun having  
15 a hard time being able to connect with women,  
16 and so I think we were just trying to find some  
17 areas where he's, you know, supported women in  
18 terms of healthcare and find out ways that we  
19 could better connect with them.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
21 O'Donnell ever provide you with any training?

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he  
24 provided any training to -- before that,  
25 Meredith was your predecessor, correct?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he  
3 provided any training to her?

4 THE WITNESS: I don't believe so, but  
5 I wasn't here while they worked together.

6 MR. MORGAN: Are you aware of him  
7 providing training to anyone else in the office?

8 THE WITNESS: No.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to ask you  
10 some questions about Brett O'Donnell's role with  
11 the campaign.

12 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

13 MR. MORGAN: How would you describe  
14 his role with the campaign?

15 THE WITNESS: I mean just like me. I  
16 wanted Dr. Broun to win. That's why I was  
17 helping out with his campaign. I think that  
18 there were quite a lot of moving parts with the  
19 campaign. There were a lot of different people  
20 that had opinions, and so Brett was one of those  
21 people that would offer his opinion. Sometimes  
22 people -- his advice would be taken and other  
23 times it wouldn't. I mean when it came down to  
24 it, it was really me, David, Josh -- and Josh  
25 that were making the decision.

1 MR. MORGAN: With regards to  
2 messaging?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

5 THE WITNESS: At least we had the  
6 final say.

7 MR. SOLIS: And when you say  
8 campaign, you mean the senate campaign, correct?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 MR. SOLIS: Okay. You've done no  
11 work for any of Representative Broun's  
12 congressional campaigns?

13 THE WITNESS: No. I wasn't here  
14 then.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to go  
16 through some of the work that Brett O'Donnell  
17 may have done for the campaign specifically.

18 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

19 MR. MORGAN: Did he discuss campaign  
20 speeches, media appearances and those types of  
21 campaign issues including campaign debates with  
22 Dr. Broun during those weekly sessions?

23 THE WITNESS: I mean at times they  
24 would come up, but that wasn't the focus of  
25 those sessions. Like I said, we were talking

1 about issues and helping Dr. Broun message those  
2 issues.

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did he work on  
4 campaign speeches?

5 THE WITNESS: To be honest, the  
6 campaign speeches, there were a lot of people  
7 that were contributing to them. I think that he  
8 put forth suggestions. I don't think it was  
9 something that Dr. Broun used though in the  
10 final -- well, in actual debates.

11 MR. MORGAN: Let me show you this  
12 document. It says BOD01311.

13 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

14 MR. MORGAN: This is an e-mail from  
15 you to Brett O'Donnell on January 29th of 2014.  
16 You write "Hey, Brett, Dr. Broun was trying to  
17 figure out which flight to take today and was  
18 wanting to practice his new intro before  
19 leaving. When do you expect to have it done?"

20 Can you tell us a little bit about  
21 this e-mail, what you were referring to, the new  
22 intro?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes. That was  
24 something that Brett had drafted and I mean,  
25 like I said, he put forth suggestions and

1 whether Dr. Broun used it or not was up to him.

2 MR. MORGAN: Up to Dr. Broun?

3 (No audible response.)

4 MR. MORGAN: This intro, do you  
5 recall what speech this would have been?

6 THE WITNESS: I believe that was for  
7 the debate.

8 MR. MORGAN: Which debate?

9 THE WITNESS: This looks like January  
10 29th. So probably one of the beginning debates.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you working  
12 at the congressional office when Dr. Broun  
13 announced his senate candidacy?

14 THE WITNESS: No.

15 MR. MORGAN: You were not. Are you  
16 aware of Brett O'Donnell having any role in that  
17 announcement speech?

18 THE WITNESS: No.

19 MR. MORGAN: What about in May of  
20 2013 there was a Georgia republican convention.  
21 You were not working here at that time. Are you  
22 aware of any involvement by Brett O'Donnell on  
23 the convention speech?

24 THE WITNESS: Nope.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you -- did

1 you put together the campaign's press releases?  
2 Were you in charge of those?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes, I would draft  
4 those.

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did Brett  
6 O'Donnell help you with those?

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 MR. MORGAN: Would he review them  
9 and --

10 THE WITNESS: I sent him a few copies  
11 probably. I didn't do it with most of them  
12 though.

13 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well, I want to  
14 show you a document here. This is BOD00741.  
15 I'll give you a chance to look at that. What I  
16 want to ask you about is on the second page.

17 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

18 MR. MORGAN: It's an e-mail from  
19 Brett O'Donnell to it appears Bob Bibee, Brian  
20 Tringali, Justin Miller, Jordan Chinouth and  
21 Josh Findlay I believe was the Josh at  
22 Paul Broun where he writes "I think we should  
23 discuss this, a couple of initial thoughts," and  
24 he provides sort of seven bullet points on  
25 messaging.

1 Do you recall receiving this e-mail?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 MR. MORGAN: So here it -- here it  
4 appears that Brett O'Donnell was providing  
5 several points, you know, lengthy paragraphs on  
6 what he thinks the campaign should focus on with  
7 regards to messaging; is that correct?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: So was that -- was this  
10 typical for him to do, to provide these types  
11 of --

12 THE WITNESS: I mean he had his  
13 suggestions and I think -- I believe there was  
14 maybe a disagreement among some other people  
15 and, like I said, because we had such a big  
16 team, those final decisions came down to Josh  
17 and David and I.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay. It sounds like  
19 Josh had a fairly significant role with the  
20 messaging for the campaign?

21 THE WITNESS: I mean he was included  
22 in everything, sorry, and Bob would be included  
23 as well. He -- I mean we just liked to keep him  
24 in the loop on everything. He was our campaign  
25 manager.

1 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall  
2 there being a shared Google drive or a shared  
3 private YouTube account which -- where videos of  
4 Representative Broun's speeches and his  
5 opponent's speeches were posted?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if  
8 Brett O'Donnell had access to that?

9 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

10 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall him -- did  
11 he -- would he review those speeches and provide  
12 feedback to Representative Broun on his speeches  
13 and his opponent's speeches?

14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean we would  
15 look over them. Part of Brett's job was  
16 reviewing Dr. Broun's media events and public  
17 appearances and just making sure that he was  
18 staying on message.

19 MR. MORGAN: When you say part of his  
20 job --

21 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

22 MR. MORGAN: -- part of his -- when  
23 you say that, do you mean part of his agreement  
24 with the congressional office or?

25 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean as a

1 messaging consultant he wants to make sure that,  
2 you know, what we're talking about in our  
3 sessions is effective and that Dr. Broun is  
4 staying on those points that we would go over in  
5 our meetings with him.

6 MR. MORGAN: Okay. In those weekly  
7 meetings --

8 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

9 MR. MORGAN: -- those weekly sessions  
10 would you go over campaign appearances, campaign  
11 speeches?

12 THE WITNESS: I mean if there was  
13 like a campaign interview, that's something that  
14 we would look at.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

16 THE WITNESS: That's something that  
17 his constituents would see as well as  
18 nationwide. So it was relevant.

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall any  
20 specific instances in one of those weekly  
21 sessions where you went over a debate  
22 performance or you went over a, you know,  
23 announcement speech or a stump speech or some  
24 other campaign speech?

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sure we did review

1 that at one point.

2 MR. MORGAN: Here in D.C.?

3 THE WITNESS: Maybe. I mean I can't  
4 remember a specific instance, but...

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Nothing stands  
6 out in your mind?

7 THE WITNESS: No.

8 MR. MORGAN: A particular video you  
9 may have reviewed or a particular pointer that  
10 Brett O'Donnell had?

11 THE WITNESS: Not one in particular.

12 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you know if  
13 Brett O'Donnell was involved in negotiating the  
14 format of the campaign debates?

15 THE WITNESS: I know that he spoke  
16 with the debate coordinator.

17 MR. MORGAN: Who was the debate  
18 coordinator?

19 THE WITNESS: I can't remember his  
20 name. It wasn't someone I spoke with.

21 MR. MORGAN: Was that somebody -- who  
22 was that person, somebody with the Georgia  
23 republican party or --

24 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't even know.  
25 I guess. That would make sense, yes. They were

1 coordinating the events.

2 MR. MORGAN: How did you become aware  
3 that Brett was coordinating the campaign  
4 debates?

5 THE WITNESS: I mean I don't think he  
6 was coordinating them. I think he was just, you  
7 know, talking with somebody to figure out what  
8 the format was.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So who else was  
10 involved in Representative Broun's campaign  
11 debates?

12 THE WITNESS: Mainly David, myself,  
13 Josh and Bob.

14 MR. MORGAN: What about Jason Miller?

15 THE WITNESS: Jason wasn't really  
16 that involved. I mean he helped with our web  
17 ads and TV ads and we included him on what we  
18 were doing messaging wise, but I wouldn't say  
19 Jason had much of a say in it.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Did you sometimes  
21 use Jason's office for campaign debate  
22 preparation?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay. When you used his  
25 office, would he then sit in on the session?

1 THE WITNESS: No. He just let us use  
2 his office --

3 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: -- and he walked  
5 upstairs.

6 MR. MORGAN: All right. I want to  
7 show you a document. This is PBCH33 through 35.  
8 This last e-mail at the bottom there where it  
9 appears that Brett is being requested to do some  
10 brief messaging calls --

11 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

12 MR. MORGAN: -- with representative  
13 Broun, David Bowser and yourself --

14 THE WITNESS: Yep.

15 MR. MORGAN: -- prior to a few  
16 speaking events.

17 THE WITNESS: Right.

18 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if -- was  
19 that something typical for Brett to do, to do  
20 brief messaging calls?

21 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I mean, like I  
22 said earlier, whenever we had a big interview  
23 coming up, we would schedule that and if  
24 Dr. Broun was in Georgia for a while and hadn't  
25 had time to see Brett recently, then -- and he

1 had a lot going on media, press wise or just  
2 public appearances, Dr. Broun would just call  
3 him to get in the right mind set.

4 MR. MORGAN: How long would one of  
5 those messaging calls be?

6 THE WITNESS: Typically no longer  
7 than 10, 15 minutes.

8 MR. MORGAN: 10 or 15 minutes. And  
9 what was Brett's role? You said getting him in  
10 the right mind set --

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 MR. MORGAN: -- but what would Brett  
13 do to get him in the right mind set?

14 THE WITNESS: Just kind of giving him  
15 a little pep talk, if anything. You know, the  
16 first thing we would go over is any news items  
17 in particular that might come up, any Q and A  
18 from any reporters and then, you know, just  
19 asking him how he's feeling, if -- I don't know.  
20 We would just go over, like I said, our main  
21 important messaging topics.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. All right. We  
23 have, you know, several calendar items that  
24 appear to reflect campaign debate preparation.  
25 I want to ask you about -- a little bit more

1 about these in general. This is PBDN133 and  
2 PBDB25. Take a look at those.

3 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4 MR. MORGAN: This is from a calendar  
5 managed by Teddie Norton. The subject is prep  
6 with Brett for debate, location Jamestown  
7 Associates conference room. This is  
8 January 10th, 2014.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 MR. MORGAN: And then the second, the  
11 PBDB25 appears to refer to that prep session.  
12 David Bowser had reached out to him "I'd like to  
13 have a response for PB in case this gets brought  
14 up this weekend," referring to an article about  
15 same sex marriage.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 MR. MORGAN: Brett responds "We  
18 talked about this at today's meeting. He'll say  
19 marriage is between a man and woman," and then  
20 you respond -- in the last e-mail you respond,  
21 "Yes, he'll be good on this. Brett was asking  
22 him the tough questions on this and we discussed  
23 answers for a while."

24 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

25 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall that

1 specific debate preparation session?

2 THE WITNESS: Well, like you said, it  
3 was taking place at Jamestown and, as I said  
4 earlier, we would play moderator and ask him  
5 questions and then go over answers and, like  
6 David had brought up, this was something that  
7 was relevant that he could have been asked  
8 about. So we just wanted to make sure he's  
9 prepared.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. How many of --  
11 how many campaign debate prep sessions did you  
12 take, did you participate in would you say  
13 roughly?

14 THE WITNESS: Well, there was so many  
15 debates. They kept adding them. I couldn't  
16 tell you a specific number. Maybe around five  
17 or six.

18 MR. MORGAN: Five or six. Would you  
19 also do separate sessions after a debate to run  
20 through the performance or would that just be  
21 folded into the weekly session?

22 THE WITNESS: There would usually be  
23 a follow-up sort of thing in the next session.  
24 I mean I'm sure we talked to him after some of  
25 the debates at times. I don't remember a

1 specific instance of that, but...

2 MR. CORTAZAR: When you say the next  
3 session, do you mean the next debate preparation  
4 session or the next session --

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

6 MR. MORGAN: Wait, wait. Which one?

7 THE WITNESS: Debate preparation.

8 MR. MORGAN: Next debate preparation  
9 session.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Would you -- were  
12 there ever any instances where after a debate  
13 the next session with Brett was here in the  
14 congressional office and you discussed the  
15 debate performance?

16 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall.

17 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'll show you a  
18 couple more documents.

19 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

20 MR. MORGAN: So you said you were  
21 in five to six you estimated debate prep  
22 sessions. How many of those was Brett O'Donnell  
23 in? Was he in all of those sessions as well?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you involved

1 in any -- I'll show you a couple of documents.  
2 This is PBTN134 and PBTN135.

3 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4 MR. MORGAN: See if this refreshes  
5 your recollection.

6 These are calendar items on  
7 January 16th and 17th. They're listed as prep  
8 for debate with Michael Hall.

9 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

10 MR. MORGAN: You're listed as a  
11 required attendee. Do you recall these  
12 sessions?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

14 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if it was  
15 one session with Michael Hall or if there was  
16 two?

17 THE WITNESS: I can't remember. I  
18 remember meeting him. Brett was in Ethiopia --

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

20 THE WITNESS: -- and sent his  
21 co-worker.

22 MR. MORGAN: His co-worker. So  
23 Michael Hall is his co-worker?

24 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Why did he send

1 Michael Hall?

2 THE WITNESS: Because he was in  
3 Ethiopia.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Was it -- was he  
5 a substitute?

6 THE WITNESS: We had an upcoming  
7 debate and I think he was just wanting to help  
8 out.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. But why wouldn't  
10 you just do the debate prep without Brett or  
11 anybody that he worked with? Was Brett that --  
12 was he that crucial to the debate prep?

13 THE WITNESS: I mean I wouldn't say  
14 he was crucial. He didn't do -- he wasn't here  
15 for about half the campaign. Not half, but near  
16 the end at least.

17 I mean I just -- it was our first  
18 debate I think and so we didn't really know what  
19 to expect and we just wanted to make sure he was  
20 prepared from all ends.

21 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Was anybody upset  
22 that Brett couldn't be there or was that  
23 frustrating?

24 THE WITNESS: I mean I think people  
25 joked about it.

1 MR. MORGAN: What did they say?

2 THE WITNESS: I mean I think Bowser  
3 might have made a joke like leaving us in our  
4 time of need or something. Like he's made jokes  
5 at me like that for leaving for a wedding or  
6 something.

7 MR. MORGAN: Tough boss.

8 All right. And so do you know if  
9 David Bowser had a conversation with Brett where  
10 he said you need to get somebody up here to  
11 substitute or was there any of that?

12 THE WITNESS: Not that I know of. I  
13 wasn't involved in that.

14 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall if  
15 there was any preparation for a Georgia  
16 Municipal Association debate?

17 THE WITNESS: Do you know when that  
18 was?

19 MR. MORGAN: January. I think it's  
20 around January 27th of 2014. Do you recall  
21 that?

22 THE WITNESS: There might have been.  
23 I'm not sure. Like I said, there were so many  
24 debates.

25 MR. CORTAZAR: Okay. I think that was

1 the one where there were two in a row. There  
2 was one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

3 THE WITNESS: We might have done a  
4 phone call with Brett or something, if it was  
5 over the weekend. Well, they all are over the  
6 weekend, but back to back like that.

7 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall -- do you  
8 recall any debate preparation sessions where  
9 Brett O'Donnell joined by Skype or by conference  
10 call?

11 THE WITNESS: Yep.

12 MR. MORGAN: And where were those  
13 sessions held?

14 THE WITNESS: Usually in Dr. Broun's  
15 campaign office.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Down in Georgia?

17 THE WITNESS: In Georgia.

18 MR. MORGAN: Were you down in Georgia  
19 for those sessions?

20 THE WITNESS: I've been there for a  
21 few of them, but I wasn't always there.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And Brett was  
23 conference called in?

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, from Virginia.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you recall if

1 any of those sessions took place in Jordan  
2 Chinouth's office space?

3 THE WITNESS: Those are the same  
4 thing.

5 MR. MORGAN: Oh, those are the  
6 same --

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So Jordan  
9 Chinouth's company I believe is J. Russell --

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay. -- and  
12 Associates. His office space was --

13 THE WITNESS: Dr. Broun's campaign  
14 headquarters.

15 MR. MORGAN: Campaign space. Okay.  
16 All right.

17 Do you recall if there was some  
18 debate preparation that occurred leading up to  
19 the senate debate in Macon? This would have  
20 been in early March of this year, March 4th and  
21 March 7th. I think I can show you --

22 THE WITNESS: If we had something  
23 scheduled, then yes, but I don't remember  
24 specifically.

25 MR. MORGAN: Let's see. PBTN148 and

1 149. I'll have you look at that for a second  
2 and see if that jogs your memory about a debate  
3 prep occurring in early March of this year.

4 I think the relevant part of it, the  
5 most relevant part of it is on the bottom of the  
6 first page --

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

8 MR. MORGAN: -- where Teddie Norton  
9 asks Brett "Could you do 12:30 to 1:30 on  
10 Tuesday of next week? Ideally we'll also be  
11 able to schedule an additional session up in  
12 D.C. on Friday prior to the Macon debate on the  
13 8th."

14 THE WITNESS: Okay.

15 MR. MORGAN: Brett responds "Yes,  
16 that works for me," and then the last  
17 communication is from Teddie where she says "PB  
18 is staying through Friday next week, so could  
19 you do 9:30 to 11:30 on the 7th as well?"

20 Do you recall if those sessions  
21 occurred?

22 THE WITNESS: I do not. Were they on  
23 the calendar or?

24 MR. MORGAN: I don't know if we saw  
25 them on the calendar. I think the reference we

1 saw to them was in this e-mail here.

2 THE WITNESS: Then I don't know if it  
3 was -- if it took place or not. We had things  
4 fall through with Brett --

5 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: -- every now and then.  
7 So...

8 MR. MORGAN: Do you recall if Brett  
9 O'Donnell worked with Niki Broun on messaging?

10 THE WITNESS: I know that he would  
11 attempt to call her maybe one or two times to  
12 try and help her get in the right mind set as  
13 well, but that wasn't by any means a daily or  
14 weekly or monthly occurrence. It was probably  
15 just once or twice that happened.

16 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I want to --  
17 well, how -- when did Brett O'Donnell's  
18 relationship with the congressional office and  
19 with the campaign end?

20 THE WITNESS: I think it was in  
21 April.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you know why  
23 it ended?

24 THE WITNESS: It was after WSB had  
25 shown up at our office with their cameras trying

1 to get an interview and they blew up the story  
2 that was more focused on Brett than it was the  
3 actual campaign and it was just more attention  
4 on Brett than -- you know, we would rather  
5 have that attention on Dr. Broun. So I believe  
6 he resigned. I wasn't a part of that  
7 conversation.

8 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So that was about  
9 April of this year?

10 Do you recall how long after that WSB  
11 TV story ran that he resigned? Was it matter of  
12 weeks or days?

13 THE WITNESS: Maybe like three weeks  
14 or so.

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And then did  
16 Brett -- did that, in fact, end his involvement  
17 with the congressional office?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what about on  
20 the campaign side? Did he continue --

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: -- on the campaign?

23 Why -- I mean so he also terminated  
24 his activities with the campaign?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

1 MR. MORGAN: I think you said to your  
2 knowledge he was volunteering for the campaign?

3 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

4 MR. MORGAN: Was there any discussion  
5 of why he couldn't continue to volunteer for the  
6 campaign?

7 THE WITNESS: I think there's -- they  
8 didn't want there to be any sort of question  
9 that the work he was doing was for the  
10 congressional office.

11 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

12 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure though  
13 that -- I mean based on his own willingness.  
14 So...

15 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Were you involved  
16 in putting together the -- this response? This  
17 is BOD02081.

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 MR. MORGAN: Who else was involved in  
20 putting together this response?

21 THE WITNESS: David.

22 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And who else?  
23 Was that it?

24 THE WITNESS: I believe so.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

1           THE WITNESS: I might have run it by  
2 Bob as well, but I'm pretty sure it was just  
3 David and I that worked on this.

4           MR. MORGAN: Okay. Here in this  
5 statement it says "As stated by the House  
6 Administration Committee, O'Donnell's  
7 communications training is in compliance with  
8 all House rules."

9           THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

10          MR. MORGAN: What did that refer to?

11          THE WITNESS: That referred to that  
12 USA Today article.

13          MR. MORGAN: The 2013 USA Today  
14 article?

15          THE WITNESS: Yes.

16          MR. MORGAN: Okay. So did -- in  
17 preparing this statement you did not reach out  
18 to the Administration Committee or the Ethics  
19 Committee?

20          THE WITNESS: No, since we had  
21 already done that.

22          MR. MORGAN: Okay. And when you say  
23 you had already done that, you're referring to  
24 that previous conversation that you and David  
25 had?

1 THE WITNESS: Right.

2 MR. MORGAN: Were there any other  
3 conversations at any other times that you or  
4 anybody else reached out to Ethics or the  
5 Administration Committee?

6 THE WITNESS: Nothing that I did.  
7 I'm not sure if David had done that beforehand.  
8 I kind of assumed that he had, but from what I  
9 heard was when we spoke with that woman.

10 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I'm going to show  
11 you PBDB0014. This appears to be you forwarding  
12 the WSB TV -- well, it's a news alert.

13 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

14 MR. MORGAN: To, you know, Brett  
15 O'Donnell and David Bowser. Brett O'Donnell  
16 responds "Of course they didn't use the line  
17 from the statement that it is perfectly legal,"  
18 and you respond "Yes, and that you are a member  
19 of the communications team in an official  
20 capacity." And then Brett says "Are we pushing  
21 them to correct?"

22 Was there ever a push to correct, get  
23 the article corrected?

24 THE WITNESS: I did speak with WSB  
25 about that and they would not.

1 MR. MORGAN: They would not. Okay.

2 And when you say that Brett was a  
3 member of the communications team in an official  
4 capacity --

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 MR. MORGAN: -- does that accurately  
7 describe his role with the office in your mind?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

10 THE WITNESS: I mean that's what I  
11 have in the statement that I had sent them.

12 MR. MORGAN: Right. Okay.

13 I think I'll glance over my notes,  
14 unless somebody else has additional questions.

15 MR. SOLIS: I just have a few  
16 follow-up.

17 You had mentioned to Bryson that when  
18 you would have your weekly sessions, you would  
19 sometimes go over some of the videos of the  
20 campaign media appearances --

21 THE WITNESS: Um-hmm.

22 MR. SOLIS: -- and speeches and  
23 things like that.

24 THE WITNESS: Right.

25 MR. SOLIS: When you would go over

1 those during the weekly sessions, would they  
2 occur here in this office?

3 THE WITNESS: I mean I'm -- I believe  
4 it probably happened, you know, once or twice in  
5 the office, but, as I said, we were going over,  
6 you know, his media appearances whether they  
7 happened on a campaign side or official. It was  
8 still relevant because, you know, we wanted to  
9 make sure that he had the same public image that  
10 we discussed in our sessions with him.

11 MR. SOLIS: And would it be on a  
12 laptop or a video screen or anything else?

13 THE WITNESS: Laptop.

14 MR. SOLIS: A laptop that you guys  
15 have or Brett would bring one?

16 THE WITNESS: No, Brett would bring.

17 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

18 MR. CORTAZAR: After Brett left the  
19 relationship, did the campaign hire somebody  
20 else to take his place during those meetings?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: So it was the same team  
23 as before?

24 THE WITNESS: Right.

25 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So do you recall

1 were there campaign debates this year in April  
2 and May?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: And who was involved in  
5 those prep sessions? Was it -- Brett O'Donnell  
6 was not involved in --

7 THE WITNESS: Right.

8 MR. MORGAN: -- in those?

9 THE WITNESS: No. It would be -- I  
10 mean we didn't really have scheduled prep  
11 sessions as much. It would be things we would  
12 just kind of discuss with Dr. Broun on our own  
13 time.

14 MR. MORGAN: Why didn't you have  
15 scheduled prep sessions for those debates after  
16 Brett had left?

17 THE WITNESS: I mean I guess it just  
18 wasn't -- it didn't work out that way with  
19 timing. I mean I wasn't the one in charge of  
20 scheduling that.

21 MR. MORGAN: All right. I think  
22 those are all our questions. I think based on  
23 our questions, I think you have a sense of what  
24 we're interested in. Is there anything you  
25 think we should know?

1 THE WITNESS: No. That's it.

2 MR. SOLIS: Just if you -- if you've  
3 discussed our review with anybody in the office  
4 or Brett or the congressman? Have you discussed  
5 our review with anybody?

6 THE WITNESS: Oh. No.

7 MR. SOLIS: No? Okay.

8 THE WITNESS: I mean I like talked  
9 with like my co-workers beforehand, but I don't  
10 know what you really like -- I haven't left here  
11 yet. So...

12 MR. SOLIS: Right. I'm just  
13 wondering if you had any -- basically if you had  
14 any discussions with Brett. Did you talk to  
15 Brett? Did you talk to the congressman --

16 THE WITNESS: Oh.

17 MR. SOLIS: -- about the fact that  
18 we'd be interviewing you today?

19 THE WITNESS: No.

20 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

21 MR. MORGAN: All right. I think that  
22 will end this interview.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 MR. MORGAN: We appreciate you taking  
25 your time with us.

1 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

2 (Tape ends).

3 MR. MORGAN: This is Bryson Morgan,  
4 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics again with Paul Solis and  
6 Ryan Cortazar with the OCE, again joined by  
7 [REDACTED], who would like to supplement  
8 the interview that we just completed here on  
9 June 24th, 2014.

10 So, THE WITNESS, you said that this  
11 morning it was --

12 THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 MR. MORGAN: -- you had a  
14 conversation with Brett O'Donnell?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I called Brett  
16 just before work to just check in with him and  
17 we had about a two-minute conversation and we  
18 were just discussing the roles that -- the role  
19 that Brett had in this office.

20 MR. SOLIS: Did you discuss the role  
21 that Brett had with the campaign?

22 THE WITNESS: Not really, no.

23 MR. SOLIS: Well, I mean you had some  
24 idea -- you worked with Brett while you were in  
25 this office --

1 THE WITNESS: Right.

2 MR. SOLIS: -- right? And while he  
3 was employed by the members office, right?

4 You had an idea. You know, we  
5 covered these topics. Bryson had asked you what  
6 did Brett do for this office and you answered  
7 those questions about --

8 THE WITNESS: Right.

9 MR. SOLIS: -- about messaging,  
10 right?

11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

12 MR. SOLIS: Why would you feel the  
13 need to talk to Brett about what he did here if  
14 you knew beforehand what he did? What prompted  
15 you to call him today?

16 THE WITNESS: I mean if anything, I  
17 just wanted to just reinforce and go over the --  
18 what I believe the role that he had and that he  
19 had as well. There wasn't any sort of question  
20 about it. It was just more conversational.

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay. And I had asked  
22 you -- when we were off the record, I had asked  
23 you if the word volunteer had come up in the  
24 conversation between you and Brett and you  
25 answered that you believe it had; is that

1 correct?

2 THE WITNESS: I mean it could have.  
3 If anything, it was probably in reference to  
4 myself.

5 MR. MORGAN: Did he at all mention on  
6 the phone call that we asked about his campaign  
7 activities?

8 THE WITNESS: No, not really.

9 MR. MORGAN: Did the campaign -- his  
10 work on the campaign come up at all in your  
11 phone conversation with Brett?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 MR. SOLIS: And you said not really.  
14 We want to be very -- it's very important.

15 THE WITNESS: I mean, like I said, it  
16 was like a two-minute conversation and I don't  
17 believe that was mentioned.

18 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So you said you  
19 believe the word volunteer was used. What  
20 context would that have been used in in  
21 reference to the --

22 THE WITNESS: Probably in reference  
23 to my work, volunteering on the campaign.

24 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

25 MR. SOLIS: When we were off the

1 record, you did say probably in reference to  
2 both of our work on the campaign. So we want to  
3 be very clear right now --

4 THE WITNESS: Right.

5 MR. SOLIS: -- whether it's both --  
6 you think the both of you?

7 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I mean  
8 it's probably -- it was probably more in  
9 reference to myself.

10 MR. SOLIS: Did Mr. O'Donnell make  
11 any requests of you during your conversation?

12 THE WITNESS: Absolutely not, no.

13 MR. MORGAN: Did he threaten you in  
14 any way?

15 THE WITNESS: No. No, no.

16 MR. CORTAZAR: Okay. When you say it  
17 was more in reference to yourself, does that  
18 imply there was any reference at all in  
19 reference to him being a volunteer during that  
20 conversation?

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 MR. MORGAN: No, there was no  
23 reference to him being a volunteer?

24 THE WITNESS: As I mentioned, it  
25 would be -- as I said, it was more of the work

1 that I did.

2 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

3 MR. SOLIS: More of or exclusively  
4 the work you did?

5 THE WITNESS: Just generally.

6 MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you inform  
7 anybody that you were going to give Brett a call  
8 today?

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 MR. MORGAN: Did you do -- did you  
11 give Brett a call at the request of anyone?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 MR. SOLIS: Did you let Congressman  
14 Broun know that you had spoken with Brett today?

15 THE WITNESS: No.

16 MR. SOLIS: Did you let David know  
17 that you spoke with Brett today?

18 THE WITNESS: No. I told him when I  
19 left here.

20 MR. MORGAN: Okay.

21 MR. SOLIS: You told?

22 MR. MORGAN: David?

23 THE WITNESS: David just now, yeah.

24 MR. MORGAN: And did he tell you to  
25 come back in?

1                   THE WITNESS: Well, I just said I  
2 think I should go back in there. So...

3                   MR. MORGAN: Well, we appreciate it.

4                   THE WITNESS: Yeah.

5                   (Tape ends.)

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# **EXHIBIT 22**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 10:59 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Griffanti, Meredith; GovBob  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Video

**Importance:** High

I agree.

On Dec 19, 2012, at 10:06 AM, Bowser, David wrote:

> I talked to him about this just now, my primary focus was he did not need to explain the foundations of his belief (evidence), we have all already discussed it with him and know it, let's focus our time on messaging strategy.

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> In my opinion it is ALL about messaging on jobs/economy, taxes/spending, and health care. Anything else is counter-productive to messaging efforts. My goal is to get him to adhere to the idea that anything we discuss in a media setting should only be about these three things, nothing else.

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> Do not discuss evolution or young earth with the media - he agreed he wasn't going to convince them anyway.

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> Do not discuss gun control with the media - we will be able to micro-target these people anyway.

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> Do not discuss Socialism with the media - it seriously damages the credibility of any message.

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> Etc etc.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Griffanti, Meredith  
> Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 7:11 AM  
> To: 'Brett ODonnell'  
> Cc: Bowser, David  
> Subject: RE: CNN Video

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> I'm going to try to bring the CNN video, the CNBC hit, and our CNN hit from this morning. We have A LOT to discuss. FYI - be prepared for a spiel on how he wants to defend the evolution stuff again. Please don't let him waste the whole hour giving you his theories about a young earth again either... I know you've already heard it and we've got limited time together. Anyways, the evolution stuff came up this morning briefly at the very end of our interview on the fiscal cliff. He did an okay job of sidestepping it and said "I came on your show today to talk about the fiscal cliff and spending and that's what I'm focused on." BUT afterward he told me that the Lord is up to something else here and 4 months later this is still coming up so he wants to confront it head on. We actually just got through a twenty minute prayer on how I should best communicate God's feelings on evolution (don't worry Brett he specifically prayed for you too in guiding us in spreading the message). Big big big trouble. Between this and what he wants to say on guns... I am really scared.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 4:22 PM  
> To: Griffanti, Meredith  
> Subject: CNN Video  
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> Do you have the video from last week's CNN appearance?  
>  
> Thanks  
>  
> Brett

# **EXHIBIT 23**

**From:** Hardman, Christine Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Call tomorrow  
**Date:** August 11, 2013 at 4:26 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Hi Brett,

Tom morning we have a radio town hall w/ Tim Bryant and Martha Zoeller at 8am.

At 11am tom, he is speaking on changes in federal benefits as related to Obamacare.

At 6pm, he has a Town Hall with the Oglethorpe Farm Bureau.

We can discuss the 6pm town hall on our call tomorrow.

Tues:

He has a Gwinnett Constituent Coffee scheduled at 8am.

At 6pm he has the Dekalb Citizens Forum (town hall).

Wed:

Wilkes Constituent Coffee @ 8am.

Radio with Robbie Ross, WLOV @ 930am.

Visit with Thomson/McDuffie Chamber @ 10:15

Radio WTHO w/ Donna Branch @ 11am.

Tony Powers Radio Town Hall @ 5pm.

Thurs:

Jasper Constituent Coffee @ 8am.

Coffee/Conversation w/ the Alzheimer's Asoc @ 10am.

Washington County Town Hall @ 6pm.

[http://m.timesenterprise.com/timesenterpris/pm\\_113433/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=E0b7pJ6Z](http://m.timesenterprise.com/timesenterpris/pm_113433/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=E0b7pJ6Z)

<http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/broun-immigration-amnesty/2013/08/07/id/519271>

The other stations were planning on holding the interviews until they needed them, so we're still waiting on the others. I'll send you links to anymore that do come up.

Christine

----- Original Message -----

From: Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]

Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2013 02:25 PM

To: Hardman, Christine

Subject: Call tomorrow

Christine,

please send me media interviews on Dr. Brown's schedule for this week. Also any other events need to discuss on the call tomorrow morning. And also send clips from media done in the past week.

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

# **EXHIBIT 24**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:04 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Dobbs tonight

I thought he did very well. Was proud of him. We'll review next week.

Brett

On Dec 3, 2013, at 7:50 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

> PB did great on Dobbs, lots of Patient Option plugs and took a good swing at Kingston, Dave Bossie thought it went well too.

# **EXHIBIT 25**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Call w/ Brett  
**Start:** Wed 12/11/2013 10:00 AM  
**End:** Wed 12/11/2013 11:00 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Hardman, Christine; Bowser, David  
**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 26**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 3:19 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** FW: Call today

3:30 going to work for you?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:57 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Call today

Will 3:30 work. Running into a mtg right now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 22, 2014, at 1:24 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Brett,

Hope you had a nice weekend. Is there any way we could do a phone call today with you before 4pm to discuss some upcoming events? If possible, we'd like to get Dr. Broun on the phone around 5pm to discuss with him as well.

Thanks,  
Christine

**Christine Hardman**  
Press Secretary  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
2437 Rayburn Building  
202-225- [REDACTED]  
[Sign up for Dr. Broun's e-newsletters](#)  
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# **EXHIBIT 27**

## **Bowser, David**

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 1:21 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Jessica; Burrell, Jane; Miller, Erika; GovBob  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** Communications Plan for Week of Aug 19

### **Communications Plan for Week of August 19, 2013**

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#### **To Do (DC):**

- Sirius XM Radio, Andrew Wilkow, talk Obamacare & Immigration (Wed)
- Messaging calls with Dr. Broun throughout week (Brett)
- Work with Fireside to get website updated. Find way to post E-News on website (start posting on social media).
- Update website survey, post on social media
- Handouts for Patient OPTION Act
- Upload pictures from district, save on S drive

#### **To Do (GA):**

- Radio Address on Constituent Services (Wed)
- Weekly E-Newsletter, wrap up from events last week (Thurs)
- Upload/update pictures onto website
- Upload pictures of events throughout the week on social media

#### **On the Radar:**

- Scheduling Dr. Broun on WGAU at end of recess (Jane)
- Op-ed on Patient OPTION Act, finding placement for after recess.
- Radio Town Hall at WDUN (Mon)
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Rally on defunding Obamacare

# **EXHIBIT 28**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 4:41 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Jessica; Burrell, Jane; GovBob; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Carson, Austin; Miller, Erika  
**Subject:** Communications Plan for Week of December 2nd

### Communications Plan for Week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Focus: Keeping Obamacare in place is irresponsible: We must Repeal & Replace with the Patient OPTION Act**

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#### To Do (DC):

- TV: Lou Dobbs Show (Tues), discuss Citizens United special report
- Radio: Tim Constantine, the Capitol Hill Show (Wed), discuss medical community reaction to Obamacare
- Radio: Monica Crowley Show (Wed), discuss Citizens United special report
- Radio: Martha Zoller & Tim Bryant (Fri), discuss Obamacare
- Radio: Bill Williamson Radio Show (Thurs)

#### To Do (GA):

- E-News highlighting Dr. Broun's efforts to repeal & replace Obamacare (include interviews, news articles from this week).
  - Radio Address: Talk on Dr. Broun's efforts to repeal Obamacare in full and replace it with market-based solutions.

#### On the Radar:

- Obamacare joint roundtable (Date:TBD)
- Potential tour of Jefferson Co. hospital

#### Bills on the Floor:

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:**  
Suspensions

**Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:**  
Suspensions

**Wednesday & Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:**

**H.R. 1105** - Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule) (*Sponsored by Rep. Robert Hurt / Financial Services Committee*)

**Possible Consideration of H.R. 3309** - Innovation Act, Rules Committee Print (Subject to a Rule)(*Sponsored by Rep. Bob Goodlatte / Judiciary Committee*)

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK**

Small Business Committee hearing on “The Health Care Law: The Effect of the Business Aggregation Rules on Small Employers” (Wednesday, December 4th, at 1:00 p.m.)

# **EXHIBIT 29**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2014 10:53 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Jessica; Burrell, Jane; GovBob; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Miller, Erika; Carson, Austin  
**Subject:** Communications Plan for Week of January 13th

### Communications Plan for Week of January 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Focus: Continue to push messaging on AAPS endorsement

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#### To Do (DC):

- Op-Ed on Unemployment Insurance
- Op-Ed on Charlie Norwood VAMC visit to be placed in Aug. Chronicle on Sunday (1/19)
- 1-Minute Honoring Officer Morgan (will be speaking with Rep. Hank Johnson)
- Submit Congressional Record on Morgan Steward (have printed, framed in district)
- Continue to push messaging on AAPS endorsement (social media posts, E-news, mention in interviews).
- Messaging on spending bill

#### To Do (GA):

- E-News focusing on AAPS endorsement: include floor speech from last week, press release, news articles covering AAPS endorsement, include links to interviews from local interviews last week. (Wed)
  - Radio Address: Talk on AAPS endorsement (Tues)
  - Patriot Award Presentation press release (Mon)
  - Academy nominations press release (TBD, this week)
  - Gwinnett Town Hall, Obamacare themed, press release (Mon)

#### On the Radar:

- Potential farm bill movement this week
- Likely a 3-day Continuing Resolution this week to keep the govt. running through Saturday
- \$1 Trillion Omnibus spending bill to cover the rest of FY14
- Newton Constituent Coffee, honoring Officer Morgan, (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Lincolnton Constituent Coffee (Jan 21<sup>st</sup>)
- In studio interview with Tony Powers (Jan 21<sup>st</sup>)

- Atlanta March for Life (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Bills on the Floor:**

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Suspensions

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Suspensions

**Wednesday & Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Legislation to Fund Government Operations for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2014

**H.R. 3362** - Exchange Information Disclosure Act (Closed Rule, One Hour of Debate)

**COMMITTEE ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK**

Homeland Security Committee hearing on "Threats to Homeland Security"  
(Wednesday, January 15th, at 10:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>:**

No votes

# **EXHIBIT 30**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2013 11:57 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** GovBob; Hardman, Christine; Jordan Chinouth  
**Subject:** Re: PB Speaking tonight

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2013, at 11:54 AM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Apologies if you all already know and have prepped for this, but Christine just clued me into the fact that PB is the keynote speaker tonight at an event where the topic is religious freedom, which is of course potentially tricky.

Brett, you are talking to him this afternoon before the speech...let's make sure he is a good frame of mind and is always reminded that cameras are everywhere.

Christine is going to pull together a few talking points on HHS mandates in Obamacare that affect religious freedom...probably a good idea to focus his speech on hitting Obamacare in general and using the examples Christine is pulling together to make it relevant to the topic. Big government theme overall as well and of course a strong pro-life stance. He will have 30 minutes available to him and Jody Hice is speaking for 10-15 minutes before PB.

# **EXHIBIT 31**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 1:54 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: FOX Business Interview Request

Yes. We should do a call before the interview.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2013, at 11:47 AM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Fox Business wants bullets on the cost of Obamacare vs. shutting down the govt. I don't know if we should get into the cost of shutting down the govt. b/c those are not in PB's talking points ( we want to say that we want to shut down Obamacare, not the govt). Looking at giving these numbers. All were found on heritage, any thoughts?

- The Congressional Budget Office projects that spending on the subsidies and federal exchanges will grow from \$48 billion in fiscal year 2014 to \$250 billion in 2023—a more than five-fold increase. Source: <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/07/defunding-obamacare-the-next-best-option>
- Obamacare will increase Federal Health Care Spending to \$1.8 Trillion by 2023 Source: <http://www.heritage.org/multimedia/infographic/2013/08/federalspendingbynumbers2013/page-8-chart-2>
- According to updated numbers from the [Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#), by 2023, Obamacare will still leave 31 million people without insurance. Source: <http://blog.heritage.org/2013/06/10/obamacare-2023-31-million-uninsured-1-8-trillion-taxpayer-dollars-spent/>

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**From:** Chow, Joanna [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:36 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Would be great to get a dollar amount on the cost of Obamacare vs. shutting down or anything else "Money" related.

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:07 AM  
**To:** Chow, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Joanna,

Yes, I can be sure to do that. When would you need the bullets by?

Christine

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**From:** Chow, Joanna [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:03 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

Could you please send me 3-4 bullets on why the Congressman thinks it's better to shut down the whole government than to fund Obamacare? The more quantitative the reason the better – we like to back up thoughts with an exact money amount on the show. Please give me a ring to talk further [REDACTED].  
Thanks!

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**From:** Devins, Brooke  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:01 AM  
**To:** 'Hardman, Christine'  
**Cc:** Chow, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

We're looking forward to having the Congressman on the show today!

The hit time is 5:10pm ET.

My colleague Joanna Chow (cc'd here) is producing the segment and will be in touch in case any information is needed.

Thanks so much and please let me know if I can answer any questions in the meantime.

Best,

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 2:02 PM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Great, thanks Brooke!

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 1:50 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Fantastic, thank you!

We would ideally like for the Congressman to arrive about 20-30 minutes before the hit, if possible. So the very earliest would be about 4:30 or 4:40, but I will have a confirmed time on Monday. The Congressman will be speaking for about 4-6 minutes.

Thanks again!

Best,

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 1:45 PM

**To:** Devins, Brooke

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

That will work with the Congressman's schedule, we'll be there on Monday. I know you won't have the exact time of the interview until Monday, but what time would you suggest the Congressman plans on arriving for the interview? Also, do you know how long he will be speaking for?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 12:04 PM

**To:** Hardman, Christine

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

It would be sometime in the 5pm ET hour, but I would have the exact hit time that morning and will know around 11:15am – does that sound ok?

Thanks!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 12:03 PM

**To:** Devins, Brooke

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Ok, great. And would this be at 5pm?

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Thanks, Christine.

We would like to do this in studio. We have studios in Atlanta and the one we typically use is located at:

260 NW 14th Street  
Atlanta, GA 30318

Thank you!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:53 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

Not a problem. What time were you looking to do the show on Monday? The Congressman will still be in Georgia at that time. Did you want to set up a phone interview or were you looking to have him come into the studio?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

We just changed things around in our show for today and looks like we want to do this on Monday instead. Any way Dr. Broun would be available on Monday?

Thanks!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

Thanks for reaching out. Dr. Broun is in Atlanta today, were you thinking of having him come into the studio, or doing the interview by phone?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [REDACTED][@foxbusiness.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:28 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

My name is Brooke Devins and I am a booking producer for Fox Business' 5pm ET show, *Money with Melissa Francis*. I hope you are well!

Would Rep. Broun be interested in doing an interview on our show today to talk about the letter to Speaker Boehner asking him to resist any spending bills that would accommodate the new health care law?

The interview would be sometime in the 5pm ET hour.

Thank you!

Best,

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# **EXHIBIT 32**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 1:59 PM  
**To:** Heenan, David  
**Subject:** FW: Call today

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 1:55 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** FW: Call today

**From:** Brett O'Donnell [[\[REDACTED\]@odacommunications.com](mailto: [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 1:55 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Call today

Yes. Lets do a call at 4 pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2013, at 9:32 AM, "Hardman, Christine" <[Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Would you be free anytime between 3:30 – 4:45pm to prep Dr. Broun for his Fox Business interview today?

Christine Hardman

Press Secretary

Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

2437 Rayburn Building

202-225-████

Sign up for Dr. Broun's e-newsletters <<http://www.broun.house.gov/Forms/EmailSignup/>>

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# **EXHIBIT 33**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 2:50 PM  
**To:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com'  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Yep, agree as well. Brett and I can go over this with him beforehand.

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**From:** Miller, Erika  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 2:40 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com'; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: FOX Business Interview Request

I agree with all of this.

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 02:37 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; 'Brett O'Donnell' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

One other thing...I think PB should answer any question like the one the producer below asked about the "cost of shutting down the government" with how much Obamacare is going to cost in jobs...large companies based in Georgia like Delta who said Obamacare is going to cost it's employees over \$100 million and Georgia based UPS announced they have to drop 15,000 employee spouses from health plans because of Obamacare to small, family owned businesses that PB has several stories on already.

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 2:27 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'; Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

My 2 cents: PB needs just a couple of bullet points to bring it all back to the spending and defunding of Obamacare. Nothing technical or wonky.

FIRST – PB, Mike Lee, Ted Cruz, et al are all on record as saying WE DO NOT WANT TO SHUT THE GOVERNMENT DOWN! This is not an attempt to shut the government down, this is an attempt to save America's future by defunding and eventually dismantling Obamacare, which the CBO projects will be nearly \$50 Billion in new spending this first year alone, that's half the sequester!

SECOND – Why the CR, what about Boehner & leaderships efforts to shift to the Debt Ceiling or some other piece of legislation – Obamacare is set to go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the funding resolution Congress must pass by the end of the month is the best and only piece of legislation to take a stand to defund Obamacare...remember, the defund Obamacare effort is only for the first year.

THIRD – Even if the government is shutdown temporarily, social security checks will still be paid, the military, law enforcement, border security will still function, our Veterans will continue to receive care and benefits, etc etc.

FOURTH – The funding resolution facing Congress was already under threat even without this Obamacare battle. The House has been writing and passing spending bills using the sequester numbers while the Senate has been proceeding at a level \$91 Billion higher as if the sequester has been repealed.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 1:54 PM

**To:** Hardman, Christine

**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David

**Subject:** Re: FOX Business Interview Request

Yes. We should do a call before the interview.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2013, at 11:47 AM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Fox Business wants bullets on the cost of Obamacare vs. shutting down the govt. I don't know if we should get into the cost of shutting down the govt. b/c those are not in PB's talking points ( we want to say that we want to shut down Obamacare, not the govt). Looking at giving these numbers. All were found on heritage, any thoughts?

- The Congressional Budget Office projects that spending on the subsidies and federal exchanges will grow from \$48 billion in fiscal year 2014 to \$250 billion in 2023—a more than five-fold increase. Source: <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/07/defunding-obamacare-the-next-best-option>
- Obamacare will increase Federal Health Care Spending to \$1.8 Trillion by 2023 Source: <http://www.heritage.org/multimedia/infographic/2013/08/federalspendingbynumbers2013/page-8-chart-2>
- According to updated numbers from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), by 2023, Obamacare will still leave 31 million people without insurance. Source: <http://blog.heritage.org/2013/06/10/obamacare-2023-31-million-uninsured-1-8-trillion-taxpayer-dollars-spent/>

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**From:** Chow, Joanna [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:36 AM

**To:** Hardman, Christine

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Would be great to get a dollar amount on the cost of Obamacare vs. shutting down or anything else "Money" related.

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:07 AM

**To:** Chow, Joanna

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Joanna,

Yes, I can be sure to do that. When would you need the bullets by?

Christine

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**From:** Chow, Joanna [redacted@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:03 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

Could you please send me 3-4 bullets on why the Congressman thinks it's better to shut down the whole government than to fund Obamacare? The more quantitative the reason the better – we like to back up thoughts with an exact money amount on the show. Please give me a ring to talk further [redacted]. Thanks!

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**From:** Devins, Brooke  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2013 11:01 AM  
**To:** 'Hardman, Christine'  
**Cc:** Chow, Joanna  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

We're looking forward to having the Congressman on the show today!

The hit time is 5:10pm ET.

My colleague Joanna Chow (cc'd here) is producing the segment and will be in touch in case any information is needed.

Thanks so much and please let me know if I can answer any questions in the meantime.

Best,

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 2:02 PM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Great, thanks Brooke!

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [redacted@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 1:50 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Fantastic, thank you!

We would ideally like for the Congressman to arrive about 20-30 minutes before the hit, if possible. So the very earliest would be about 4:30 or 4:40, but I will have a confirmed time on Monday. The Congressman will be speaking for about 4-6 minutes.

Thanks again!

Best,

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 1:45 PM

**To:** Devins, Brooke

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

That will work with the Congressman's schedule, we'll be there on Monday. I know you won't have the exact time of the interview until Monday, but what time would you suggest the Congressman plans on arriving for the interview? Also, do you know how long he will be speaking for?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [[\[REDACTED\]@foxbusiness.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com)]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 12:04 PM

**To:** Hardman, Christine

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

It would be sometime in the 5pm ET hour, but I would have the exact hit time that morning and will know around 11:15am – does that sound ok?

Thanks!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 12:03 PM

**To:** Devins, Brooke

**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Ok, great. And would this be at 5pm?

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [redacted@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:56 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Thanks, Christine.

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Thank you!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:53 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

Not a problem. What time were you looking to do the show on Monday? The Congressman will still be in Georgia at that time. Did you want to set up a phone interview or were you looking to have him come into the studio?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [redacted@foxbusiness.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:49 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

We just changed things around in our show for today and looks like we want to do this on Monday instead. Any way Dr. Broun would be available on Monday?

Thanks!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine [mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:42 AM  
**To:** Devins, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Brooke,

Thanks for reaching out. Dr. Broun is in Atlanta today, were you thinking of having him come into the studio, or doing the interview by phone?

Thanks,  
Christine

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**From:** Devins, Brooke [ [REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com ]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2013 11:28 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** FOX Business Interview Request

Hi Christine,

My name is Brooke Devins and I am a booking producer for Fox Business' 5pm ET show, *Money with Melissa Francis*. I hope you are well!

Would Rep. Broun be interested in doing an interview on our show today to talk about the letter to Speaker Boehner asking him to resist any spending bills that would accommodate the new health care law?

The interview would be sometime in the 5pm ET hour.

Thank you!

Best,

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[REDACTED]@foxbusiness.com  
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# **EXHIBIT 34**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 4:43 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: this week

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Fantastic.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 4:25 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: this week

Yes and yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2013, at 3:38 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hey Brett-

Would you be available for a call w/ PB tomorrow morning between 10:45 and 11 to discuss his speech to the Defund Obamacare Rally? Christine is working on a draft now to send your way, we just would like it reiterated that this is not the time to go off message before he speaks.

Also, would 11 am on Thursday work for you to sit down with him?

Thanks-

Teddie

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# **EXHIBIT 35**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:30 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'; Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: Congressman Broun Today

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That should be good.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:30 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine; Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun Today

Does a call at 4:30 today work?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2013, at 12:09 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

He's coming back after first votes, wants to run through the interview and speech tonight...any chance you can swing by Brett?

**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 12:06 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Congressman Broun Today

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 19, 2013, at 11:55 AM, "Hardman, Christine" <[Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

FYI- confirmed for 5:10pm on Wed in the Cannon Rotunda.

Topics will surround Obamacare, but they also want to discuss Dr. Broun's latest article in Politico. Brett, let's make sure we discuss/prep him for this next week.

From: Whittemore, Chelsea [REDACTED][@theblaze.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@theblaze.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:51 AM  
To: Hardman, Christine  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

Sure - the interview will be about 10 minutes.

I will have topics the morning of but it will surround Obamacare. Also, Andrew wanted to discuss this article about him: [http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/georgia-senate-2014-broun-gingrey-kingston-nunn-97032.html?hp=t1\\_3](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/georgia-senate-2014-broun-gingrey-kingston-nunn-97032.html?hp=t1_3)

Thanks!

From: Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:50 AM  
To: Whittemore, Chelsea  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

5:10pm in the Cannon Rotunda would work best for us. Let's plan on scheduling for that time. Could you send me the topics for the interview and how long the interview will be?

Thanks!

Christine

From: Whittemore, Chelsea [REDACTED][@theblaze.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@theblaze.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 10:00 AM  
To: Hardman, Christine  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

We are live to tape (treated live but airs later) and then it airs at 7-8 PM.

We can do this from the Cannon Rotunda if that is easiest for you guys!

From: Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 9:59 AM  
To: Whittemore, Chelsea  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

Quick question - since you wanted to tape the interview, where would it be?

Thanks,

Christine

From: Whittemore, Chelsea [REDACTED][@theblaze.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@theblaze.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 9:48 AM  
To: Hardman, Christine  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

Christine - Our last interview slot is usually 5 PM would that work?

If not we can make it work until about 5:10 pm but that would really be the latest hit time.

From: Hardman, Christine [<mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 9:46 AM  
To: Whittemore, Chelsea  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

Hi Chelsea,

Would Wednesday after 5 work?

Thanks,

Christine

From: Whittemore, Chelsea [REDACTED]@theblaze.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 9:14 AM  
To: Hardman, Christine  
Subject: RE: Congressman Broun Today

Hey Christine -

Wanted to follow up. We would love to have the Congressman join us on Wilkow! Is there a good day next week for this? We tape Monday-Friday from 4:30-5:30 PM. Let me know!

Best,

Chelsea Whittemore

Associate Producer, Wilkow!

TheBlaze TV

212.520.[REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 36**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 11:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Request/Broun

Great will do.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 11:07 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Request/Broun

Call my cell at [REDACTED].

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2013, at 9:44 AM, "Hardman, Christine" <[Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Ok, working on getting these together. We'll plan on chatting with you at 12:30.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 08, 2013 9:30 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Request/Broun

Yes. Can you pull the latest debt statistics? How much has Obama added, what it stands at now, what it would go to, etc. I think Dr. B should have that data for the interview. He also needs the below quote from the Obama event on Thursday, Oct 3.

Brett

President Obama on the Debt Ceiling:

"It doesn't cost taxpayers a single dime. It doesn't grow our deficits by a single dime. It doesn't allow anybody to spend any new money whatsoever. So it's not something that raises our debt. What it does is allow the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. government to pay the bills that Congress has already racked up. I want you to think about this.

The only thing that the debt ceiling does is to let the U.S. Treasury pay for what Congress has already bought. That's why it's something that has been routine. Traditionally, it's not a big deal. Congress has raised it 45 times since Ronald Reagan took office. This is just kind of a routine part of keeping the government running."

**This is absurd! Raising the debt ceiling costs taxpayers enormous amounts because we have to pay that debt back and we have to service the debt (pay the interest). And its not routine. In fact, then Senator Obama voted against it.**

On Oct 8, 2013, at 9:11 AM, Hardman, Christine wrote:

12:30 works on our end, does that work for you?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 9:03 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Request/Broun

Yes.

On Oct 7, 2013, at 7:30 PM, Hardman, Christine wrote:

Hi Brett,  
Would you be able to do a phone call tomorrow before this CNN interview at 1:30pm to prep Dr. Broun?  
Christine

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 07:22 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: CNN Request/Broun

Let's do it. He should be rested, can we get Brett at least on the phone beforehand?

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 07:16 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Fw: CNN Request/Broun

Thoughts on doing a CNN interview tomorrow on the shutdown? Don't know how tired he is from this weekend and if he'd be up for it.

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**From:** Glaeser, Katie [redacted@turner.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 07, 2013 07:06 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** CNN Request/Broun

Hi Christine,  
Katie from CNN here. Wondering if Congressman Broun is available to join Wolf Blitzer live at 1:30pET tomorrow to discuss the government shutdown and the looming debt ceiling crisis. We could do the interview from the most convenient location for Rep. Broun- Cannon?

Many thanks for your consideration,

Katie

**Katie Glaeser**

CNN Network Booking

@ktCNN

O: [REDACTED] | C: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@Turner.com

# **EXHIBIT 37**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Norton, Teddie; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Call with PB on Monday?

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 11, 2013, at 3:24 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <[Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

I can call you Brett and then dial in Dr. Broun.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 03:13 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Call with PB on Monday?

How are we connecting at 5?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 8, 2013, at 12:30 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Brett, can you do a quick call with Dr. Broun on Monday afternoon at 5pm? We have a "Veteran's Town Hall" that evening and he's been in the wilds of Montana all week, just want to make sure he is in the proper frame before this public event.

# **EXHIBIT 38**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 6:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com'; GovBob  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: Exempt America Rally

Thanks, Brett, looks good. I'll pass along these changes to Dr. Broun.

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**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 6:19 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; GovBob  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: Exempt America Rally

I made a few edits. Otherwise good with content.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Exempt America Rally  
**From:** "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, September 09, 2013 4:36 pm  
**To:** 'Brett ODonnell' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>, GovBob  
<[REDACTED]@aol.com>

This is Dr. Broun's speech for his Exempt America rally tomorrow morning - he's been invited to speak for just 90 seconds or so and so I kept it short and sweet. Please let me know if you have any changes or suggestions!

### Christine Hardman

Press Secretary  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
2437 Rayburn Building  
202-225-[REDACTED]

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# **EXHIBIT 39**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 08, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; GovBob; Hardman, Christine; Austin Carson  
**Subject:** Re: SUPER last minute but good

I'll get something done by late tonight early in the morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 8, 2013, at 4:34 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

We are all set for tomorrow at 2:30. If we want to get something for the tele-prompter, they need it by noon tomorrow at the very latest, but sooner the better.

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
2437 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225- [REDACTED]  
Fax: (202) 226-0776  
[www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, July 08, 2013 4:19 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; GovBob; 'Brett O'Donnell'; Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** 'Austin Carson'  
**Subject:** FW: SUPER last minute but good  
**Importance:** High

Yes, definitely want to do this, hopefully after first vote series, let's reserve 2:30 Teddie if that is open.

Brett, do we have an updated 5 min on Big Govt & Spending?

Bob, can you take a shot at PBing the Tea Party generic message above?

I will deal with the lift note after we get the taping done tomorrow.

Thanks Team!  
David

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**From:** Austin Carson [REDACTED]@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 08, 2013 11:36 AM  
**To:** David Bowser; Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Fwd: SUPER last minute but good

FYI -

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dan Backer** <[REDACTED]@dbcapitolstrategies.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 8, 2013 at 11:32 AM

Subject: SUPER last minute but good

To: Austin Carson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Austin,

If the boss is in town, I have an opportunity for him. TeaParty.Net is taping videos of key Congressional Members which will appear on our outlets to activists across the country (3 MM & growing). The taping is scheduled for TOMORROW all day at the Capitol Hill Club.

He can say whatever he likes (issue/values-oriented, not campaign) for 3-5 minutes (obviously you know shorter is better), and that's what we'll use generally to push out to our audience (tying it into one of the specific petitions we have online is always a plus!).

We'd also like him to film a generic piece about the movement and conservative principles (draft script attached, and he can edit as desired and we'll load it into the teleprompter). And, if amenable to sign a lift note a well (also attached, please feel free to edit).

The taping should take about 10 minutes give or take, and we have a few members booked (we set up 45 minute windows so plenty of flexibility).

I know this is super last minute, and you can completely blame it on me, but hopefully there's a window of time tomorrow that you guys can come over?

Thanks so much,

Regards,

Dan Backer, Esq.

202-210-[REDACTED] office

202-478-0750 fax

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<http://www.Facebook.com/CampaignFinance>

# **EXHIBIT 40**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 11:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com; GovBob; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Tea Party video speech  
**Attachments:** Tea Party Video Final.docx

Here is the updated version, everything in yellow he cut, said it read out to around 4:30...sending it over to them in 15 min.

Thanks!  
David

**From:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; "christine.hardman@mail.house.gov" <christine.hardman@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2013 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** Tea Party video speech

Attached is the speech with some minor edits from PB...however as expected, he added a couple of lines and didn't cut anything, so it may be way over 5 min.

# **EXHIBIT 41**

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**Re: Your video**

1 message

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com>

Thu, Aug 8, 2013 at 1:51 PM

To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Cc: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Had to make cuts to get it in time. Pretty good though. He was tired the day we went to shoot this.  
On Aug 8, 2013, at 1:43 PM, David Bowser wrote:

Little under 5 min video PB did for TeaParty.net...couple of areas where he slightly misspeaks and no transition between spending and guns, but not too bad.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBO\\_Koq3\\_YI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBO_Koq3_YI)

On Thursday, August 8, 2013 1:40 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Cool! What is the pledge? Assuming we can post/promote the video as well once you tell me we can...will you all keep it at the YouTube spot it is now?

On Thursday, August 8, 2013 1:26 PM, Alex Shively <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Sony, should've caught that. We're going to email it to our list of nearly a million folks with an opportunity to sign a petition.

On Thu, Aug 8, 2013 at 1:10 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Not bad...one correction - his name is Broun, not Brown.  
What are we doing with this?

On Monday, July 29, 2013 11:40 AM, Alex Shively <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

wrote:

Hey,

Here's your boss's video TeaParty.Com taped a couple weeks ago, let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Alex

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Paul Brown

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBO\\_Kog3\\_YI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBO_Kog3_YI)

The Daily Caller. He added that he had voted multiple times "to repeal and replace this disastrous law," as well as working on provisions to protect businesses and individuals from his effects and to defund it. "I not only voted to ensure Congress was subject to Obamacare but have introduced a bill that would require the President, Vice President, and all political appointees to get their health care through the exchanges. If Washington wants to force something on the American people, then we need to force it on Washington as well," Kingston added. "If we are going to win, conservatives must shape the debate. We must be creative and put forward ideas that can gain traction. Every time we repeal or defund a portion of the law, we undermine its long-term survival," he said. "Many want to sit back and hope Obamacare falls off the cliff. I believe we have to be there to push it over the edge," Kingston concluded. Asked for comment, National Republican Senatorial Committee press secretary Brock Hogueson said: "For years, Republicans have consistently offered ObamaCare alternatives and fixes, like the Medical Device tax repeal. In all, the party has offered about 200 proposals on healthcare. Republicans still support repealing ObamaCare and replacing ObamaCare with more workable, affordable, and patient centered improvements to the system." *Follow Alexis on Twitter*

Read more: <http://dailycaller.com/2013/12/05/broun-attacks-kingston-for-wanting-to-fix-obamacare-and-not-just-repeal-it/#xzz2md2vY3Xq>

On Thu, Dec 5, 2013 at 1:24 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

He's also referencing the wrong vote.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2013, at 1:19 PM, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Agree- they have the youtube clip of our ad at the top of the article - free advertisement!

On Thu, Dec 5, 2013 at 1:17 PM, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com> wrote:

"Personal stap" tag is lame, especially when we're talking about an issue difference and there's nothing personal about it, but the pickup is good.

From: "Hardman, Christine" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
 Date: Thu, 5 Dec 2013 12:59:58 -0500  
 To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Bob Bibee

<[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Brett  
O'Donnell  
<[REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com>,  
Jordan Chinouth  
<[REDACTED]@gmail.com>,  
Josh Findlay  
<[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>  
Subject: Fwd: Fw: Alert: Atlanta  
JC[Reg]: Paul Broun takes a  
personal slap at Jack Kingston

## AJC: Paul Broun takes a personal slap at Jack Kingston

In campaigns, attack ads or  
videos are usually performed  
by a third party – not the  
candidate himself. By Jim  
Galloway

But in the YouTube clip above, U.S.  
Rep. Paul Broun, R-Athens,  
delivers his attack on U.S. Senate  
rival Jack Kingston in person and  
on camera – focusing on the  
Savannah congressman's recent  
statements on whether it is indeed  
possible – or "responsible" – to  
eliminate Obamacare in its entirety.  
Says Broun:

*"Jack Kingston wants  
to keep Obamacare.  
He voted to fund it,  
and now he's trying to  
fix it. I think that's  
wrong."*

Kingston says he's voted against  
the Affordable Care Act at every  
turn. The alleged vote to fund the  
ACA occurred last month, when the  
Republican-led House voted to  
allow insurers to sell for another  
year health insurance policies that  
do not meet the requirements of  
Obamacare.

# **EXHIBIT 42**

## **Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:35 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; GovBob; Marsh, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: Politico: AFL-CIO targets GOP with immigration ad blitz

I'm against commenting on this.

On Nov 6, 2013, at 11:31 AM, Hardman, Christine wrote:

AFL-CIO is coming out with an ad that attacks House GOP on Immigration reform, and Dr. Broun is one of the people that is featured in the ad, with his quote from a Laura Ingraham interview. The AJC has contacted me seeking a comment before 4pm today. If we do respond I think we should just say something short and sweet, that just summarizes his stance and doesn't get defensive about the attack. What are everyone's thoughts?

**"As I have said from the beginning, I am firm opponent of amnesty for illegal immigrants, and I will continue to fight to enforce the laws on the books and stand for American jobs."**

### **Politico: AFL-CIO targets GOP with immigration ad blitz**

By ALEXANDER BURNS | 11/6/13 9:00 AM EST

The AFL-CIO is poised to launch a high-dollar television campaign assailing House Republicans for their inaction on immigration reform, in an attempt to ensure that the congressional GOP pays a price if it continues to stall on an overhaul of the nation's immigration system, strategists for the labor giant told POLITICO.

The powerful progressive group will spend a seven-figure sum on a wave of ads on Spanish-language television, broadcasting some of the most incendiary remarks conservative lawmakers have made about immigrants.

One ad shared with POLITICO shows Texas Rep. Lamar Smith calling the popular DREAM Act "a nightmare for the American people" and quotes Georgia Rep. Paul Broun saying undocumented immigrants are "criminals and they need to be treated as such." Iowa Rep. Steve King makes an appearance in one clip, referring to illegal immigrants "hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert."

And in multiple commercials, the AFL-CIO highlights Alabama Rep. Mo Brooks's statement that he would do "anything short of shooting" undocumented workers in order to crack down in illegal immigration.

The ads adopt a confrontational approach toward congressional Republicans that some immigration reform groups have avoided so far this year. Other organizations, including conservative-leaning groups like the Chamber of Commerce and the American Action Network, have advocated for immigration reform on the center-right by casting the issue as a pro-business measure and emphasizing border protections in the reform bill approved by the Senate.

These new commercials are aimed at raising the stakes for the whole Republican Party in the debate over immigration, said AFL-CIO strategist Tom Snyder, who's heading up the group's campaign on comprehensive reform.

He said the harder-edged tone of the ads reflect a determination to increase the political pressure on reform opponents currently stonewalling immigration legislation. Republicans suffered badly from their lopsided loss among Latinos in 2012; the AFL-CIO aims to ensure that happens again in 2014, particularly if reform dies in the House.

"We feel it's time, and more than appropriate, to tell the Republicans that if they don't act on immigration reform, we plan to exact a price in upcoming elections," Snyder explained. "We want to spur House Republicans into action on immigration reform this year, right now, and we're going to hold Republican congressmen responsible for their hostile statements about Latino immigrants."

The first wave of ads will run in the Atlanta, Denver, Orlando, Fla.; Bakersfield, Calif., and Washington D.C. media markets. They will appear on both Univision and Telemundo, and run in English in the D.C. area.

Those markets include several congressional districts with competitive 2014 House race and touch important statewide elections in Georgia, Colorado and Florida.

Snyder said this is only the beginning of the next phase of the AFL-CIO's political action on immigration.

"This is just a beginning. This is a down payment," Snyder said, adding: "The Republican Party may control the immediate fate of immigration reform, but Latinos and other immigrants control the long-term fate of the Republican Party."

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/afl-cio-immigration-ads-republicans-99421.html#ixzz2jsZNW1xS>

**Christine Hardman**  
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Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

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# **EXHIBIT 43**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:25 AM  
**To:** Chinouth, Jordan; Griffanti, Meredith; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com'; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Heads Up

Jordan, can you please setup a conf call and get everyone the numbres.

Thanks!

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**From:** Chinouth, Jordan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:17 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Heads Up

Sounds good.  
Jordan Chinouth  
District Director  
US Representative Paul Broun  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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Sent using BlackBerry

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 09:40 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; Chinouth, Jordan; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Heads Up

Apologies as I just landed in DC, but so everyone knows, Meredith and I discussed this and I believe we agree there is a different tact we can and should take on this. I have also spoken to our attorney and suprisingly, he enthusiastically supports the idea. Let's discuss tomorrow, can we do a conf call at 11 am?

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 04:46 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; Bowser, David; Chinouth, Jordan; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: Heads Up

I just don't understand what more we can say that we haven't already said in statements, on the radio, to our opponent, etc. None of it has been helpful and I don't think pointing fingers at Dems or shifting to jobs/economy will take the heat off the fact that we screwed up. I just seriously think this is a "we've said all we're gonna say about this" type of situation... move on. Just my humble opinion. Anyways - wanted to make sure you're all aware of it before it hits anywhere.

**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:44 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith; Bowser, David; Chinouth, Jordan; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: Heads Up

My suggestion is a response if we're asked. I don't think we should proactively seek press on this. But we need to hav an answer when we get asked about and can't believe we won't.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: Heads Up  
**From:** "Griffanti, Meredith" <Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, September 12, 2012 4:40 pm  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>, "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov>, "Chinouth, Jordan" <Jordan.Chinouth@mail.house.gov>, GovBob <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "Hayes, Jessica" <Jessica.Hayes@mail.house.gov>

But NOBODY has printed anything about this so far press wise... why draw more attention to the whole thing in the first place if nobody is writing about it? I doubt anyone is going to print quotes about what we have to say about Democrats/fiscal issues when we're specifically talking about CREW - a stupid liberal watchdog org that NOBODY takes seriously - and our campaign finance problems.

**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:38 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith; Chinouth, Jordan; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: Heads Up

I couldn't agree more. It's all focused around the loan problem. They need to put up or shut up. Offense is the best way to handle this. Want to talk about corruption, let's talk about the way democrats are spending money, their takeover of health care...

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: Heads Up  
**From:** "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, September 12, 2012 4:30 pm  
**To:** "Griffanti, Meredith" <Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov>, "Chinouth, Jordan" <Jordan.Chinouth@mail.house.gov>, "[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>, GovBob <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "Hayes, Jessica" <Jessica.Hayes@mail.house.gov>

My first instinct is to go on the offense on this...

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 04:29 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Chinouth, Jordan; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com' <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: Heads Up

We're the #3 most corrupt Member of congress.

**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:29 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith; Chinouth, Jordan; '██████████@odacommunications.com'; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Heads Up

What's it say?

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 04:28 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Chinouth, Jordan; 'Brett O'Donnell' <██████████@odacommunications.com>; GovBob; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Heads Up

We absolutely cannot get roped into commenting on this or dwelling on it if and when the press picks it up. Just an FYI for everyone.

<http://www.crewsmostcorrupt.org/page/-/PDFs/Reports/Most%20Corrupt%20Reports/CREW-Most-Corrupt-Members-of-Congress-Report-2012.pdf?nocdn=1>

**Meredith Griffanti**  
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Cell: ██████████

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# **EXHIBIT 44**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 2:14 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Chinouth, Jordan; GovBob; Carson, Austin; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Draft - please feel free to give your thoughts/suggestions...

This is good except no one knows who Melanie Sloan is. I would take out her name.  
On Sep 14, 2012, at 9:22 AM, Griffanti, Meredith wrote:

Just an FYI – I still have not had one media inquiry... but here are my thoughts on the quote.

"These allegations are ridiculous and nothing more than yet another attempt by CREW - the liberal attack group funded by George Soros - to slander my conservative values and principles," said Rep. Broun. "If the so-called 'watchdog group' would have taken the time to fact-check their accusations, they would have discovered that the House Ethics Committee - comprised of three Republicans and three Democrats - voted unanimously to drop all charges against me by CREW, as they were simply false. But it comes as no surprise that an organization run by the likes of Melanie Sloan couldn't be bothered with the truth. This just goes to show that CREW has an agenda, which is to disproportionately target conservatives at an 8 to 1 ratio. It is my hope that media outlets like the Athens Banner Herald (i.e. insert name of whatever paper inquires) will continue to hold CREW's feet to the fire when it comes to spreading these type of lies."

### **Meredith Griffanti**

Communications Director

U.S. Representative Paul C. Broun, M.D. (GA-10)

Office: 202-225- [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

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# **EXHIBIT 45**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Cc:** GovBob; Miller, Erika; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Press Release

This is good by me. Hits all of the messages we need.  
On Mar 6, 2013, at 10:52 AM, Griffanti, Meredith wrote:

Bob/Brett – this is good by David & Erika. Please let me know what changes y'all have!

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**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2013 10:21 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Take or leave the last paragraph. Lemme know what changes you have then will send to Erika. Then to Bob/Brett last.

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Affordable ~ Necessary ~ Moral ~ Constitutional

For Immediate Release  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Contact: Meredith Griffanti  
202-225-[redacted]

### **Broun Statement on Continuing Resolution Vote**

**(Washington, D.C.)** U.S. Congressman Paul Broun, M.D. (GA-10) today released the following statement after voting against H.R. 933, a continuing resolution to fund the government through the end of fiscal year 2013:

**“This vote represented the House’s opportunity to take a stand for liberty,”** said Congressman Broun. **“This was our chance to defund Obamacare, and we didn’t do it. I’m always true to my constitutional, conservative principles, and therefore could not support a continuing resolution that paved the way for the full implementation of Obamacare – one of the greatest attacks on our personal freedom in the history of this nation.**

**“Obamacare is set to add a near \$6.2 TRILLION to the deficit, it’s already killing jobs all across the country, it infringes on our freedom of choice, and it completely erodes the quality of healthcare for poor people and seniors. I ask my colleagues, if not now, then when? When will we protect the American people and stop Obamacare from taking effect?**

**“I supported both pieces of legislation included in H.R. 933 that provide for the military, which are critical to the safety and security of our country. But lumping such important funding for our troops together with funding for Obamacare was the wrong way to safeguard our defense capabilities. Moving forward, I will continue to work to defund Obamacare so that both our liberty and the greatest healthcare system in the world will remain intact for years to come.”**

H.R. 933 passed the House \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ votes.

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**Meredith Griffanti**

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# **EXHIBIT 46**

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: feel free to play around with it - just now getting a chance to put something together!  
**Date:** December 4, 2012 at 2:40 PM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

I can say "The Democrats" or "President Obama and Harry Reid"

Ok I'll insert that line @ the end. Thanks.

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 04, 2012 2:39 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: feel free to play around with it - just now getting a chance to put something together!

I thought the "go to hell" was attributed to Reid. I'm a little nervous about assigning that to the president. I would also say more about the debt burden on middle class americans--"if the president is really on the side of the middle class, he'll lighten the load of debt he had saddled them with over the last four years."

On Dec 4, 2012, at 1:18 PM, Griffanti, Meredith wrote:

<image001.jpg>

Affordable ~ Necessary ~ Moral ~ Constitutional

For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Contact: Meredith Griffanti  
202-225-[REDACTED]

## **Broun:**

**(Washington, D.C.)** U.S. Congressman Paul Broun, M.D. (GA-10) today released the following statement in reaction to President Obama's dismissal of Republican efforts to provide a fix for the fiscal cliff:

**"President Obama has basically told Republicans to either raise taxes, or go to hell,"** said Broun. **"Forcing us to choose between hurting small businesses or going off the fiscal cliff is not only counter-productive – it simply doesn't make sense for righting our nation's fiscal crisis. There is no way that we can tax our way out of this mess, the math just doesn't add up. Even if the President taxes all of the millionaires and billionaires at 100% of their earnings, he still couldn't even begin to put a dent in the kinds of deficits our federal government is running. The only way to begin restoring limited government is to attack the crux of our problem, which means drastically scaling back the amount of money this nation spends. This is exactly what the President wants – for the fiscal cliff debate to become about 2% of the population instead of about how he continues to saddle the middle class with inordinate amounts of spending and debt they won't ever be able to pay back. Let's not let him get away with it. "**

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Meredith Griffanti

**Michael Grimaldi**

Communications Director

U.S. Representative Paul C. Broun, M.D. (GA-10)

Office: 202-225-██████

Cell: ██████████

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# **EXHIBIT 47**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 3:48 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine; Norton, Teddie; Miller, Erika; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: 11/12 Special Order

Great idea. Let's stay out in front of this and beam everything we do back to GA.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 8, 2013, at 12:33 PM, "Bowser, David" <David.Bowser@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Great, let's plan on him doing 5 minutes or so during the special order, I want him to have the draft/info on Monday, so please get it to Jessica to print out and give to him when he is in the ADO on Monday afternoon.

Thanks!

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 12:15 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: 11/12 Special Order

Think this is a great idea – we have been collecting stories too that we can use.

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2013 12:14 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** FW: 11/12 Special Order

This might be worthwhile to get a good clip of him speaking—he doesn't have a conflict.

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
2137 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515  
Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]  
Fax: (202) 226-0776  
[www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

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**From:** Perry, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2013 5:18 PM  
**To:** GOP Doctors Caucus Schedulers  
**Cc:** GOP Doctors Caucus Health Staff; Talaber, Jen  
**Subject:** 11/12 Special Order

All,

The GOP Doctors Caucus will be hosting a Special Order on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> after votes. Exact time TBD. Topic: How the ACA implementation is affecting constituents.

If your boss will be able to participate, please let me know.

Thanks so much,

Elizabeth Perry  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Phil Gingrey (GA-11)  
Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]  
442 Cannon Building | Washington, DC 20515

# **EXHIBIT 48**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Paul Broun-Personal  
**Cc:** Griffanti, Meredith; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Universal Background checks answer

Dr. Broun,

Below is the answer as we discussed:

"Why won't you support universal background checks?"

"I believe very strongly in our constitutional second amendment rights and will fight to protect those rights and to protect you from ever having them removed by our government. We already have a system of background checks in place. What we need are true solutions to the problem and not more and bigger government. More government spending isn't the answer to keeping our children safe and free. And the system of universal background checks that the President wants to put in place is more government power that lets him get a step closer to taking away your second amendment rights. I'll fight everyday for more limited government and to protect your rights and freedoms, including your second amendment rights."

# **EXHIBIT 49**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 11:11 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** FAA Material

David,

Here are some talking points for Dr. Broun on FAA (though I think the issue is dead) and some facts.

Brett

- In fact, the FAA has known about the sequester **for nearly 2 years**, but gave Congress and the airline industry less than a week's notice of its implementation plans.
- And now they've chosen the most counterproductive way to implement sequestration: by furloughing air traffic controllers – **and causing Americans to pay the price because of it.**
- **The President could have prevented this, but he chose not to.**
- Instead of saving millions of dollars on their conferences in Las Vegas, the FAA has chosen **to make you** sit on the tarmac. Instead of cutting nearly \$4 billion in cost overruns, the FAA has chosen **to make you miss your kids' graduations.**
- **The President is playing politics with people's plans. And it cannot go on any longer.**
- At a time when families are traveling across the country to see their kids graduate from college, fly to take care of their elderly parents, and take business trips to help support their families – **these delays are inexcusable.**
- In fact, just this morning, a school group from my home in Eastern Washington told me they were delayed so many hours they arrived too late to get their Capitol tours. And the representatives from Spokane's Chamber of Commerce sat for so long on the tarmac that they didn't arrive until the middle of the night.
- **And the worst part: this could have been prevented.** It *should have* been prevented. And it **WOULD have been prevented** if the President had worked with us to replace his sequester.

- But now we must look forward to solve the problem. It's time for these delays to end. And it's time for the President to stop playing politics with the American people.

On April 26, 2013, the House approved the Reducing Flight Delays Act of 2013 (H.R. 1765) to ensure the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) can end furloughs of air traffic controllers. Read Chairman Shuster's statement on passage of the bill.

The FAA had recently chosen to furlough controllers and all other employees in order to implement sequestration and meet required savings of five percent. Although the Administration knew about the potential for sequestration since November 2011, it waited until April 16, 2013 – just days before the furloughs were set to begin – to inform Congress and U.S. airlines of the details of its plans.

Although the FAA had the necessary flexibility to implement the sequester in a responsible manner, H.R. 1765 ensures beyond a shadow of a doubt that the agency now has more than enough capacity to end air traffic controller furloughs, stop the pain for the traveling public, and protect the economy.

**Read here** about how many prominent media outlets held the Obama Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration accountable for their choices in implementing the sequester. More information about the sequester:

- FAA Sequester Fact Sheet
- Background Information on FAA Furloughs Air Traffic Organization (ATO) and Air Traffic Control (ATC) Facilities
- Top 10 Examples of FAA's Financial Mismanagement
- Chart: FAA Operations Budget vs. Domestic Departures

Recent press releases and letters on sequester from the Committee:

- **April 26, 2013:** Shuster Statement on Resolution of FAA Furlough Situation
- **APR 19, 2013:** Shuster Statement on Administration's FAA Furlough Plans
- **APR 12, 2013:** House & Senate Leaders Express Bipartisan Safety Concerns About FAA Shutting Down Towers
- **MAR 22, 2013:** Thune, Shuster Question Administration's Choice to Close Contract Towers
- **MAR 7, 2013:** Thune & Shuster Question Whether FAA Has Explored All Cost Savings Before Punishing Employees and Traveling Public
- **FEB 26, 2013:** Shuster and Thune Request Immediate Information on FAA's Sequester Plans
- **FEB 22, 2013:** Shuster, Thune, LoBiondo Critical of Administration's Stance on Sequestration Impacts on Aviation

## FAA Furlough Plans

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) chose to begin furloughing air traffic controllers and all other employees in order to implement sequestration and meet required savings of five percent. Although the Administration knew about the potential for sequestration since November 2011, it waited until April 17, 2013 – four days before the furloughs were set to begin – to inform Congress and U.S. airlines of its plans and warn that major delays could result.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and FAA Administrator Michael Huerta issued a list of airports that could experience delays of up to two hours due to furloughs. Although the FAA has stated it has flexibility to reduce costs in other ways, it has chosen a very public and painful way to implement sequestration.

The Administration's choices appear designed to maximize the impact on the aviation system and the travelling public

FAA has chosen NOT to implement furloughs in a way that could protect the most critical air traffic control operations and facilities

- FAA has 47,000 employees, of which 15,500 are air traffic controllers
- Air traffic controllers are being furloughed at the same rate as non-controllers (up to 11 days between now and the end of September)
- Furloughs are being applied at the same rate at the largest, busiest facilities as at the smallest facilities with minimal amounts of operations
- For example, the FAA is implementing furloughs at the same rate at Waterloo Regional

Airport in Iowa (79 operations per day) as at the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control

Center (3,000,000 operations per year, or 8,200 per day)

FAA has known about the sequester for over a year and a half, but gave Congress and the airline industry less than a week's notice about its implementation plans

FAA has the flexibility to reduce costs elsewhere, and has yet to exercise existing authorities to reduce the impact of delays on the traveling public.

There are \$2.7 billion in non-personnel Operations costs – such as contracts, travel, supplies, and consultants – that should be examined before FAA personnel are furloughed

- Examples of non-personnel costs include:
  - Nearly \$500 million for consultants
  - \$325 million in supplies and travel
  - The FAA has 46 aircraft that cost \$143 million to operate

FAA has seen substantial growth in funding in recent years, while flights are down

FAA's Operations budget has grown by 109 percent since 1996, from \$4.6 billion to \$9.7 billion A five percent reduction in Operations approximates 2010 funding levels  
Domestic flights are down 27 percent from 2000 traffic levels

Finding 5 percent in savings in FAA's Operations budget should not significantly impact the Nation's aviation system

Despite repeated inquiries by Congress, the FAA and the Department of Transportation have failed to produce detailed justifications about their decisions and what alternatives were evaluated.  
Businesses and families across the country have had to tighten their belts and the FAA should be able to do the same

#### FAA's History of Poor Financial Management

The Administration's choices are particularly disappointing in light of FAA's history of poor financial management

FAA's lack of oversight and poor contract management has resulted in significant delays and cost overruns on major modernization programs

- Three key modernization programs have had cost overruns of a combined total of over \$4 billion
- Out of 30 modernization programs, at least 15 have experienced cost overruns

In the last 7 years, FAA has sent over 18,000 employees to conferences in destinations such as Las Vegas

In FY2010 alone, FAA spent over \$8 million on conferences for its employees – three conferences, all held in the same city during the same three week time span, cost FAA over \$5 million

# **EXHIBIT 50**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David; GovBob; Chinouth, Jordan  
**Subject:** Re: Sequester

Suggested: "Georgians agree that spending in Washington DC is out of control. When congress couldn't do its job to cut spending, the automatic spending cuts from the sequester were triggered. While these cuts weren't ideal, they shouldn't be reversed unless there are real spending cuts at least equal to those of the sequester. We have to get our spending under control. It is our national enemy and a real threat to our national security."

Thoughts?

On Feb 8, 2013, at 8:52 AM, Griffanti, Meredith wrote:

> We need to work on this messaging that he wants to "see it go through because its the first real cut we've seen." Its not getting good reception in GA cause we're so military heavy. And just saying that we'll plus it back up after isn't cutting it.

>  
> Meredith Griffanti  
> Communications Director  
> U.S. Congressman Paul Broun, M.D.  
> Cell: [REDACTED]  
> -----  
> Sent using BlackBerry

# **EXHIBIT 51**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 26, 2013 5:29 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Guns

"I'm a big supporter of the second amendment, but right now my focus in on spending" He has to stay on message. I'll make a call in a bit.

On Mar 26, 2013, at 4:26 PM, Griffanti, Meredith wrote:

> Alllllll people want to talk ab down here is guns - we have to work on tightening this up big time. I'm sitting next to him giving the stink eye and he's already pouting cause he knows I'm going to freak out.

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Bowser, David  
> Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 04:24 PM  
> To: Griffanti, Meredith; 'REDACTED'@odacommunications.com' <REDACTED@odacommunications.com>  
> Subject: Re: Guns

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> Very unproductive statement.

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Griffanti, Meredith  
> Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 04:18 PM  
> To: Bowser, David; 'REDACTED'@odacommunications.com' <REDACTED@odacommunications.com>  
> Subject: Guns

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> Ughghghhhhhh. Gun free zones are free killing zones. Just said that on the radio. I am not okay with that. Someone needs to back me up!

# **EXHIBIT 52**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:11 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Miller, Erika  
**Subject:** Re: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: December 9 - 13

We need them to put out their release as well so we have their release to point to. We need to get this out this week though--otherwise we should wait until after the first of the year.  
On Dec 9, 2013, at 2:37 PM, Hardman, Christine wrote:

FYI – I checked in with AAPS this morning to see where they are in terms of Dr. support. Still waiting to hear back from them, but last Friday that had told me that the process was moving slowly. In case this takes longer than we had thought, we might want to go ahead and put out our release, and as more doctors sign on, we can send out a follow-up release. I'm thinking if we don't hear anything from AAPS, that we might want to plan on sending out our release tomorrow morning.

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 5:16 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; Miller, Erika; Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Subject:** Fw: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: December 9 - 13

Let's plan on a 5 min slot to hopefully roll out AAPS endorsement of Options and to tout it.

Thanks!

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**From:** House GOP Communications  
**Sent:** Friday, December 06, 2013 05:07 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: December 9 - 13

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**HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE**  
Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers

**One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: December 9 - 13**

**Messaging Topic: Americans still need jobs, and Obamacare is still standing in the way of growth.**

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Please see below for scheduling of One and Five Minute speeches for the week: December 9 - 13

### **Five Minute Speeches**

Members are recognized to speak for up to five minutes on a first-come, first-served basis during Morning Hour.

### **One Minute Speeches**

One Minute speeches are also on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Monday, December 9**

Morning Hour at **noon**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **1:50 p.m.**)

House opens at **2:00 p.m.**

Unlimited One Minutes per side

#### **Tuesday, December 10**

Morning Hour at **10:00 a.m.**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **11:50 a.m.**)

House opens at **noon**

Fifteen One Minutes per side

#### **Wednesday, December 11**

Morning Hour at **10:00 a.m.**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **11:50 a.m.**)

House opens at **noon**

Fifteen One Minutes per side

#### **Thursday, December 12**

Morning Hour at **10:00 a.m.**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **11:50 a.m.**)

House opens at **noon**

Fifteen One Minutes per side

#### **Friday, December 13**

House opens at **9:00 a.m.**

Five One Minutes per side

If you have any questions regarding the schedule for One and Five Minute Speeches, please contact the Conference Secretary's office at 5-██████.

### **Messaging Themes:**

- Last week's jobs report showed our economy - while improving - still has a long way to go on the road to recovery.
- The President's unworkable health care law continues to threaten jobs and hamper our economic growth.
- It's not fair that the Democrats who run Washington want to impose higher health care costs on Americans already struggling to make ends meet.
- We need real solutions that will protect hardworking Americans from the coverage cancellations, loss of access to doctors, premium spikes and destruction of jobs that

Obamacare is bringing and will continue to bring.

- House Republicans remain committed to real solutions that will spur economic growth, create more jobs, and give everyone a fair shot.

Please contact the Conference Communications Office at 6-██████ with any questions about the messaging for the week.

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# **EXHIBIT 53**

## **Bowser, David**

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:29 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com'  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

Sounds good. Included that in the speech.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 10:20 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

I don't think we should ever say fix obamacare. We don't want to say it is fixable and we just voted against it. Your line above that one says that. We should stay consistent with that message.

How about:

**I was one of only 4 Republicans to oppose this bill**, because we can't fix the President's broken promises in Obamacare . **I want to repeal it; and I want to repeal it for good.**

On Nov 19, 2013, at 9:26 AM, Hardman, Christine wrote:

One last thought Erika and I were just talking about— are yall ok with us saying "...because I don't want to fix Obamacare until after the election." I like it, but just want to make sure that's not too political.

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 9:23 AM  
**To:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

One-Min for today that Erika helped with- let me know if you have any changes before he gives this at noon.

Mister Speaker,

Now more than ever, Americans are feeling the pain from Obamacare.

This law is hurting Americans with higher premiums and cancellation notices, and if it is left in place, our country will suffer under the new wave of entitlement spending that it is set to create.

**This destroyer must be stopped.**

Just last week, the House passed a symbolic messaging bill that merely nibbled at the edges of the problems caused by Obamacare.

But Mister Speaker, you cannot fix a law that will *cripple our economy, increase our nation's debt, and limit healthcare options for millions of Americans.*

I was one of only 4 Republicans to oppose this bill, because I don't want to attempt to fix Obamacare until after the election. I want to repeal it; and I want to repeal it for good.

I have introduced legislation, the Patient OPTION Act, which would do just that.

Mister Speaker, Congress must stop wasting their time to pass bills that continue to keep Obamacare in place! We must repeal and replace this disaster immediately, and I urge my colleagues to work towards this end.

Mister Speaker, I yield back.

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**From:** Miller, Erika  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 6:09 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** RE: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

I'm cool with it (with some tweaking ☺)

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 6:02 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; Miller, Erika  
**Subject:** Re: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

Can we have something for him tonight or tomorrow morning to give at noon tomorrow?

Obamacare is a destroyer, last week Congress voted to pass a symbolic bill that attempted to fix Obamacare by nibbling at the edges, I was one of only 4 of my Republican colleagues to oppose this bill because I don't want to just fix Obamacare until after the next election, I want to repeal it forever.

Thoughts?

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 05:47 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** FW: One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

Looks like noon- 15 one-minutes per side.

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**From:** House GOP Communications [REDACTED@[mail.gop.gov](mailto:house.gop.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

# HOUSE REPUBLICANS

HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE  
Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers

## One Minute and Five Minute Scheduling for the Week: November 18-21

**Messaging Topic: Obamacare is making life harder for Americans, and an "administrative fix" won't help.**

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Please see below for scheduling of One and Five Minute speeches for the week: November 18-21

### **Five Minute Speeches**

Members are recognized to speak for up to five minutes on a first-come, first-served basis during Morning Hour.

### **One Minute Speeches**

One Minute speeches are also on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Monday, November 18**

Morning Hour at **noon**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **1:50 p.m.**)

House opens at **2:00 p.m.**

Unlimited One Minutes per side

### **Tuesday, November 19**

Morning Hour at **10:00 a.m.**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **11:50 a.m.**)

House opens at **noon**

Fifteen One Minutes per side

### **Wednesday, November 20**

Morning Hour at **10:00 a.m.**

Five Minute Speech Period – not longer than one Republican hour (ends at **11:50 a.m.**)

House opens at **noon**

Fifteen One Minutes per side

### **Thursday, November 21**

House opens at **9:00 a.m.**

Five One Minutes per side

If you have any questions regarding the schedule for One and Five Minute Speeches, please contact the Conference Secretary's office at 5-██████.

## Messaging Themes:

- The President promised over and over that Americans who liked their health care plans could keep them, but it is just not true.
- Americans are seeing just how unworkable this law is, so the President announced a unilateral "administrative fix" last week that is more about politics than helping people keep their plans.
- The American people won't be helped by regulatory gimmicks - they deserve certainty.
- We need real solutions that will protect hardworking Americans from the coverage cancellations, loss of access to doctors, premiums spikes and destruction of jobs that Obamacare is bringing and will continue to bring.
- With our economy still struggling to recover, it's not fair that the Democrats who run Washington now want to make Americans pay more for their health care, or lose it altogether.
- House Republicans remain committed to solutions that will spur economic growth, create more jobs, and provide fairness for all.

Please contact the Conference Communications Office at 6-████ with any questions about the messaging for the week.

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# **EXHIBIT 54**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013 4:19 PM  
**To:** Miller, Erika; Bowser, David  
**Cc:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Attachments:** Revised 5-Min on OPTION Act.doc

Here's a final copy of Dr. Broun's 5-min on the OPTION Act for tomorrow morning. Brett, Dr. Broun and I made our final changes to it this morning if you wanted to see the end product.

### **Christine Hardman**

Press Secretary

Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

2437 Rayburn Building

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# **EXHIBIT 55**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 6:28 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Broun, Paul; GovBob; [REDACTED]@gmail.com'; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging thought

I like this. I think we also need to push that Obamacare can't be fixed. How about "You can't fix something that totally destroys our economy and healthcare, only repeal it." I don't think we should ever admit that this was a fix--can't fix it.

On Nov 18, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Thinking we can get a little stronger and tighter in messaging the vote last week, not only as a vote against fixing Obamacare rather than repealing it, but beefing it up stronger and more assertive as something like: "I don't want to fix Obamacare just until the next election, I want to repeal it forever."

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> Thoughts?

# **EXHIBIT 56**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 2:15 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Miller, Erika; Hardman, Christine; GovBob; Jordan chinouth; Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** Re: Patient OPTION Act Messaging

**Importance:** High

Gotcha. We have been discussing this. Are you talking about his bill specifically or Obamacare in general?  
On Aug 15, 2013, at 2:07 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Team,

Just got back from 3 days in God's country (aka Georgia) and has the opportunity to hear PB discuss the Patient OPTION Act a couple of times in different public settings.

I believe we need to have a messaging session ASAP on this topic alone so that he has ONE script to go off from each time he discusses it. One to two minutes tops that hits all the high points. I noticed he did a better job describing it at one event than he did at another but each time there were several times midway where he seemed to be trying to recall portions of it or struggling to come up with an example of an "association pool"...I think we are all familiar with the time he came up with the infamous "Black folks pool" as the example, Tuesday night he came up with a "Registered Voters Pool".

- 1) First thing – his bill completely repeals Obamacare, ripping it out by the roots.
- 2) His bill is a patient based program – he has used "market based", "consumer based", etc...I think we should use "patient based".
- 3) Provides the opportunity (key word) for all Americans to obtain health insurance by...(have one or two "pool" examples he always uses).
- 4) Lowers the cost of health care by...
- 5) Provides incentives for doctors to help the poor who cannot afford high end health care by...
- 6) Saves Medicare from going bankrupt (he never even brought this part up).

Erika knows this bill through and through, let's come up with a canned response he can use every time it is brought up or he refers to it, type it out, and run through it with PB as soon as we can.

Thoughts?

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 57**

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May 21, 2014

Mr. Kedric L. Payne  
Deputy Chief Counsel  
Office of Congressional Ethics  
P.O. Box 895  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0895

Re: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Payne,

I write in response to your May 19, 2014 Request for Information pursuant to a Board-authorized review of the Office of Congressional Ethics. As a third party with potentially relevant information, your office requested any communications relating to:

- 1) A copy of any agreement(s) review by the Committee on House Administration or the staff thereof between Representative Paul Broun's congressional office and O'Donnell & Associates, LTD in effect at any point between January 1, 2012 and the present date.
- 2) A copy of any communications between the Committee on House Administration or the staff thereof and Representative Paul Broun or any person acting on his behalf regarding the agreement(s) described in request number one.
- 3) A copy of any communications between the Committee on House Administration or staff thereof and O'Donnell & Associates, LTD or any persons acting on its behalf, including Brett O'Donnell regarding the agreement(s) described in request number one.
- 4) The names and contact information of each staff member of the Committee on House Administration that communication with Representative Broun or any person acting on his behalf, or with O'Donnell & Associates, LTD or any person acting on its behalf, including Brett O'Donnell, regarding the agreement(s) described in request number one.

After a review of paper and electronic records, including, but not limited to: written letters, memoranda, emails, instant messages, other contemporaneous electronic communications, records and memoranda to file, or any document memorializing or reflecting a meeting, conversation, or telephone call, the Committee has been unable to locate any responsive documents. The review included, but was not limited to, all appropriate staff of the Committee.

If you have further requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 225-██████.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RAS', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Robert A. Sensenbrenner  
Senior Counsel

# **EXHIBIT 58**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013 5:27 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: news query - USA Today

I agree. Do not respond.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2013, at 2:58 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <[Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

FYI –

Brett, what are your thoughts on this? I don't see a need to respond and draw any unwarranted attention.

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**From:** Singer, Paul [REDACTED]@usatoday.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2013 2:53 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** news query - USA Today

Christine:

I am a reporter with USA Today and I spend a lot of time trolling through congressional expenditure records.

In December, January and February, Rep. Broun paid Brett O'Donnell (O'Donnell & Associates) for "training" – can you tell me what services O'Donnell provided –

The reports are not yet out for April –June .. can you tell me whether O'Donnell has continued to provide training in your office?

Thanks very much for your assistance

Paul Singer  
Politics Editor  
USA Today  
703-854-[REDACTED] phone  
[REDACTED] mobile  
@singernews

# **EXHIBIT 59**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2013 2:21 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re:

Canal in a bit. In a meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2013, at 1:49 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

I just talked to Admin, let me know when you can chat, I have more info.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 60**

**From:** Hardman, Christine Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov   
**Subject:** Statement  
**Date:** March 13, 2014 at 9:58 AM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@cdacommunications.com

"Brett O'Donnell is a contract member of Congressman Broun's official communications team. As he does with several other members of Congress, he provides training with public speaking, on-camera interviews, and media appearances so that Dr. Broun can best communicate his legislative priorities, issues, and message with his constituents. As stated by the House Administration Committee, O'Donnell's communications training is in compliance with all House rules."

**Christine Hardman**

Press Secretary

Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

2437 Rayburn Building

202-225-[REDACTED]

*Sign up for Dr. Broun's e-newsletters*



# **EXHIBIT 61**

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June 25, 2014

Mr. Kedric L. Payne  
Deputy Chief Counsel  
Office of Congressional Ethics  
P.O. Box 895  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0895

RE: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Payne,

I am writing to you in response to the request from your office to the Committee on June 24, 2014. This request was initiated by Mr. Bryson Morgan, an Investigative Counsel in your office, regarding whether the Committee reviewed and/or approved any contract between O'Donnell and Associates and a House Office. After of search of the relevant digital and physical records, the Committee has been unable to find a record of any informal or formal approval or consultation on contracts from O'Donnell and Associates and a House Office.

In its search of records, the Committee did locate a correspondence between a USA Today Reporter, Paul Singer, and the Committee's then-Deputy Staff Director Salley Wood, who also served as the Committee's press contact, which did not indicate a review or approval of a contract, but did mention O'Donnell and Associates. In response to a request for comment from Paul Singer of USA Today, Mrs. Wood wrote:

How about this:

*Members may not use their official budgets for campaign purposes. Period. We are aware of the media training provided by O'Donnell and Associates, and our regulations permit such training services by contractors.*

*On the record or on background – your call. Determinations on the legitimacy of services provided to Members in their official capacity are based solely on those services. Our main concern is ensuring that tax dollars are used solely for official purposes and our rules are specifically tailored to delineate official expenses/services from campaign.*

The communication specifically states, “[w]e are aware of the media training provided by O’Donnell and Associates, and our regulations permit such training services *by contractors*.” (emphasis added). As noted before, the Members’ Congressional Handbook specifically denotes the difference between the duties that can be performed by a consultant and the duties that can be performed by a contractor.

Mrs. Wood does not recall contacting Mr. Broun’s office to indicate that the Committee had received a press inquiry from USA Today, but has indicated it may be possible that she spoke with the office over the phone. To the best of her recollection, at no point in this conversation, if it indeed occurred, was Mrs. Wood asked to review or approve of the specific contract that Mr. Broun’s office entered into.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the Committee at 202-225-



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Sensenbrenner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Sensenbrenner  
Deputy General Counsel  
Committee on House Administration

# **EXHIBIT 62**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:27 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Griffanti, Meredith; Norton, Teddie; Chinouth, Jordan  
**Subject:** Re: Time next week

I can be there for the entire time. Let's talk early in the week about how to structure that session.

Brett

Sent from my iPhone

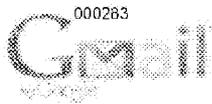
On Jun 14, 2012, at 2:07 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Brett,

As we discussed last week, there was a potential for a debate which has now turned into a scheduled event on June 22<sup>nd</sup> on television from 9:30 – 10:30 am in studio. We are in session next week with last votes no later than Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. The Congressman would like to schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon for debate preparations so we are going to hold from 3-6pm on our schedule and secure a conference room at the NRCC for this purpose. Please let me know if we can plan on you attending some or all of this prep time.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 63**



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**Re: Debate Prep**

11/14/12

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Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]>@odacomunications.com>

Thu, Jun 21, 2012 at 1:04 PM

To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]>@yahoo.com>

Cc: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]>@aol.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]>@gmail.com>, Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]>@gmail.com>, Paul Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]>@aol.com>

I have attached some questions that we should use for today's prep. This is obviously not exhaustive. Feel free to shoot others my way.

Brett

On Jun 20, 2012, at 5:36 PM, David Bowser wrote:

Jordan and team transcribed comments and statements made by Stephen Simpson at public events and from some news items, the first attached document labeled "Simpson Debate Prep File" is that document. I've also reviewed the interview he did with Randy Savage (link on the document) and looked through Simpson's videos at YouTube.

It is apparent and expected that Simpson says very little in the way of policy positions and ideas, although he is much weaker than most candidates, mainly because he is not getting a lot of media attention or credibility as a candidate. As we know, he focuses most of his statements as attacks on the Congressman. When he talks issues, it's nearly all vague. Primarily he has mentioned jobs & the economy, agriculture, education (his wife is a teacher), military (his profession) & national security, as well as spending/debt/balanced budget.

In the second attached brief document, "Debate Prep 2012", I wanted to create a foundation of brief responses from the Congressman focused primarily on the attacks he has instigated on Dr. Broun and the issues he has mentioned listed above as well as a couple of his usual catch phrases. This document is not meant to be the answers given verbatim by the Congressman, just a

suggested framework from which we begin to collectively formulate his responses to these high probably topic or attacks. I want to avoid "over-prepping" the Congressman and just have him prepared on the main issues we know are out there and may be topics based on what Simpson has said. I feel comfortable enough in the Congressman's knowledge of the issues that he can handle whatever not covered by this brief document such as transportation (except for TSPLOST, we need a response for this one), foreign affairs, health care, land use, etc etc.

Hope this makes sense, looking forward to thoughts and suggestions. We have a 2-3 hour briefing and prep time setup for tomorrow afternoon from 3-5 pm minimum.

Thanks Team!

David

<Simpson Debate Prep File.docx><Debate Prep 2012.docx>

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 Broun prep-6-21-12.doc  
28K

# **EXHIBIT 64**

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov   
**Subject:** FW: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 11:23 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

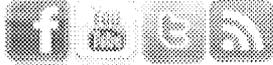
Brett – see below from our district press secy. It's on its way up. What is your address and we'll have it sent directly to you?

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**From:** Hayes, Jessica  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:17 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info

We didn't participate in any debates in 2010 but we did several in 2008. Our best one for viewing is the Atlanta Press Club debate that was televised on GPB between Broun and Bobby Saxon. I can ship you up the DVD.

Jessica Morris Hayes  
Press Secretary  
U.S. Rep. Paul Broun, M.D. (GA-10)  
Ofc: 706-447-[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:57 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Jessica  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Info

Any idea?

**From:** █████@odacommunications.com   
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:57 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov

It would be very helpful if you can find any video (or online links) of him debating as I want to spend some time next week prepping him for the debate on the 22nd.

Thanks

Brett

| ----- Original Message -----

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov   
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:55 AM  
**To:** █████@odacommunications.com

I don't... let me double check our files.

**From:** █████@odacommunications.com   
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:51 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov

Thanks. Do you have any video of prior debates he has done?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov   
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:48 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

We ended up cancelling this week's debate... the first one will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> on tv in Macon. I'm excited to work with you too!

Teddie Norton  
[teddie.norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:teddie.norton@mail.house.gov) – email is the best way to get her  
202-225-[REDACTED]

Thanks!

**From:** █████@odacommunications.com   
**Subject:** RE: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:40 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov

Hi Meredith,

Excited to be working for Dr. Broun and with your team. Can you send me the contact information for your scheduler? I'm out of town and forgot to take her card with me and wanted to get times set up for next week. I'd also like to get video of this week's debate as soon as possible.

Thanks and hope you're having a great week.

Brett

| ----- Original Message -----

**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: Contact Info  
**Date:** June 1, 2012 at 5:21 PM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov

Thanks Meredith. I enjoyed meeting you, David and Dr. Broun. Looks like you have a great team. Hope you have a great weekend as well.

Brett

**From:** Griffanti, Meredith Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov   
**Subject:** Contact Info  
**Date:** June 1, 2012 at 1:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Hi Brett,

Thanks for meeting with us yesterday. Just wanted to pass along my contact info! Have a great weekend.

**Meredith Griffanti**

Communications Director

U.S. Representative Paul C. Broun, M.D. (GA-10)

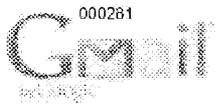
Office: 202-225-[REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

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# **EXHIBIT 65**



## Debate Reminders

1/1/2012

Brett O'Donnell <[redacted]@odacomunications.com>

Fri, Jun 22, 2012 at 12:05 AM

To: David Bowser <[redacted]@yahoo.com>

Cc: Bob Bibee <[redacted]@aol.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Meredith Griffanti <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Paul Broun-Personal <[redacted]@aol.com>

Dr. Broun,

Below are the reminders from the prep session today.

1) You win the debate if

-You drive the message of the debate "I am the leader in congress of cutting wasteful spending, and can lead to turn this economy around and create jobs." (Don't forget to use caterpillar as an example) and the submessage-"I stand on principle in Washington, not for party or politics and 4 questions I ask before voting for any bill."

-You are competent in answering questions

-You only counterattack your opponent sparingly.

-You win the inside-outside Washington argument

2) You lose the debate if:

-You make a significant mistake in the debate.

-You lift up Simpson by initiating attacks or by engaging with him too much in the debate

-You fail to drive the message

-You don't appear likeable

3) Remember the answer strategy:

Conclusion or 40,000 foot view first  
then the details  
don't wander to an answer

-Remember to talk from experience on Obamacare, and use the story of the business that have had their premiums increase 43%

4) Questions are just a vehicle for the answer you want to give and to drive message--control the ground of the debate

5) Listen carefully to the questions (don't always accept the premise of the question and listen to your opponent

6) The camera is always on you.

7) To win the inside outside argument

"Washington is broken and we need someone who understands the magnitude of the problem, knows what to do to fix and has demonstrated the leadership necessary to fix it."

8) Be yourself, trust your judgment and act like you're having fun

God Bless.

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 66**

**From:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 25, 2012 at 5:04 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

I have reserved the political conference room at the NRCC.

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]  
Fax: (202) 226-0776  
[www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

**From:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 25, 2012 at 3:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Let's do 1130-1230 and hope that works with votes.

Teddie Norton  
Congressman Paul Broun.  
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**From:** █████@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** RE: Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 25, 2012 at 3:35 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov

I could do 9-9:45 am or 11:30-12:30 or from 4 pm on.

Brett

| ----- Original Message -----

**From:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 25, 2012 at 2:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Great-

Friday is tricky because votes are going to be over at 3 so we were trying to get this session in as early as possible to avoid votes messing with things. What time would be better? I can check to see how flexible we can be-

-Teddie

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]  
Fax: (202) 226-0776  
[www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com  
**Subject:** RE: Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 25, 2012 at 2:32 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov

Teddie,

Thursday works great. I'll need to see if I can move another appointment for Friday. Are there other times on Friday that work?

Brett

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: Dr. Broun  
**From:** "Norton, Teddie" <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Mon, June 25, 2012 2:18 pm  
**To:** "Brett ODonnell" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>

Hi Brett-

This week is a bit tricky because of the healthcare decision as well as the amendment activity on the floor.

Could you come in Thursday morning from 9-10 to go over healthcare messaging (in our office). We are also working on getting video from the debate so could you come in Friday morning from 9-10:30 (at the NRCC) to go over that and to prep for the one on the 1st? Friday's time might shift around a bit based on the floor activity, but this will give us a good start.

Thanks!

-Teddie

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Dr. Broun

Hi Teddie,

I wanted to get an hour scheduled with Dr. Broun for this week. I am out of town Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday evening.

Thanks

THANKS

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 67**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Re: Debate Prep

**Date:** July 2, 2012 at 10:11 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

**Cc:** Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, BobBibee [REDACTED]@aol.com

I wish.

**From:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Debate Prep  
**Date:** July 2, 2012 at 9:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com  
**Cc:** Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@aol.com [REDACTED]@aol.com, David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com,  
Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, BobBibee [REDACTED]@aol.com

He sounds great!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** █████@odacomunications.com  
**Subject:** RE: Debate Prep  
**Date:** July 1, 2012 at 3:02 PM  
**To:** Meredith Griffanti █████@gmail.com

Why don't we shoot for between 9 and 9:30. Talkers looked great. Made a couple of minor edits and added a section on debates. Great work.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Debate Prep  
From: Meredith Griffanti <█████@gmail.com>  
Date: Sun, July 01, 2012 2:55 pm  
To: "Brett O'Donnell" <█████@odacomunications.com>

He told me to call him when I got into athens to see what his status was and then to work it out with you. My guess is later this evening. I'm about to take off - ill call ya after I get into athens and touch base with him (probably about 7). Whatever works for you. Talkers look ok?

On 7/1/12, Brett O'Donnell <█████@odacomunications.com> wrote:

> Do you know what time we're talking to Dr Broun?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Jul 1, 2012, at 2:13 PM, Meredith Griffanti <█████@gmail.com>

> wrote:

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>> Hello all -

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>> I am attaching Dr. Broun's debate talkers (that I will print out and bring  
>> down) with me as well as some top line news clips for the Athens area.

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>> See you soon!

>>

>> Meredith

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>> <7.2.12 Debate Prep.doc>

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Sent from my mobile device

**From:** [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com

**Subject:** RE: Debate Prep

**Date:** July 1, 2012 at 3:00 PM

**To:** Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@aol.com [REDACTED]@aol.com, David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, Jessica Morris [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com

I made a few edits. They are noted by track changes in the doc.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Debate Prep

From: Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, July 01, 2012 2:13 pm

To: Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>, "[REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jessica Morris <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

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See you soon!

Meredith



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**Date:** July 1, 2012 at 2:55 PM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

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Sent from my iPhone  
www <7.2.12 Debate Prep.doc>

**From:** Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com 

**Subject:** Debate Prep

**Date:** July 1, 2012 at 2:13 PM

**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, [REDACTED]@aol.com [REDACTED]@aol.com, David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
, Jessica Morris [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com

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See you soon!

Meredith



# **EXHIBIT 68**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT**

1 MR. MORGAN: All right. It is June 20,  
2 2014. Speaking is Bryson Morgan, investigative  
3 counsel with the Office of Congressional Ethics.  
4 I'm joined by Paul Solis, also an investigative  
5 counsel with the Office of Congressional Ethics,  
6 and we are here with [REDACTED].

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8 Q. And, Mr. [REDACTED], I mean, first, you know,  
9 we have already covered the False Statements Act  
10 and its application.

11 First, we'd like to just ask you  
12 some -- some basic background questions.

13 A. Sure.

14 Q. What is -- what is your current position?

15 A. I currently am the owner of J. Russell &  
16 Associates.

17 Q. Okay. What is -- what is J. Russell &  
18 Associates?

19 A. It's a campaign events and public relations  
20 firm.

21 Q. And where is it located?

22 A. Athens, Georgia.

23 Q. Okay. How long have you been in that  
24 position?

1 A. Since April of 2013.

2 Q. Okay. What were you doing before then?

3 A. I worked for U.S. Congressman Paul Broun.

4 Q. And when you say "worked," do you mean on  
5 his official staff?

6 A. Yes. I was his, I mean, district director,  
7 Deputy Chief of Staff and field representative.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. I was with him for -- since 2007.

10 Q. Okay. What -- okay. So let's break that  
11 down a little bit.

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. When you first were hired on by  
14 Representative Broun in 2007, what was your title?

15 A. Field representative.

16 Q. Field representative. Were you based here  
17 out of -- out of Athens?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And then how long were you field  
20 representative?

21 A. I was field representative from August  
22 of -- I mean, I worked on his campaign previous and  
23 during special election. We won that and then --

24 Q. Okay.

1           A.    -- became a field representative.  I was  
2 field representative from August of 2007 until  
3 February of 2008, at which time, I switched over to  
4 the campaign and --

5           Q.    In February 2008?

6           A.    Yes, and then --

7           Q.    And what was your role with the campaign?

8           A.    I was deputy campaign manager and then was  
9 promoted to campaign manager.

10          Q.    Okay.  And how long were you in that -- in  
11 those positions?

12          A.    Let's see, July 2008, November of 2008 --  
13 until December of 2008.

14          Q.    Okay.  What did you -- and then what did  
15 you do in December of 2008?

16          A.    I went back over to be on the Congressman's  
17 official staff --

18          Q.    Okay.

19          A.    -- and I was still a field representative at  
20 that point and then was promoted to district  
21 director in January or February of 2009.

22          Q.    Okay.  And then how long were you in that  
23 position?

24          A.    I went to -- back over to the campaign in

1 2010.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. In approximately -- sorry, gentlemen --  
4 September maybe.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Maybe September.

7 Q. As campaign manager?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. And then went through the general election  
11 and then came back over to the Congressional side  
12 in 2000 -- late 2010 so --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- around December of 2010.

15 Q. And then you were -- did you then go back  
16 over to the campaign for 2012?

17 A. I was then -- then became district  
18 director --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- in 2000 and -- let's see, 2010, went  
21 back over to the Congressional side in late 2010  
22 and then became district director in 2011 and then  
23 went back to the campaign in 2012, in approximately  
24 April --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- and went back over to the Congressional  
3 staff in 2012, in approximately August.

4 Q. August 2012, would that have been after the  
5 primary was over?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And I believe -- well, did Representative  
8 Broun not have a general election challenger that  
9 year?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. Okay. Okay, and so then you went back over  
12 to August 2012, and then how long were you there?

13 A. Became Deputy Chief of Staff at some point,  
14 I don't recall the month, and then --

15 Q. Still based out of Athens here?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Yeah, and then stayed in that role until  
19 April of 2013.

20 Q. Okay. And then in April of 2013, you  
21 went -- started working on his Senate campaign?

22 A. No. At that point --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- I started my own.

1 Q. At that point, you started J. Russell &  
2 Associates?

3 A. That's correct, yes.

4 Q. And what -- was there any relationship  
5 between J. Russell & Associates or you and  
6 Representative Broun's Senate campaign?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. What was that relationship?

9 A. To build a statewide infrastructure of  
10 volunteers throughout the State and build a grass  
11 roots plan of voter turnout for the Senate  
12 campaign.

13 Q. Okay. So you were -- you were a --

14 A. Consultant.

15 Q. -- not an employee of the campaign?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. You were a consultant of the campaign?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are you still a consultant to his -- to his  
20 campaign?

21 A. There is no campaign.

22 Q. So his campaign is -- has been closed up?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay.

1 A. I mean, for -- for my purposes, yeah.

2 Q. When was your -- when was your last  
3 involvement in -- in the campaign?

4 A. May 20th.

5 Q. May 20th, okay.

6 A. The day of the primary.

7 Q. The day of the primary, okay.

8 MR. SOLIS: And then when -- when was the  
9 first day you sort of started working from J.  
10 Russell & Associates, you started working with the  
11 Senate campaign? Is it would have been in April of  
12 2013?

13 A. Yes, late -- somewhere in that month, to  
14 the best of my recollection, somewhere in that  
15 month, middle -- middle part of the month,  
16 probably.

17 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. What did you do prior to working on his  
20 campaign in 2007?

21 A. Prior to 2007, working on his campaign, I  
22 worked in Nashville, Tennessee at Olive Garden.

23 Q. Okay. The 2012 -- Representative Broun's  
24 2012 Congressional campaign, who were the other

1 individuals involved in running that campaign?

2 A. The 2012 campaign would have been -- I have  
3 to revisit -- it would be me, Josh Findlay and then  
4 we had two field representatives, Shay Phelps and  
5 Kelsey -- I can't recall Kelsey's last name, I'm  
6 sorry.

7 Q. That's fine, okay.

8 Who -- who was involved in handling  
9 communications for the 2012 campaign?

10 A. Communications for the 2012 -- I mean,  
11 there were no -- like are you talking about press  
12 releases and things like that?

13 Q. Yeah, yeah.

14 A. Okay. That would have been done by -- like  
15 we had a like a press at Paul Braun.com and that  
16 would be -- I guess that would have been Meredith  
17 Griffanti.

18 Q. Okay. And in 2014?

19 A. 2014, that would be Christine Hardman.

20 Q. Okay. Do you recall if in 2012, the  
21 campaign hired any -- any media consultants, or if  
22 there were any media consultants involved?

23 A. In 2012, no -- I mean, there's two  
24 separate -- like there's a Georgia -- I mean, you

1 know, obviously most of the stuff that I was  
2 involved in was on the ground in Georgia, making  
3 sure events got covered and signs got put out and  
4 stuff like that. I believe communications, no.  
5 No, I think Meredith put out everything.

6 Q. Okay. What's -- well, I would like to ask  
7 you about Brett O'Donnell. When did you first  
8 become acquainted with Brett O'Donnell, remember  
9 hearing about him or --

10 A. In 2012.

11 Q. 2000 -- do you remember what about that was  
12 in 2012?

13 A. Spring -- some time in the spring.

14 Q. Okay. And how were you -- how were you  
15 introduced to him?

16 A. I was introduced to him as a person that  
17 worked with Dr. Broun and he -- at one point, I had  
18 a telephone phone call with him just to get some  
19 advice about a -- a forum that I was doing.

20 Q. Do you recall what that forum was?

21 A. Yeah, it was Green County, Lake Oconee.

22 Q. Was it a campaign forum?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. When -- do you remember when about

1 that was?

2 A. No. I don't remember what month.

3 Q. That was -- that was in connection with the  
4 2012 campaign?

5 A. Yes, yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. I don't remember what month or --

8 Q. Okay.

9 MR. SOLIS: And what was his advice?

10 A. I don't recall that either, actually.

11 BY MR. MORGAN:

12 Q. What -- do you -- he was introduced to you,  
13 how did you understand his role to be or his  
14 relationship with Representative Broun?

15 A. I didn't really understand a role with him.  
16 It was just, you know, I was on my way to that  
17 event, and I remember being on the phone with him  
18 and that's about it. I mean, that's my first  
19 interaction with him that I can -- that I can  
20 recall.

21 Q. Okay. Did you call him?

22 A. I don't -- I don't remember that.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. I just remember being on the phone with him

1 on the way down to that -- that event at Lake  
2 Oconee.

3 Q. Do you recall how Brett O'Donnell became  
4 connected to Representative Broun, how that  
5 relationship was established? Were you involved at  
6 all in that?

7 A. No.

8 Q. No? Okay. I want to show you an e-mail --

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. -- see if this -- or ask you if can maybe  
11 you can explain the circumstances surrounding this  
12 a bit. This is, for the record, PBDB 0086, and  
13 this is an e-mail on June 14, 2012 from David  
14 Bowser to Brett O'Donnell cc'ing Broun, all staff.  
15 You know, I -- I believe that may have included you  
16 because you ended up responding to the e-mail.

17 But David Bowser writes, "We are pleased to  
18 announce the addition of Brett O'Donnell to Team  
19 Broun as a communications and messaging consultant  
20 to our official office," talks about some of  
21 Brett's accomplishments. He says, "Brett will be  
22 working with the Congressman and key staff starting  
23 next week so you may be hearing his name." It --  
24 you respond shortly thereafter saying,

1 "Congrats" -- you respond to David Bowser,  
2 "Congrats. Had no idea we were close to making a  
3 decision," and I guess at this time you were in the  
4 Congressional office?

5 A. Yes. During this time, I would have  
6 been --

7 Q. I think you said during this time, you  
8 were -- you were working on the campaign. Was  
9 there --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. -- overlap?

12 A. Yeah. I mean, I was always a split  
13 employee, if that makes sense.

14 Q. Yeah.

15 A. I mean, but my focus and salary changed  
16 based on --

17 Q. Based on what you were more focussed on?

18 A. Correct, yes.

19 MR. SOLIS: So you were never off the  
20 official payroll during all this time?

21 A. That -- up until April -- April of '13,  
22 that would be correct, yes.

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Okay. Did you go to part-time status?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. So when you were -- during  
3 the -- I'm just trying to understand.

4 A. I think -- I mean --

5 Q. In the times when you said you went to the  
6 campaign, did your status with the Congressional  
7 office go to part-time?

8 A. I don't know how it was classified. All I  
9 know is that the salary was greatly reduced --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- to -- to offset -- I mean, obviously, if  
12 I'm focusing the majority of my time on a campaign,  
13 I'm not gonna be focusing as much time with the  
14 district.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Does this answer --

17 Q. No, that's -- that's -- I think --

18 MR. SOLIS: You -- I mean, you know that  
19 your salary was reduced, right, so --

20 A. Yeah.

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

22 A. Yeah. Well, I mean, it was reduced, you  
23 know, on one side based on where the focus was,  
24 yes.

1 BY MR. MORGAN:

2 Q. That makes sense. So you were responding  
3 to -- do you recall the circumstances? Then David  
4 Bowser responds to you saying, "This is not a media  
5 consultant for the campaign. That part is  
6 dragging."

7 So can you explain to me the circumstances  
8 surrounding this exchange? Was there a search for  
9 a media consultant for the campaign and you were  
10 perhaps thinking that was Brett?

11 A. No, I don't -- I don't recall searching for  
12 a media consultant during the 2012 campaign.

13 Q. Okay. You said, "Had no idea we were close  
14 to making a decision."

15 A. Right.

16 Q. So were you involved in some discussions  
17 about hiring a person to be a media consultant?

18 A. No. I mean, not -- not during 2012.

19 Q. Yeah.

20 A. I don't -- this is confusing. I don't know  
21 what this is --

22 Q. This is you responding to David --

23 A. I understand, but I'm saying I don't  
24 know -- I don't know how to answer this. Like we

1 did not hire a media consultant until the 2014  
2 race, so I don't know why I would have --

3 Q. You would have --

4 A. -- said that.

5 Q. Were you -- when -- when, you know, David  
6 Bowser's e-mail to you says, "This is most a media  
7 consultant for the campaign, that part is  
8 dragging" --

9 A. Right.

10 Q. -- you don't recall there being any  
11 discussion about hiring a media consultant for the  
12 campaign?

13 A. No, not for the '12 campaign.

14 Q. Okay. Do you recall were you -- do you  
15 recall being -- thinking that Brett O'Donnell was  
16 perhaps a media consultant for the campaign? Was  
17 there some confusion there in your mind that you  
18 recall?

19 A. No, I don't recall -- I don't -- no, I  
20 don't recall.

21 Q. Okay. Do you -- was this the first time  
22 you were introduced to Brett O'Donnell? Do you  
23 know if you had any --

24 A. Like I said, the first time that I ever

1 remember speaking with him was during that phone  
2 call --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- on the way down to that event.

5 Q. When do you recall first hearing of him?

6 Do you recall -- do you recall receiving this

7 e-mail?

8 A. No, I don't.

9 Q. You don't?

10 A. I don't. No, I don't know what I remember

11 first --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- recall hearing about him. Like I said,

14 the first interaction I had with him or remember

15 his name coming up was that phone call that we had.

16 Q. Okay. I think -- so that phone call you

17 remember in 2012. What else do you remember about

18 Brett O'Donnell's involvement with the 2012

19 campaign?

20 A. Nothing really, to my recollection. I

21 mean, nothing that comes -- comes to mind.

22 Q. Okay. How frequently did you interact with

23 Brett O'Donnell during the 2012 campaign? You said

24 that one phone call?

1 A. That's the one that sticks out in my mind.

2 Q. Sticks out, okay. We do have some e-mails

3 to take you through to see if that --

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. -- helps jog your memory.

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. I know that can be -- can be helpful.

8 Were you -- just to close the loop on that,  
9 do you -- were you involved in any discussions when  
10 Brett O'Donnell was brought on, or was this -- this  
11 e-mail you received, was this news to you? Were  
12 you involved in a process of interviewing  
13 candidates for a media consultant position?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. No, I was not.

17 Q. You were not? Do you remember having any  
18 conversations with anybody on the Congressional  
19 staff about hiring a media consultant?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Or any discussions about needing to bring  
22 someone on help Representative Broun with his  
23 public speaking skills or his --

24 A. I do --

1 Q. -- his messaging?

2 A. I do remember -- yes, I do.

3 Q. And what do you recall about that?

4 A. Just that, you know, we needed to sharpen  
5 up our communication, but I don't recall anything  
6 other than that. It was just general --

7 Q. Was that about that time period, 2012, that  
8 you recall there being those discussions?

9 A. I don't know. There's no way I could put a  
10 date to that --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- or a -- no, I don't recall.

13 Q. Okay. Well, let's see if some of these  
14 documents help out a little bit here.

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. Let's see.

17 A. Do you need this back?

18 Q. You can -- you can keep that next to you  
19 there, in case I want to go back to -- this next  
20 document is PBTN 9, and it starts with an e-mail  
21 from David Bowser to Brett O'Donnell writing:

22 "Brett, as we discussed last week, there  
23 was a potential for a debate which has now turned  
24 into a schedule event on June 22nd on television

1 from 9:30 to 10:30."

2 And then, you know, skipping a  
3 sentence, "That the Congressman would like to  
4 schedule a couple of hours later that afternoon for  
5 debate preparations so we're with going to hold  
6 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on our schedule and secure a  
7 conference room at the NRCC for this purpose."

8 Brett O'Donnell responds saying, "I can be  
9 there for the entire time. Let's talk earlier in  
10 the week about how to structure that session."

11 You were -- you were cc'ed on these  
12 e-mails, it appears. Do you recall a June 22nd  
13 televised debate?

14 A. June 22nd, televised debate, no.

15 Q. Do you recall if, you know, this  
16 event -- June 22nd event that David Bowser was  
17 referring to?

18 I mean it says -- he said, "It's a  
19 potential for a debate which has now turned into a  
20 scheduled event." Do you recall that event?

21 A. No, I do not, June 22nd of 2012.

22 Q. 2012.

23 A. No, I don't recall what specific event that  
24 would be.

1 Q. Do you recall a -- a WGAU Georgia 10th  
2 District debate that was on Athens radio?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. It was on or about July 2, 2012?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. Okay. So were you involved in helping  
7 prepare Representative Broun for -- for that WGAU  
8 debate or this television appearance?

9 A. No, I -- I staffed him at the WGAU.

10 Q. You staffed him?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Who else was there?

13 A. Well, I mean obviously his opponent.

14 Q. Who was Simpson?

15 A. Yeah, and he -- I don't recall if he had a  
16 staff or -- and then of course there was Tim  
17 Bryant, who -- you're talking about the WGAU,  
18 correct?

19 Q. Uh-huh.

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. SOLIS: We're interested in who from  
22 Representative Broun staffers --

23 A. Oh, forgive me, I'm sorry.

24 MR. SOLIS: -- either Congressional or

1 campaign was there.

2 A. All that I recall is that -- is that I was  
3 the one there.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I don't recall any other Broun staffers  
7 being there.

8 Q. Was David Heenan his body man in 2012?

9 A. No.

10 Q. No? That was 2014?

11 A. '13.

12 Q. '13?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay, fair enough. Okay.

15 Do you recall there being any preparation  
16 sessions for those debates?

17 A. Not from -- no, not down here.

18 Q. Okay. So I'm looking at this e-mail,  
19 this --

20 A. Sure.

21 Q. -- e-mail exchange. This appears to  
22 suggest that Brett O'Donnell was involved in debate  
23 preparation sessions for -- for that appearance.

24 Is -- are you aware, to your knowledge, did

1 Brett O'Donnell help prepare Representative Broun  
2 for any debates in 2012?

3 A. I mean, not down here, no. I don't --

4 MR. SOLIS: What about in DC?

5 A. No. I mean, I wouldn't know -- I would not  
6 know that. I mean, obviously, it says he did, I  
7 guess, but I mean, I don't recall --

8 BY MR. MORGAN:

9 Q. Okay. You don't recall a session or --

10 A. No, not --

11 Q. -- even hearing about a preparation  
12 session?

13 A. Yeah, there were talks about preparation  
14 sessions --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- but it wasn't -- it wasn't down here.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. It wasn't -- it wasn't here.

19 Q. And do you know who was involved in those  
20 preparation sessions?

21 A. No, I don't know.

22 Q. You were not -- you were not involved?

23 A. No, I'm --

24 Q. So why would you be --

1 A. -- I'm a Georgia guy.

2 Q. -- cc'ed on an e-mail about setting up a  
3 prep session?

4 A. I do not know the answer to that.

5 Q. Okay. But you had -- you didn't have any  
6 role in the -- in the preparation sessions in 2012?

7 A. No. The role that I would have had, if  
8 any, would have been to say here's some of the  
9 local issues that would -- that are going on.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I mean, that would -- I'm a very Georgia  
12 person, I think.

13 Q. Okay. Let's -- this next document is  
14 PBTN --

15 A. Okay.

16 Q. -- 0010. You see the -- the e-mail  
17 conversation starts on the next page --

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. -- with an e-mail from Teddy Norton to  
20 Brett O'Donnell saying, "Hey, Brett. Dr. Broun  
21 wants to set up about 90 minutes next week to go  
22 over both debates. What days/times are better for  
23 you, Tuesday to Thursday?"

24 This e-mail was on -- on July 3rd?

1 A. Okay.

2 Q. Top of that page, Brett responds, "Hi,  
3 Teddy. I'm wide open on Tuesday. Wednesday, I'm  
4 free until 10:30."

5 Are you aware -- and then the last  
6 communication in the chain is Teddy e-mailing Brett  
7 saying, "Okay. I have requested a room at the NRCC  
8 and let you know which one it is once they assign  
9 it."

10 I have -- now, I realize you were not, you  
11 know, cc'ed on these e-mails, but are you aware of  
12 there being a -- a session with Representative  
13 Broun to go over those two debates?

14 A. No. I mean, there could have been but  
15 that's out of my --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I'm down here.

18 Q. Would you -- so I think you were the only  
19 staffing him at the Athens radio. Were you -- did  
20 you film that?

21 A. No.

22 Q. No? Were you involved at all in  
23 transmitting video or audio from either of those  
24 debates to other people so that they could go

1 through it, do review sessions?

2 A. No.

3 Q. No? Okay.

4 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

5 Q. The -- I'll show you this document, PBTN  
6 14, and I'm sure as you realize that, you know,  
7 your answers -- saying that you have no knowledge  
8 of something is just as relevant to our review as  
9 saying you had knowledge, right?

10 So this is a calendar item from Teddy  
11 Norton's calendar, subject is Brett O'Donnell,  
12 location finance conference room, NRCC. This is  
13 July 19th from 3:00 to 5:00. Were you -- were you  
14 involved at all in this session? The category is  
15 listed as, "Political."

16 Were you at all involved as -- were you at  
17 all involved in a meeting on July 19th?

18 A. No, not that I --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- not that I recall. This is obviously in  
21 DC.

22 Q. In DC.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. And here's another. This is PBTN 19.

1 It's -- it says, "Meet with Brett, main conference  
2 room NRCC on July 24, 2012." Were you involved at  
3 all in this meeting?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. Moving onto the 2014 Senate  
6 campaign --

7 A. Sure. Am I supposed to keep these in some  
8 sort of order or --

9 Q. No, that's fine.

10 A. Okay.

11 Q. Put that one there. I got a series of  
12 documents I was hoping you could help us understand  
13 a little bit better. This is PBCH 33.

14 A. Starting on Page 3?

15 Q. Yeah, I'm starting on Page 3. That's an  
16 e-mail from David Bowser on August 16, 2013 to  
17 Brett O'Donnell saying, "Brett, if you're  
18 available, I would like to set up some brief  
19 messaging calls with you, Christine and PB next  
20 week," and then putting forth a few dates.

21 This is an e-mail you were -- you were  
22 cc'ed on and I'm just wondering -- take your time  
23 to review this -- this e-mail conversation.

24 I wonder if you could tell me why it is

1 that Brett O'Donnell would be -- or what his role  
2 was in these messaging calls? Do you recall  
3 participating in these messaging calls?

4 A. No, I don't. I don't. To my knowledge, I  
5 didn't participate in these messaging calls.

6 Q. Okay. What was Brett O'Donnell's role with  
7 messaging during the 2014 campaign?

8 A. Just suggestions; I mean --

9 Q. Okay.

10 MR. SOLIS: What suggestions?

11 A. Like on -- I don't know anything specific,  
12 just -- there was a lot of like -- to be completely  
13 -- there was a lot of disorganization so there's  
14 not really -- like I couldn't point to one specific  
15 thing that he like honed in on or whatever. It was  
16 always just kind of a suggestion here or there  
17 so --

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. How would you -- how would you become aware  
20 of those suggestions? Was it via e-mail --

21 A. I was on -- yeah, e-mail.

22 Q. Were you -- were you on phone calls with  
23 Brett, as well, in 2014?

24 A. Yes, there were campaign conference calls

1 but --

2 Q. How often would those take place?

3 A. Sporadically.

4 Q. As in like once a month or once a week?

5 A. Once a month, at best.

6 Q. Okay.

7 MR. SOLIS: Who would be on the calls?

8 A. It would be -- I mean, Brett, David Bowser,  
9 when Josh came on -- Josh came on in August or  
10 September, Josh Findlay, finance director --

11 BY MR. MORGAN:

12 Q. Who was the finance director?

13 A. Well, there was Kay Stoddard and then there  
14 -- let's see, there was Carrie Johns.

15 There was a series -- I mean, some of them  
16 came and went -- or they came and went so there was  
17 Kay Stoddard, Carrie Johns, Mallory Whitfield.

18 Q. Okay. So one of the -- one of the events  
19 referenced here to the prep is -- is the  
20 Conservative Republican Women of North Atlanta --

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. -- a speech that it appears Representative  
23 Broun gave. Do you recall that event?

24 A. Oh, no, at this point, I stopped travelling

1 with Dr. Broun when David Heenan was hired.

2 Q. Okay. So was David Heenan onboard in  
3 August of 2013?

4 A. August of 2013, I'm -- yes, he was.

5 Q. Okay. So you didn't -- you did not attend  
6 that event, or you do not recall attending that  
7 event?

8 A. I don't recall attending that event.

9 Q. Okay. All right.

10 Do you recall -- well, when Dr. Broun would  
11 give campaign speeches, who was involved in putting  
12 those speeches together in 2014 for that election?

13 A. Well, Dr. Broun was very much his own  
14 person. There was really -- I mean, there were  
15 very, very few speeches written for him.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. So there would be people that would give  
18 him, you know, advice on what to say, but there was  
19 no one -- he -- he gave his own speeches --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- and -- and they were written --

22 Q. Who was -- who was involved ins giving him  
23 advice on the speeches that you're aware of?

24 A. That I'm aware of, I mean, well, it would

1 be more along the lines of -- I'm trying to  
2 remember, honestly, gentlemen. There was -- a lot  
3 of times, there was no -- there were very few  
4 speeches where he would actually get input from  
5 anyone but if it was -- there's no way I could tell  
6 you, to be honest with you.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I mean, there's no -- it's extremely  
9 disorganized. I don't know -- by the time he got  
10 down here, you know, we have him one week out of  
11 the month, pretty much, in -- in the district, it  
12 was go, go, go. There's no way that I could answer  
13 that question intelligently.

14 Q. Are you aware of Brett O'Donnell ever  
15 provided input on campaign speeches?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Yes? Do you recall any specific instances?

18 A. Yes. The Convention speech of 2013, in  
19 May.

20 Q. Okay. What was Brett O'Donnell's role in  
21 that speech?

22 A. Just -- again, there's -- just weighing in  
23 on what should be changed or said or anything like  
24 that, as were other people too.

1 MR. SOLIS: And how do you know that  
2 happened?

3 A. Others -- there's e-mails about it.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Would -- were there any rehearsals for the  
8 speech?

9 A. I know that we rehearsed his speech before  
10 he went on stage.

11 Q. When you say "we," you mean --

12 A. Me, Dr. Broun and Meredith Griffanti --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- rehearsed his speech in a -- in a  
15 holding room.

16 Q. Was Brett O'Donnell involved in that  
17 rehearsal at all?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Was that -- were any rehearsals filmed and  
20 sent to Brett for his comment?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Okay. So his role -- Brett O'Donnell's  
23 role was in --

24 A. The only rehearsal that -- I don't -- the

1 only rehearsal I can speak to is the one that was  
2 here.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Okay, but his involvement that you are  
6 aware of was -- was what exactly, with that speech;  
7 providing input on the content of it or --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- (unintelligible) or --

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Content?

12 A. Yes, content.

13 Q. Okay.

14 MR. SOLIS: What other instances can you  
15 think of?

16 A. The only other one that I can think of was  
17 the announcement speech in February of 2013.

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. Was that here in Georgia?

20 A. Yes, it was.

21 Q. And was Brett O'Donnell here in Georgia at  
22 that time?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. What was his involvement in that

1 announcement speech?

2 A. Just content.

3 Q. We do -- we do show that around February of  
4 2013, it does appear that Brett O'Donnell, at one  
5 point, did travel down here to Georgia. Do you  
6 recall him ever travelling to the district or to  
7 the State?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What -- do you recall if that was  
10 about -- well, what do you recall about his visit  
11 to the State? Was it on one occasion or multiple?

12 A. The only one I recall was the staff  
13 retreat.

14 Q. The staff retreat?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And when about was that?

17 A. Early 2013.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Early 2013.

20 Q. Was that was a Congressional staff retreat  
21 or was it a campaign?

22 A. Congressional.

23 Q. Congressional, okay. Was that before or  
24 after the announcement speech?

1 A. I don't remember.

2 Q. You don't remember, okay. What was -- what  
3 was done at the staff retreat?

4 A. We had just gone through a redistricting.  
5 We had 15 new counties so it was kind of  
6 getting to know our new district.

7 Q. And why was -- why was Brett O'Donnell  
8 involved in that staff retreat?

9 A. It -- all the staff was involved in that  
10 staff retreat.

11 Q. Okay. And so you considered him as part of  
12 the staff?

13 A. That's -- I mean, that's not my -- I don't  
14 know how to answer that question.

15 Q. Okay.

16 MR. SOLIS: You were Deputy Chief of Staff  
17 at the time, right?

18 A. Correct. My job was to oversee district  
19 operations, make sure that casework was getting  
20 done, the Congressman was represented in the field  
21 and that was very much my role. I mean, that's --  
22 BY MR. MORGAN:

23 Q. What did you understand Brett's role to be  
24 at that time?

1 A. I -- I never even thought about it.

2 Q. You just -- he's a guy who's there?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay. I mean -- I mean, you had to have --  
5 I would imagine you had some sort of understanding  
6 of what he -- why he was there? I mean, how  
7 big -- how many people are on -- were at the staff  
8 retreat?

9 A. We had all the caseworkers, field reps, the  
10 DC staff. I mean, there was the team, it was.

11 MR. SOLIS: Was Brett O'Donnell paid by the  
12 House of Representatives at that time?

13 A. I don't know.

14 MR. SOLIS: You don't know?

15 A. No.

16 MR. SOLIS: You don't know if he had a  
17 contract with Representative Broun's office?

18 A. I don't, no.

19 MR. SOLIS: So -- so again, to follow-up on  
20 Bryson's question to you, you're at the staff  
21 retreat --

22 A. Right.

23 MR. SOLIS: -- you know who Brett O'Donnell  
24 is, but you don't know why he's there?

1           A.     I'm saying everyone -- there was -- there  
2     were many people there with Dr. Broun's official  
3     staff and that's -- that's all I did -- my focus  
4     that weekend was giving a presentation on the new  
5     counties and what those counties were and who lived  
6     there and what the industries were and those kind  
7     of things. I didn't really think too much about  
8     anything else.

9     BY MR. MORGAN:

10           Q.     What was -- what was Brett's involvement in  
11     the staff retreat?

12           A.     Well, they were just, I mean listening.

13           Q.     Listening?

14           A.     Listening, yeah.

15           Q.     Did he have any -- did he present anything?

16           A.     Not that I recall.

17           Q.     Or do any training sessions with anyone?

18           A.     Not that I can recall.

19           Q.     Okay. Do you recall if he did any campaign  
20     related things while he was down here?

21           A.     Any campaign related things while he was  
22     down here, I mean, after -- after the staff  
23     retreat, we had a -- had a brief meeting, yeah,  
24     about the campaign.

1 Q. Where was that meeting?

2 A. Do what?

3 Q. Where was that meeting?

4 A. At the -- at the same place the staff  
5 retreat was.

6 Q. And that was just in -- well, who  
7 was -- who was at that meeting?

8 A. I mean, there was myself and David Bowser,  
9 Brian Tringali, Brett O'Donnell, Michael Shafford  
10 and Bob Bibee.

11 Q. Okay. How long was that meeting; do you  
12 recall?

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. Was it just one meeting?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. What was discussed?

17 A. Just -- I don't even recall what was  
18 discussed.

19 MR. SOLIS: You just said it was a campaign  
20 meeting?

21 A. Yeah.

22 MR. SOLIS: So --

23 A. There was discussion about hiring a body guy  
24 and raising money. Those are the only two things

1 that I recall coming out of the that meeting.

2 BY MR. MORGAN:

3 Q. Okay. Still sticking to this e-mail here,  
4 if you go to Page 2 --

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. -- there's a -- the middle of the page  
7 there, an e-mail from David Bowser to Brett  
8 O'Donnell and Teddy Norton cc'ing Christine Hardman  
9 and you. David Bowser writes, "One other thing:  
10 ██████████ has" -- referring to you, "██████████ has met  
11 with Niki and she is now scheduled to start making  
12 appearances at target events on PB's behalf and he  
13 is already scheduled somewhere else. Many of these  
14 appearances will have speaking opportunities for  
15 Niki and it will be a good idea if we can set up  
16 some time early next week to have you talk with  
17 Niki, get her the top point messaging and topics so  
18 try to get film of her speaking, if possible."  
19 Then he's asking you, "██████████, can you give Brett a  
20 quick rundown on where Niki will be next week,  
21 speaking."

22 You then respond saying, "Brett, hope all  
23 is well. Here's a rundown of where Niki will be."  
24 There was quite a list.

1           There's it looks like, you know, five  
2 events listed for that week or three for the next  
3 and other upcoming events and then there's a  
4 further exchange here. Do you -- do you recall  
5 these e-mails?

6           A.     Yeah.

7           Q.     Did Brett O'Donnell end up speaking with  
8 Niki Broun?

9           A.     I don't -- I don't know.

10          Q.     You don't know?

11          A.     I don't know if he did or not.

12          Q.     Why -- why were you -- why did you want to  
13 put Brett O'Donnell in touch with Niki Broun to go  
14 over messaging?

15          A.     I was just following -- somebody asked me  
16 to do something, I did it.

17          Q.     Well, I think, if you look back on Page  
18 2 --

19          A.     Sure.

20          Q.     -- David Bowser says, "[REDACTED] has met with  
21 Niki and she's now scheduled." Did -- was it your  
22 idea to have Niki meet with Brett or those two  
23 connect?

24          A.     No.

1 Q. No? That was David Bowser's idea?

2 A. I guess. I mean, I just gave him the  
3 events.

4 Q. Yeah. Well, why -- and what was Brett  
5 O'Donnell's role to be, in touching base with Niki;  
6 what was he going to do?

7 A. I don't know.

8 Q. You don't know?

9 A. No.

10 Q. So why would -- why would you all be  
11 putting Niki in touch with Brett?

12 A. My role in the campaign was to recruit  
13 volunteers, do all of that stuff, making sure that  
14 volunteers were recruited and staffing, going to  
15 events and so I would know where the events were.  
16 So I gave that information.

17 Q. You write on the first page here, you know,  
18 e-mail, the bottom there, "Even though she is  
19 attending them with him," referring to Paul Broun,  
20 "She still needs to stay on message, even in one on  
21 one conversations."

22 Do you recall was there some issue with her  
23 staying on message that you recall?

24 A. Not that I recall. I mean, it's a constant

1 thing to stay on message during a campaign.

2 Q. So was putting Niki in touch with Brett,  
3 was that so that Brett could help coach her on  
4 staying on message?

5 A. I don't -- again, I was asked for these  
6 upcoming events, I gave them to her -- or to him  
7 and that's -- that's the extent of it that I can  
8 tell you.

9 Q. Okay. I am going to show you another  
10 e-mail.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Well, I mean, just actually, that third  
13 page --

14 A. Okay. The third page, all right.

15 Q. -- to this. So there refers here to a  
16 lunch time Cobb GOP women lunch.

17 A. Sorry, the third page?

18 Q. Third page.

19 A. Yes, okay.

20 Q. It's the (unintelligible)?

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. Do you recall that event?

23 A. That's the -- there's a regular monthly  
24 meeting.

1 Q. Okay. Were you involved at all in  
2 preparing Representative Broun for that speech?

3 A. No.

4 Q. What about the next line, Barrow GOP  
5 barbecue, were you involved at all in preparing  
6 Representative Broun for that speech?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. All right. I think we will move on  
9 with the e-mail. This is PBTN 97, the e-mail I  
10 want to ask you about is an e-mail at the bottom of  
11 Page 1 from Brett O'Donnell to David Bowser.  
12 You're cc'ed on this. Brett writes, "We need a  
13 debate forum calendar started with contact info so  
14 I could help negotiate formats and we can track."  
15 Was Brett O'Donnell involved in helping negotiate  
16 debate formats?

17 A. What I do know is that I put Brett  
18 O'Donnell in touch with the -- I gave Brett  
19 O'Donnell the person at the party headquarters, the  
20 State GOP headquarters who is was responsible for  
21 the debates.

22 Q. And why did you do that?

23 A. Because I was asked to do it.

24 Q. Okay, and what did you understand Brett's

1 role in reaching out to them would be?

2 A. I -- I mean, to talk to them about the  
3 debates.

4 Q. Okay, and as in get logistics from them or  
5 as in negotiate formats, or talk about questions;  
6 do you have any sentence of what Brett was going to  
7 do?

8 A. Yes. I mean, I think it had some -- there  
9 was something to do with formatting yes.

10 Q. Okay. Next e-mail I want to show you this  
11 is PBDB 60, bottom e-mail on Page 1, e-mail from  
12 Teddy Norton writing, "Carrie doesn't need December  
13 9th (unintelligible), are we good to confirm JC's  
14 debate."

15 A. Uh-huh.

16 Q. Then in response to that, Josh Findlay  
17 writes, "[REDACTED] said that we can use the conference  
18 room in his office all day on the 9th," so this  
19 would have been November 9th -- or actually  
20 December 9th, "For debate prep if we want it."

21 Do you recall if JC's debate took place?

22 A. It did not.

23 Q. It did not? Did a prep session for that  
24 debate take place?

1 A. Not to my knowledge.

2 Q. Not to your knowledge, okay.

3 MR. SOLIS: So the -- just so we're clear,  
4 this is in the conference room in your office,  
5 right?

6 A. At J. Russell & Associates.

7 MR. SOLIS: At J. Russell Associates?

8 BY MR. MORGAN:

9 Q. Here -- here in Athens?

10 A. Correct.

11 MR. SOLIS: So you don't know whether or  
12 not in your own office, there was a debate prep on  
13 December 9th --

14 A. No, I don't.

15 MR. SOLIS: -- 2013?

16 A. No.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. You don't recall it?

19 A. I don't recall there being one, no.

20 Q. Okay.

21 MR. SOLIS: That was only about six months  
22 ago.

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Do you recall the JC's debate being

1 canceled?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you recall that?

4 A. Absolutely. I know that was canceled  
5 because I was the one that was in touch with the  
6 JC's.

7 Q. Okay. Was it canceled right before or a  
8 couple of weeks in advance?

9 A. No, it was canceled -- it was canceled --  
10 there were multiple attempts to host the debate and  
11 then they couldn't get the people to come.

12 Q. Okay.

13 MR. SOLIS: Is this something you  
14 frequently do, you clear out your office and, you  
15 know, a client you're working with, a campaign, and  
16 of them conduct a prep session in your office?

17 A. They're welcome to do that.

18 MR. SOLIS: Is it something you have done  
19 in the past?

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. SOLIS: How often do you do that?

22 A. I mean, I'm only in my first year of  
23 business so, I mean, there's -- I mean, there's no  
24 really -- I don't have a number to put on that.

1 MR. SOLIS: When is the lasts time you did  
2 that?

3 A. The last time I did that was one of the  
4 last debates Dr. Broun was in, but that wasn't even  
5 a prep session. He had notes and he was studying  
6 them in my conference room.

7 MR. SOLIS: Who else was there?

8 A. I don't recall anyone else being there. It  
9 may have not even been the last debate. I  
10 don't -- the answer is I do not recall. There  
11 was --

12 BY MR. MORGAN:

13 Q. Well, we have some more documents we will  
14 take you through --

15 A. Sure.

16 Q. -- to see if you recall in any of the  
17 specific instances.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. This is PBN 125. I want you to take the  
20 time to look through this. This is --

21 A. Starting on Page 2?

22 Q. No, it's starting on Page 3 -- well, this  
23 is a request from Georgia public Broadcasting.

24 A. Uh-huh.

1 Q. They were doing a get to know the candidate  
2 piece on December -- that was gonna be filmed on  
3 December 19, 2013. Do you recall that?

4 A. Okay. Let me -- can I read this a second  
5 before --

6 Q. Yes, definitely. This is a little broken  
7 up in the format so --

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. The relevant e-mail I want to call your  
10 attention to is on the first page.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. It's sort of in the middle of the page,  
13 it's from David Bowser where he says, "Yes," in  
14 response to Christine's question, "Are we okay to  
15 schedule this?" David Bowser writes, "Yes, but I  
16 want heavy Brett time beforehand."

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you recall that Georgia Public  
19 Broadcasting get to know the candidate --

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. -- piece?

22 A. No.

23 Q. You don't recall? Do you recall any  
24 preparation for that?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. All right. Moving onto this next  
3 e-mail, PBTN 129 --

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. -- this starts on Page 2 with an e-mail  
6 from Margaret -- Margaret Williamson with the Tea  
7 Party of Gillmore County --

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. -- saying that there was some confusion  
10 about their event being scheduled on the same day  
11 as the Kenneth Saw, I think GOP Senate debate?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. On the first page there -- well, David  
14 Bowser reaches out to Brett O'Donnell saying,  
15 "Brett, what do you think? Although we told them  
16 we cannot do both, I'm leaning towards doing this  
17 forum with the second GOP -- Georgia GOP debate  
18 that evening. Want your thoughts." Brett  
19 responds, "Will be good warm-up and it's our crowd.  
20 Do both." You were cc'ed on these e-mails.

21 What was -- what was Brett's role here?  
22 Why was he advising on whether or not it would be  
23 good to do both debates? Was that the type of  
24 advice he would regularly provide?

1       A.    I mean, there was communication among  
2       several different people.  I don't know why he was  
3       consulted on this.  I was copied on the e-mail, I  
4       can only imagine, because it was in Georgia and I  
5       would be responsible for making sure that there  
6       were people at both events.

7       Q.    Okay.  I am going to show you the document,  
8       this is PBDB 25, the second page is -- well, we  
9       will start here.  This is a calendar item from  
10      Teddy Norton's calendar, subject is, "Prep with  
11      Brett for debate," location is Jamestown  
12      Associates, January 10, 2014 from 11:30 to 1:00  
13      p.m.

14      A.    Uh-huh.

15      Q.    Do you recall this -- what debate this  
16      related to during this time, around January 10th of  
17      2014?  On the first page, there's some discussion  
18      of prepping Representative Broun to respond to gay  
19      marriage questions.

20      A.    I don't remember what debate this would be.

21      Q.    Okay.  What -- when -- if debate  
22      preparation sessions were held in DC, do you recall  
23      being involved in any of those --

24      A.    No.

1 Q. -- debate preparation sessions?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. I am going to show you this  
4 document. This is PBTN 135 -- or go to the back  
5 here.

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. On 141, calendar item from Teddy Norton's  
8 calendar, "Debate prep, [REDACTED]'s office,"  
9 January 31, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., organizer  
10 Paul Broun; required attendees were listed as  
11 Christine Hardman and then PB campaign, legal -- or  
12 campaign calendar, Gmail.com.

13 So this -- and then if you look at the  
14 e-mail communications on the front here, Teddy  
15 Norton e-mails Brett, "Hey, Brett, we've set aside  
16 2:00 to 4:30 for PB to debate -- debate prep for  
17 you while he is in Athens. Christine will be with  
18 him. Want him to Skype you in?"

19 Do you recall this debate prep session? It  
20 appears that it occurred in your office?

21 A. Yeah, and my office has Skype capability.

22 Q. Do you recall this session?

23 A. But I don't recall, no.

24 Q. Did you -- did you attend any debate

1 preparation sessions in your office? Were any of  
2 those sessions held in your office; do you recall  
3 any?

4 A. Yeah, there were debate prep sessions held  
5 in my office.

6 Q. In your office? Okay. How many do you  
7 recall being held in your office with regards to  
8 the 2014 campaign?

9 A. There's no -- I don't know.

10 Q. Was it more than one session?

11 A. I -- there's no record. I mean, yeah, more  
12 than one but I don't know how many.

13 Q. Could we say more than five?

14 A. No, I mean, very few --

15 Q. Very few?

16 A. -- that I can recall.

17 Q. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell being  
18 involved in those sessions?

19 A. No.

20 MR. SOLIS: Has Brett O'Donnell ever been  
21 to your office?

22 A. No.

23 MR. SOLIS: Never?

24 A. Never.

1 BY MR. MORGAN:

2 Q. So here, when it talks about Skyping him in  
3 or putting him on speaker, you don't recall if that  
4 happened?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. I mean, I didn't -- that was a follow-up to  
7 his question?

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. Do you recall him ever being Skyped in  
10 or --

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. -- conference called in to a debate  
13 session --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- in your office?

16 A. No -- well, I remember him being Skyped in  
17 one time and it was for --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- that I can remember, and that had to do  
20 with some preparation for a New York Times  
21 interview.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That's the only thing -- the only time that  
24 I can firmly recall him being Skyped into my

1 office.

2 Q. What about conference called in?

3 A. I don't recall him being conference called  
4 in.

5 Q. Okay.

6 MR. SOLIS: And -- and just so -- you know,  
7 you recall the one time he was Skyped in --

8 A. Right.

9 MR. SOLIS: -- you said it was about a New  
10 York Times piece.

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. SOLIS: I mean, the first page of this  
13 e-mail Bryson referenced where it says, "Debate  
14 prep, January 31, your office, Skype," is there any  
15 chance that -- that Brett O'Donnell was Skyped in  
16 to also discuss debate prep on that day?

17 A. I don't know the answer to that.

18 MR. SOLIS: You don't?

19 A. I'm just telling you what I firmly can  
20 recall.

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

22 BY MR. MORGAN:

23 Q. Okay. I think we will -- do you recall an  
24 NFIB Senate candidate forum --

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- on or about February 18, 2014?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. I am going to show you, this is a PBTN 45.  
5 It's a calendar item from Teddy Norton's calendar,  
6 "Called for debate prep." Were you involved in  
7 prepping Representative Broun for that forum?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Were you aware of there being a preparation  
10 session for that forum?

11 A. Not that I recall.

12 Q. Okay. I am going to show you another  
13 document. This is PBTN 146, subject here is,  
14 "Debate prep, Skyping with Brett, February 21,  
15 2014, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m." do you recall this debate  
16 preparation session? It says "skyping." Do you  
17 recall if this occurred in your office?

18 A. No, I don't.

19 Q. You don't recall?

20 A. No.

21 Q. This would have been the day before the  
22 Georgia Republican Senate debate.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. Does that refresh your recollection at all?

1 A. No, I'm sorry, it doesn't.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. The only one that -- the only time I  
4 remember, I can tell you that he was Skyped in was  
5 the one I told you about previously.

6 MR. SOLIS: Do you remember what that New  
7 York Times piece was about?

8 A. I don't. I don't. I just remember New  
9 York Times.

10 BY MR. MORGAN:

11 Q. Was Brett O'Donnell involved in -- in  
12 campaign messaging, that you recall?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Let's make sure we get those -- those  
15 instances. What do you recall about his role in  
16 the campaign messaging?

17 A. The campaign messaging was, you know,  
18 the --

19 Q. You already talked about the 2013  
20 Convention speech and the February 2013  
21 announcement speech, but beyond those two  
22 instances, what do you -- what do you recall Brett  
23 O'Donnell involvement in the messaging to be?

24 A. Nothing specific.

1 Q. Nothing specific?

2 Would he provide talking points to  
3 Representative Broun, to your knowledge?

4 A. Not to my knowledge -- not that I can  
5 recall.

6 Q. Okay. What do you recall?

7 A. I mean, nothing. He's just cc'ed on a lot  
8 of e-mails. I mean, I --

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. -- or, no, I am cc'ed on a lot of e-mails  
11 or he is. I mean, there's no -- I can't point to  
12 anything.

13 MR. SOLIS: How could he be involved in  
14 campaign messaging as you say if he's only cc'ed on  
15 e-mails? Wouldn't he have to provide some input to  
16 be -- to get involved in messaging?

17 A. I mean, I -- there's -- I can -- I cannot  
18 tell you, sitting here, any specific circumstance  
19 where I can recall him being involved in messaging  
20 strategy. I mean, he would -- he would advise  
21 different things to say in debates and things  
22 like that but --

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Okay.

1 MR. SOLIS: Well, Bryson asked you if he's  
2 involved in messaging, and you said yes.

3 A. Yes.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. And so what do you mean? One instance of  
6 that, one thing you recall is him advising  
7 Representative Broun of what to say in debates?  
8 You just said that. Is that --

9 A. I was not part of those -- if you will  
10 rename e-mails, I mean, that would -- that's all I  
11 know. All I know is what I have given you in my  
12 e-mails.

13 Q. To be clear --

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. -- do you recall any instances in which  
16 Brett O'Donnell was involved in preparing or  
17 reviewing debates -- preparing for debates or  
18 reviewing debates with Representative Broun?

19 A. No.

20 Q. You don't recall any specific instances?

21 A. No. Sometimes he would ask for a video of  
22 the debate and that would be, again, given and  
23 that's -- that's all I know of it.

24 Q. Who would he ask for a video?

1       A.    Again, it's in my e-mails.  I don't recall  
2    who that would be.

3       Q.    Okay, but you -- other than seeing it in  
4    your e-mails, do you recall that happening?

5       A.    Recall what happening?

6       Q.    Him asking for videos of debates?

7       A.    Just via e-mail.

8       Q.    Okay.

9       A.    Yeah.

10      Q.    Just via e-mail.  Were you involved at all  
11    in the campaign -- the finances of the campaign?

12      A.    No.

13      Q.    No, okay.  Would you describe the campaign  
14    as short on funds or having plenty of funds?

15      A.    Short on funds.

16      Q.    Do you recall there being any newspaper  
17    articles in around July 2013, raising some  
18    questions about Representative Broun's relationship  
19    with Brett O'Donnell?

20            This is -- this would have been earlier  
21    than -- than the articles that came out in the  
22    spring?

23      A.    There was some -- there was some article,  
24    but I don't recall anything beyond what you just

1 said. It was just those two.

2 Q. Okay. Were you involved in any  
3 conversations at any point with anybody on the  
4 campaign or in the Congressional office about the  
5 permissibility of Brett O'Donnell's relationship  
6 with Representative Broun?

7 A. No.

8 Q. No, okay. Were you involved at all with  
9 any or did you hear any talk of -- of discussions  
10 with the Ethics Committee or the committee on  
11 Administration or any other body in Congress about  
12 the permissibility of the Congressional office's  
13 relationship with Brett O'Donnell?

14 A. No. I got your guys letter about 10 days  
15 ago, yes.

16 Q. All right.

17 A. Is that what you're talking about?

18 Q. Well, no, I mean, besides that.

19 A. No.

20 Q. Okay. I think those are all the questions  
21 I have.

22 MR. SOLIS: How was Brett O'Donnell paid,  
23 either by the Congressional or by the campaign?

24 A. I do not know.

1 MR. SOLIS: Did you ever have any  
2 discussions with anybody about how Brett O'Donnell  
3 was paid?

4 A. No.

5 MR. SOLIS: Either before or after the news  
6 articles started to mention this?

7 A. No, not that I can recall, no.

8 BY MR. MORGAN:

9 Q. Did you have any conversations with David  
10 Bowser about Brett O'Donnell after -- after the  
11 news articles broke, that you recall?

12 A. Just that -- I mean, obviously, as a  
13 campaign, we wanted to know -- okay, let  
14 me -- there -- how was -- I mean, he was -- it was  
15 just that he was a person who worked on our  
16 official side, if that's what you're talking about.

17 MR. SOLIS: Okay. I'm -- my -- I'm just  
18 asking what you know about how he was paid.

19 A. I don't know anything about how he was  
20 paid. I know he works on the official side.

21 MR. SOLIS: Okay.

22 A. That's the extent.

23 MR. SOLIS: And so you understood Brett  
24 O'Donnell's work as far as, you know, Bryson went

1 down the list that you mentioned to us of things he  
2 has done for the campaign, and you understood that  
3 to be what, volunteering?

4 A. Volunteering, yeah.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. But you didn't know -- did you know that he  
7 wasn't being paid by the campaign? Did you know  
8 did you have knowledge of whether or not he was  
9 being paid by anybody?

10 A. Did I know whether or not he was being paid  
11 by --

12 Q. Well, how did you know he was a volunteer?

13 A. Because he's -- because when the news  
14 articles broke, it was made clear that he was a  
15 part of the official side. So obviously, anybody  
16 that's doing anything campaign, would be  
17 volunteering.

18 MR. SOLIS: What about before that, before  
19 the news articles? How would you know he's a  
20 volunteer?

21 A. Because it was -- it was made clear that  
22 was a part of the official side.

23 BY MR. MORGAN:

24 Q. Yeah, I think we saw that in the -- in that

1 first e-mail we showed you, but I'm just saying you  
2 assumed he -- when he was doing campaign work he  
3 was volunteering, but you didn't have -- I just  
4 want to be clear. Did you have knowledge of how he  
5 was being paid or who was paying him?

6 A. No.

7 Q. You didn't? Okay.

8 A. No.

9 Q. So you -- when you say you think he was  
10 volunteering, that's just based on --

11 A. Based on --

12 Q. -- what you assumed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. All right. All right. I think --

15 MR. SOLIS: Have you talked to anybody  
16 about the fact that you would be speaking with us  
17 today?

18 A. Yeah. I mean, I talked to Josh about it a  
19 little bit just because I didn't know, quite  
20 honestly, how to configure the e-mails the way that  
21 y'all wanted them and I wanted to make sure it was  
22 appropriately.

23 MR. SOLIS: What about Representative  
24 Broun?

1 A. No.

2 MR. SOLIS: Brett O'Donnell?

3 A. No.

4 MR. SOLIS: All right.

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. I think those are all the questions we  
7 have. Is there anything you would like to State  
8 for the record or share with us that you think  
9 would be helpful?

10 A. I don't think so.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I have given you everything I think that  
13 you requested so --

14 Q. Okay. Well, I think we will go ahead and  
15 finish the recording then.

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# **EXHIBIT 69**

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**RE: Debate Prep**

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[redacted]@odacomunications.com <[redacted]@odacomunications.com> Sun, Jul 1, 2012 at 3:00 PM  
To: Meredith Griffanti <[redacted]@gmail.com>, "[redacted]@aol.com" <[redacted]@aol.com>, David Bowser <[redacted]@yahoo.com>, Jessica Morris <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[redacted]@aol.com>

I made a few edits. They are noted by track changes in the doc.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Debate Prep  
From: Meredith Griffanti <[redacted]@gmail.com>  
Date: Sun, July 01, 2012 2:13 pm  
To: Brett ODonnell <[redacted]@odacomunications.com>, "[redacted]@aol.com" <[redacted]@aol.com>, David Bowser <[redacted]@yahoo.com>, Jessica Morris <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[redacted]@aol.com>

Hello all -

I am attaching Dr. Broun's debate talkers (that I will print out and bring down) with me as well as some top line news clips for the Athens area.

See you soon!

Meredith

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# **EXHIBIT 70**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012 2:50 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting room

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Any ETA?

On Jul 10, 2012, at 2:00 PM, Norton, Teddie wrote:

> Yes- the finance conference room. He will probably be there a little late (2:45) but otherwise should be fine.

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> Teddie Norton

> Director of Operations

> Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

> Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]

> Fax: (202) 226-0776

> [www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]

> Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 2:00 PM

> To: Norton, Teddie

> Subject: Meeting room

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> Teddie

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> Do you know what meeting room at NRCC we've been assigned

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> Sent from my iPhone

# **EXHIBIT 71**

## **Norton, Teddie**

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:37 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: next week

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Ok great- I've requested a room at the NRCC and I will let you know which one it is once they assign it.

Have a great 4th!

-Teddie

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [[\[REDACTED\]@odacomcommunications.com](mailto: [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:33 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: next week

Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2012, at 1:53 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Could we do 2-3:30 on Tuesday?

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
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Fax: (202) 226-0776  
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From: [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 1:16 PM  
To: Norton, Teddie  
Subject: RE: next week

Hi Teddie,

I'm wide open on Tuesday, on wednesday I'm free until 10:30 and then between 1-4 and I'm out of town on Thursday.

Brett

----- Original Message -----

Subject: next week

From: "Norton, Teddie" <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov <mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov>

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Date: Tue, July 03, 2012 9:20 am

To: "Brett ODonnell" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>

Hey Brett-

Dr. Broun wants to set up about 90 minutes next week to go over both debates. What days/times are better for you- Tuesday to Thursday?

-Teddie

Teddie Norton  
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# **EXHIBIT 72**

**Re: Campaign Conference Call**

1 - 10/14/13

Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> Thu, Nov 14, 2013 at 5:50 PM  
To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
Cc: Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, "[REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com" <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, "[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>

Works for me. Brett

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2013, at 5:44 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

How about 1 pm, anyone have a conflict at 1 pm tomorrow? Apologies for the last minute notice, but the boss' schedule has been packed lately with a lot of moving pieces...

**From:** Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>; "[REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; "[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com" <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>; "[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>; "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; "[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>; "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; "[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>  
**Cc:** Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 5:42 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Conference Call

I have a conflict. I would need at least a delay until 10:30.

**From:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 04:24 PM Central Standard Time  
**To:** Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; Brian Tringali; Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@JamestownAssociates.com>; Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>; Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>; Guy Short <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; Christine Hardman

Subject: Campaign Conference Call

Team - first, I'd like to welcome two key new team members: Jason Miller from Jamestown Associates is our new media consultant (replacing Nelson Warfield) and as many of you know, Josh Findlay is back for another Paul Broun campaign, this time as our on the ground campaign manager. We are lucky to have both of them bolster our team! Attached is an updated campaign contact spreadsheet, as always, please keep it private.

I'd like to do a core team conference call, no need for fundraisers, research, compliance, etc etc...would anyone have a scheduling conflict tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 am? If not, Josh will setup the conf call and send the information.

Tentative Agenda:

- Opponents
- Direct Mail - first piece and next
- Messaging & earned media
- New Media
- Debates
- Field report
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# **EXHIBIT 73**

## **TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE BROUN'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER**

1 MR. MORGAN: Speaking is Bryson Morgan,  
2 Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics. I'm joined here with Paul  
4 Solis, Investigative Counsel with the Office of  
5 Congressional Ethics, and we are here with [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED] on June 20th, 2014.

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8 Q. So Mr. [REDACTED], we've already gone over the  
9 False Statements Act and its application but -- so,  
10 first we want to ask you just some questions,  
11 general back -- background questions. So what is  
12 your -- what was your first position with  
13 Representative Broun or -- or one of his elections  
14 campaigns?

15 A. In 2007, I was an intern in the  
16 congressional office.

17 Q. Okay. In Washington, D.C.?

18 A. No, no. In the district office.

19 Q. In the district office.

20 A. I started in either August or September.

21 Q. Okay. How long did you serve as an intern?

22 A. Until about February of 2008.

23 Q. Okay. What was the next position you had  
24 with Representative Broun?

1 A. I started interning on his campaign.

2 Q. Okay. When did you start interning on his  
3 campaign?

4 A. About February 2008.

5 Q. Okay. And then how long were you an intern  
6 on his campaign?

7 A. I interned until that summer sometime, and  
8 they started paying me to work on the campaign.

9 Q. Okay. I want to make sure I get the  
10 timeline correct here. Do you -- do you know when  
11 Representative Broun was first elected to Congress?

12 A. He was elected in a special election in  
13 2007.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. And so after he was elected, they opened  
16 the district office here.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. That's when I started interning.

19 Q. So the next year, 2008, you went right into  
20 an additional election?

21 A. Yeah. I mean, it was the regular election  
22 cycle.

23 Q. Regular. Okay. And then what -- you  
24 started being paid by the campaign in summer 2008.

1 How long did you -- you work with the campaign?

2 A. Until the general election ended in  
3 November of 2008.

4 Q. Okay. And then your next position with --  
5 with Representative Broun or his campaign?

6 A. Was in 2012 --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- for that election cycle.

9 Q. What was your title in 2012?

10 A. Political director, I guess.

11 Q. And were you based here out of Athens?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. So let's talk about the 2012  
14 campaign. Who -- other than yourself, who was --  
15 who were the staffers of the campaign?

16 A. There was Jordan Chinouth who was the  
17 campaign manager --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. -- and we had two staffers below us, Kelsie  
20 and Shay and I'm not remembering their last names.

21 Q. What were their roles?

22 A. They were just like office staff. I mean,  
23 they kind of helped with answering phones and  
24 emails and you know, going to events.

1 Q. Okay. Were you involved in the 2014 senate  
2 campaign?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What was your role in that campaign?

5 A. Campaign manager.

6 Q. Okay. Who else was involved?

7 A. So Jordan Chinouth was kind of like -- he  
8 didn't have an official title but I guess he was  
9 like a political consultant. He organized the --  
10 like our county coordinators basically. David  
11 Heenan was Dr. Broun's bodyman.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And then there was a bunch of different  
14 people in like Washington, D.C. but that was it on  
15 the ground here.

16 Q. On the ground.

17 BY MR. SOLIS:

18 Q. When did you start that role for the senate  
19 campaign?

20 A. Officially in October of 2013 but they  
21 didn't like really do an email introduction of me  
22 to the staff until November.

23 Q. And the role that you were hired on was  
24 campaign manager, and you stayed on that role

1 throughout the campaign?

2 A. Yes.

3 BY MR. MORGAN:

4 Q. Is that your current position?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay. What is your current position?

7 A. Unemployed, I mean, campaign is over.

8 Didn't make it past the primary, so I don't have a  
9 current position.

10 Q. Okay. What were your duties as campaign  
11 manager in 2014?

12 A. So basically, I made sure everything ran  
13 smoothy in Georgia. I mean, we were very  
14 underfunded, so we didn't have a staff. So I did  
15 everything from answer the phones and the emails to  
16 make sure that volunteers had their supplies to you  
17 know, make sure we had volunteers at events. I  
18 mean, mostly, I was -- just made sure everything  
19 went smoothy in Georgia.

20 Q. Okay. But you said the campaign was  
21 underfunded?

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. Can you got into -- did that -- was there a  
24 strain on resources or a strain on the ability to

1 hire staffers?

2 A. I mean, yeah. You can look at the  
3 financial -- I mean, running a senate campaign with  
4 two paid people on the ground in the state is just  
5 really hard to do. I mean, we were -- by on  
6 volunteers the whole time, you know. We had unpaid  
7 college interns trying to do stuff and volunteers  
8 all of the state, and it's just hard to run a  
9 senate race that way.

10 BY MR. SOLIS:

11 Q. And who were the paid people? It was you  
12 and Jordan?

13 A. David Heenan. I guess Jordan was paid also  
14 to do the organizing, but he wasn't like on the  
15 campaign staff.

16 BY MR. MORGAN:

17 Q. He was a consultant?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. So the two paid staffers were you and --  
20 and Mr. Heenan?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And then who -- who handled the  
23 communications aspect of the campaign?

24 A. Mostly Christine Hardman.

1 Q. Okay. And she is in the Washington, D.C.  
2 congressional office?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. Okay. Anybody else involved in the  
5 communications aspects?

6 A. David Bowser.

7 Q. David Bowser, and his role is?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Do you know his position? Chief of staff?

10 A. Chief of staff, yes.

11 Q. In the congressional office?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Who was involved in drafting speeches for  
14 the campaign?

15 A. Dr. Broun mostly did a lot of that himself.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I know his wife helped a lot of with -- she  
18 gave him a lot of notes.

19 Q. Were there people who were involved in  
20 editing or providing feedback to him on those?

21 A. Yeah, I mean, he had a lot of people that  
22 he listened to. We -- there was not like a  
23 traditional campaign structure on this campaign.

24 Q. Okay.

1           A.     There was like -- he had a lot of  
2 volunteers who had his cell phone number who would  
3 call him like the day of the debate and you know,  
4 you'd show up and there'd be a new line in there  
5 and he knew which volunteer it came from. You  
6 know, his wife was doing the same thing, David  
7 Bowser, Christine. He had kind of a lot of people  
8 he confided in and I guess grabbed the best of  
9 those -- whatever he liked the best and put it into  
10 his speeches.

11          Q.     Okay. What about -- let's talk about Brett  
12 O'Donnell.

13          A.     Um-hmm.

14          Q.     When did you first become acquainted with  
15 him?

16          A.     Depends on what you mean by acquainted?

17          Q.     Okay.

18          A.     I have never like had a conversation with  
19 him --

20          Q.     Um-hmm.

21          A.     -- I've been on -- so the campaign kind of  
22 had what we called a multitude of counsels and what  
23 it was is like I said, it was this group of people  
24 that Dr. Broun confided in and you know, they would

1 be like group emails that would go out to this  
2 group --

3 Q. Um-hmm.

4 A. -- and so we were on this -- these emails  
5 together or you know, I don't even know that we  
6 were on a conference call together. If so, I don't  
7 recall it but so, I'm not -- depends on what you  
8 mean by acquainted. Like I'm familiar --

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. -- with him but I've never had a  
11 conversation with him or anything like that.

12 Q. Have you ever met him?

13 A. I have not.

14 Q. Have not met him?

15 A. No.

16 Q. What did you understand his role to be when  
17 he was being CC'd on emails, when he was perhaps on  
18 conference calls? What -- I would imagine you had  
19 a general sense of who's --

20 A. Right.

21 Q. -- who was on the email and why --

22 A. Um-hmm. Yeah.

23 Q. -- understanding?

24 A. He was one of these confidants that

1 Dr. Broun had.

2 BY MR. SOLIS:

3 Q. Who is in this multitude of counsels?

4 Could you name the people who were in this group?

5 A. Yeah. I mean, it ranged from generally  
6 like six to twelve people, all right. So like at  
7 the smallest, it would be Dr. Broun, Jordan, Bob  
8 Bibee, David Bowser --

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Who's Bob Bibee?

11 A. He was Dr. Broun's campaign manager in 2007  
12 and 2008 and then he got in a bad car wreck --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I guess not campaign manager. Campaign  
15 consultant.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. And then he got in a bad car wreck and so  
18 he was kind of around this time but not -- you  
19 know, not like for the grind of a campaign kind of  
20 thing.

21 Q. Okay. So who else was in that group?

22 A. Um, let's see. Jordan. Who did I say?  
23 Dr. Broun, Bob Bibe, Jordan, David Bowser, me at  
24 the end -- once they hired me -- Brian Tringali.

1 Q. What was -- who's Brian?

2 A. He was Dr. Broun's pollster.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And then sometimes there would be expanded  
5 emails that would go out to like a bigger group and  
6 that would include Guy Short, some people from  
7 Campaign Solutions. Brett O'Donnell was in this  
8 group.

9 Q. Would you consider Brett as part of the  
10 core group of confidants or counsels or the  
11 expanded group?

12 A. Expanded group.

13 Q. Okay. Do you have any -- do you have any  
14 knowledge about how Brett O'Donnell and  
15 Representative Broun's relationship came about?

16 A. I don't, no.

17 Q. Were you involved in any discussions  
18 regarding Brett O'Donnell being hired by -- by  
19 Representative Broun's congressional office?

20 A. No. This campaign started in February and  
21 I came on --

22 Q. February of?

23 A. Of 2013.

24 Q. 2013?

1           A.     Right.  That's when he announced, I think.  
2     So everyone was kind of in place.  I was like a  
3     very late addition.

4           Q.     Okay.

5           A.     So...

6           Q.     Did -- did Brett O'Donnell ever volunteer  
7     for the campaign?

8           A.     I mean, I don't know.  I'm not sure I  
9     understand that question.  Like he -- like I said,  
10    he was on those multitude of counsels emails.

11          Q.     But you don't know if he was doing that in  
12    a paid capacity or volunteer capacity?

13          A.     Well, he was not getting paid by the  
14    campaign.

15          Q.     Okay.

16          A.     So yeah, I mean, I guess he was  
17    volunteering.

18    BY MR. SOLIS:

19          Q.     When you say he was not getting paid by the  
20    campaign, did you know of any other source of  
21    income he was receiving?

22          A.     No, not until the news stories came out.

23                 MR. MORGAN:  Okay.

24                 MR. ██████████:  I guess that was in March.

1 BY MR. SOLIS:

2 Q. And just to -- just so I understand how you  
3 sort of came to know Brett O'Donnell was involved  
4 with Dr. Broun, one day you're just on a series of  
5 emails and you see his name or was there any sort of  
6 other introduction -- like the first moment you  
7 realized he had something to do with the campaign  
8 --

9 A. Yeah. So when I came in -- right, right.

10 Q. -- for Dr. Broun?

11 A. Right. So when I came in in October, it  
12 was -- so my role in 2012 was just strictly  
13 Georgia. Like I was -- everyone below me. You  
14 know, I barely even saw Dr. Broun.

15 MR. MORGAN: Um-hmm.

16 MR. [REDACTED]: When I came in this time,  
17 there was like a whole structure in place that I  
18 was copied on emails to, but I didn't really know  
19 who people were and like in October, Jordan was  
20 supposed to be my bridge but he spent a lot of time  
21 out of town. So I was basically just getting the  
22 office in order at that point, you know. So we did  
23 a formal introduction, I think it was November. It  
24 was like an email introduction, and it was kind of

1 just through that process of I'm getting copied on  
2 this stuff. I don't even know if I'm supposed to  
3 be doing anything yet but like Brett O'Donnell  
4 would show up on those emails and it was like he  
5 and I didn't really have interaction. So it was  
6 like I knew of him, but you know, just -- I knew  
7 him as the Brett O'Donnell who was on these emails  
8 who gives advice.

9 BY MR. MORGAN:

10 Q. Did you know what his expertise was or what  
11 his background was?

12 A. Like I said, not at first. Not until, you  
13 know, stuff started coming out --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- in the news and that sort of things.

16 Q. How -- how frequently did you -- were you  
17 CC'd on emails with Brett O'Donnell?

18 A. Decently frequently. Like whenever we'd do  
19 one of those bigger ones, you know, and it would  
20 depend on what was going on, but sometimes like two  
21 or three times a week, sometimes a couple of times  
22 a day. It would just kind of depend.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Like a lot of those emails were like, "This

1 came out in the news. Thoughts on this?" You  
2 know?

3 Q. Um-hmm.

4 A. And so you know, there'd be a lot of those  
5 back and forth about what thoughts are and things  
6 like that.

7 Q. So would he -- would he chime in with his  
8 -- his opinion on how to respond to events or?

9 A. Very rarely actually. He was like -- like  
10 I said, he was a minor -- he was in that expanded  
11 group. So he was kind of a minor --

12 Q. Um-hmm.

13 A. -- player. His would be like, "Sounds  
14 good," or "Let's do it," or you know, "Don't worry  
15 about it."

16 Q. Um-hmm.

17 A. You know, but usually he did not have like  
18 a lot of input, I guess.

19 Q. Do you -- do you remember any specific  
20 instances of his input?

21 A. I mean, yeah, he -- he would talk about  
22 messaging like --

23 Q. Yeah.

24 A. -- you know, there would be a news article

1 that would come out that was -- you know, and he'd  
2 say, "You know, let's hit them hard on this." I  
3 can't think of anything specific and then of  
4 course, when it came time to like around the  
5 debates, he would you know, have more to say about  
6 messaging then.

7 Q. Let's talk a little bit about debates.  
8 Were you involved in preparing Representative Broun  
9 for debates in 2012?

10 A. No.

11 Q. No. Do you recall -- from the documents  
12 we've received and gone through, it appears that  
13 there was a couple of debates with the -- Simpson  
14 --

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. -- who was the republican challenger in the  
17 2012 primary. Around late June or early July of  
18 2012, were you involved with the campaign at that  
19 time?

20 A. Yeah, would've been.

21 Q. Do you recall those debate? I think one  
22 was on WGAU radio. The other one was on June 22nd.  
23 I'm not sure where there was -- was located. Those  
24 sound familiar to you?

1           A.    Yeah, sound familiar.  I don't remember  
2 anything specific about them, but I do remember  
3 there were debates.

4           Q.    Okay.  Were you involved in preparing  
5 Representative Broun for debates in 2012?

6           A.    No.

7           Q.    Do you know who was?

8           A.    No, no idea.

9           Q.    Were you involved in -- did you attend  
10 those debates?

11          A.    I think I might have, but I don't remember  
12 to tell you the truth.  The only reason I think I  
13 might have is because if we had to have staff and  
14 volunteers there, I would have.

15          Q.    Okay.

16          A.    I think.

17          Q.    So your role in the debates would've been

18 --

19          A.    Put up signs outside.

20          Q.    Okay.

21 BY MR. SOLIS:

22          Q.    Who's responsible for prepping Dr. Broun  
23 for debates?

24          A.    Who is?

1 Q. Yeah.

2 MR. MORGAN: In 2012.

3 BY MR. SOLIS:

4 Q. In 2012?

5 BY MR. MORGAN:

6 Q. Yeah, who was?

7 A. I have no idea. Like I said, I was like I  
8 was very much managing myself and below. I had no  
9 idea what was going on above me really. I mean --

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. -- Jordan -- like a typical day in the  
12 office in 2012 was Jordan was locked in his room  
13 doing stuff and I was with the volunteers making  
14 phone calls and knocking doors and going to --  
15 getting people ready to go to events and stuff like  
16 that.

17 Q. Okay. Want to go through a few documents.  
18 See if it -- well, before I -- I do that. Did you  
19 ever go up to Washington, D.C., in connection with  
20 the 2012 campaign?

21 A. No.

22 Q. No? Okay. Okay. Going to 2014, were you  
23 involved in preparing Representative Broun for  
24 debates in 2014?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you know who was?

3 A. I don't -- I don't know that anybody really  
4 was. At least, I never saw anything. Like what  
5 would happen is we would schedule debate time for  
6 Dr. Broun --

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. -- and he would sit in the office and  
9 sometimes make phone calls, sometimes read over  
10 like, you know, notes or something like that but --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- there was not a lot of like actual  
13 debate prep going on that I know about.

14 Q. That you knew about? Okay. Well, we can  
15 go through some documents here, see if this helps  
16 refresh your recollection. 2014 -- this is from --  
17 I'll read the number at the bottom here for the  
18 record. This is PBTN97.

19 A. Um-hmm.

20 Q. Take a minute to review that.

21 A. Um-hmm.

22 Q. So this is an email chain that you were on.  
23 Starts on the back with an email from David Bowser,  
24 talking about for scheduling purposes, talking

1 about debates scheduled for looks like the fall of  
2 2013 and then on the first page there, you see  
3 Brett O'Donnell responds to David Bowser, writing,  
4 "We need a debate and forum calender started with  
5 contact info, so I can help negotiate formats and  
6 we can track," and then I think it's -- it's --  
7 it's after that that you're brought into the loop  
8 --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. -- with an email from Teddie Norton. Do  
11 you know if Brett O'Donnell had a role in -- what  
12 -- what do you think this means when he says, "So I  
13 can negotiate formats and we can track?"

14 A. Yeah, I mean, like I said I know he helped  
15 organize stuff. Um --

16 Q. When you say organize stuff, can you be a  
17 little bit more specific?

18 A. Sure. So when we -- like when these group  
19 emails were go around right and there would be talk  
20 about a debate coming up, right, he was one of the  
21 people that put in input in like, you know, how the  
22 debate would be --

23 Q. As in the format of the debate?

24 A. Sometimes. Like I know he was the contact.

1 He talked to the state party about format of the  
2 debate.

3 Q. Okay.

4 BY MR. SOLIS:

5 Q. And how do you know that?

6 A. Because it was on one of those email  
7 chains.

8 BY MR. MORGAN:

9 Q. Okay. So did he -- did he have a certain  
10 format for debate that he preferred and he was  
11 trying to help negotiate -- get to that place -- a  
12 certain that he thought was best for Representative  
13 Broun?

14 A. I don't think so. I think he was just  
15 finding out what it was.

16 Q. Finding out the setup?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. And why -- why would he be in that role?

19 A. 'Cause he knows about debates.

20 Q. Okay. All right. Show you another email.

21 This is PBTN95.

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. So here -- this appears to be what you're  
24 talking about, a few different people. Jordan

1 Chinouth, David Bowser. Gov Bob, is that Bob  
2 Bibee?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. And Teddie Norton --

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. -- Brian Tringali are on this email. What  
7 -- on the first page here, you have Brett O'Donnell  
8 chiming in saying -- he says, "I agree," in  
9 response to Brian Tringali's email in which he  
10 says, "I think we pubically say this is not enough,  
11 and they need to begin earlier."

12 A. Um-hmm.

13 Q. So do you recall anything surrounding the  
14 circumstances of this email? It appears that maybe  
15 there was -- there's a proposed debate schedule put  
16 out by the Georgia GOP and it looks like the  
17 messaging response to that was that it was not  
18 enough debates. Do you have -- does this bring  
19 anything to mind? Do you recall this messaging or  
20 there being some discussion --

21 A. Um.

22 Q. -- about there not being enough debates?

23 A. I don't. I remember when we first came on  
24 -- I don't remember when exactly the Georgia GOP

1 announced their debate schedule, but I remember  
2 when we first came on, we were talking about  
3 wanting to get a lot of debates because thought Dr.  
4 Broun's strength would be him talking to people.

5 Q. Okay. Do you recall if there ended up  
6 being a campaign messaging criticizing the number  
7 of debates being too few? Did that end up  
8 happening? Was that part of the message?

9 A. No. Because when they actually came out  
10 with the schedule, they scheduled a ton of debates.  
11 I think we had like six --

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. -- and they were pretty much every two  
14 weeks and that seemed kind of excessive actually.

15 Q. Okay. All right. Well, I want next --  
16 take these -- some documents here. I'll talk about  
17 specific debates.

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. This is PBDB0060, and it starts -- you  
20 know, on the first to second page with an email  
21 from Teddie Norton saying he -- you know, "We are  
22 good to confirm the Jaycee's debate" --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. -- then he asks, "What do we need to

1 arrange that day for prep?" Do you recall the  
2 Jaycees debate?

3 A. That debate did not happen.

4 Q. Okay. The next email on that chain is I  
5 think jkjel2@gmail. Is that your email?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You're emailing Jordan Chinouth and David  
8 Bowser -- Teddie Norton CC'ing Jordan and David  
9 saying, "Jordan said that we can use the conference  
10 room in his office all day on the 9th for debate  
11 prep if we wanted. He will clear out the office  
12 except for Team Broun, a couple of other people."  
13 Do you recall if that debate preparation session  
14 happened?

15 A. It did not happen.

16 Q. Okay. Does Jordan have an office here in  
17 Athens?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Is that at Jamestown --

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. -- Associates? Is that his firm? Okay.

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. Okay. So that debate did not happen. Next  
24 document I want to take you through is PBTN0125,

1 and I'll let you review these few pages here.

2 This, I think, refers to a "Georgia Public  
3 Broadcasting Get to Know the Candidates" piece --

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. -- it was filmed in -- in December of 2013  
6 --

7 A. Right.

8 Q. -- in Atlanta --

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. There is sort of on the middle of the page  
11 one, an email from David Bowser where he writes,  
12 you know, "Yes." He's basically saying, "Yes, we  
13 are okay to schedule this, but I want heavy Brett  
14 time beforehand."

15 A. Um-hmm.

16 Q. Do you recall that Georgia Public  
17 Broadcasting "Get to Know the Candidates" piece?

18 A. Vaguely. What I mean is like I did not go  
19 to it. I remember that it was scheduled, and I  
20 remember some circumstances about that day, but  
21 Dr. Broun was not in the office I don't think at  
22 all that day. He was with his bodyman, David  
23 Heenan.

24 Q. Okay --

1 BY MR. SOLIS:

2 Q. What do you remember about that day?

3 A. Basically that. I remember that it was  
4 scheduled. I remember that he was with his  
5 bodyman, David Heenan and I think he had lunch with  
6 his daughter who lives in Atlanta that day. I  
7 remember that for some reason -- the reason I  
8 remember it is because for some reason he didn't  
9 want David Heenan to go into the debate with him,  
10 so wanted like David to sit out in the car and we  
11 had this group discussion about whether David  
12 Heenan should go in and film it which he ended up  
13 doing.

14 BY MR. MORGAN:

15 Q. Why did he film it?

16 A. 'Cause we filmed everything he did. We  
17 tried to get everything that he did on film.

18 Q. Okay. Do you recall if there were any  
19 preparation sessions --

20 A. I don't --

21 Q. -- for that?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell being in  
24 anyway involved in -- in preparing Representative

1 Broun for that?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Let's go to the next email I want to show  
4 you. This is PBTN0129. This is starts -- the  
5 email chain starts on page two with an email from  
6 Margaret Williamson who is with the Tea Party of Gilmer  
7 County --

8 A. Right.

9 Q. She's basically -- she's saying here that  
10 it appears that their debate will occur on the same  
11 day as the state GOP debate. So there was some  
12 discussion -- David Bowser writes to -- to Brett  
13 saying, "Brett, what do you think? Although we  
14 told them we cannot do both, I'm leaning towards  
15 doing this forum with the second Georgia GOP debate  
16 that evening. Want your thoughts." Brett  
17 responds, "Would be good warmup, and it's our  
18 crowd. Do both." You know, ultimately, at the  
19 top, David Bowser says, "Talk to PB, wants to do  
20 all three." So he wanted to do this breakfast and  
21 two debates.

22 A. Um-hmm.

23 Q. Was this -- I see this is -- your CC'd on  
24 this, [REDACTED]@hotmail.com. That is another

1 email account you had?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Was it -- was it common, was this typical  
4 for Brett to -- to chime in on whether or not  
5 Representative Broun should participate in a  
6 debate?

7 A. Um-hmm. Yeah.

8 Q. That was common?

9 A. Yeah. He chimed in on everything, but yes,  
10 definitely on debates it was common.

11 Q. Okay.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Would his recommendations be or suggestions  
14 be followed?

15 A. Depends. Not 100 percent of the time.

16 Q. But sometimes?

17 A. Sometimes, yeah.

18 BY MR. MORGAN:

19 Q. Take you through the next document here.

20 This is PBDB0025, bottom -- this appears to be --  
21 if you look at -- I gave you the next page as well.  
22 If you look at PBTN0133, the second page there,  
23 it's a calender item from Teddie Norton's calender.  
24 Subject is, "Prep with Brett for debate." Location

1 is listed as Jamestown Associates conference room.  
2 This is on January 10, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. through  
3 1:00 p.m. Organizer is Paul Broun, required  
4 attendees David Bowser and Christine Hardman. Do  
5 you recall if this -- the email on this first page  
6 which was that same day is an email from Christine  
7 Hardman to David Bowser referring to some  
8 anticipated questions about gay marriage.  
9 Christine Hardman writes, "Yes. He'll be good on  
10 this. Brett -- Brett was asking him the tough  
11 questions on this and we discussed answers for  
12 awhile." So it appears that this session did take  
13 place and in that session, they discussed gay  
14 marriage and how to respond to those questions and  
15 then it also appears that this session occurred  
16 here in Athens at Jamestown Associates. Do you  
17 recall this preparation session?

18 A. No. This -- Jamestown Associates is in  
19 Washington, D.C. That is Jason Miller's firm.

20 Q. That is Jason Miller's firm?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I think the -- what you're thinking of is  
24 the office part where Jordan's office is -- is that

1 Jamestown? No. It's Double Tree. Yeah. So  
2 Jamestown is in Washington, D.C.

3 Q. Okay. In Washington, D.C.

4 BY MR. SOLIS:

5 Q. And whose firm is it?

6 A. Jason Miller.

7 BY MR. MORGAN:

8 Q. So I thought -- I asked you a little bit  
9 earlier, what is the name of Jordan Chinouth's  
10 firm?

11 A. The name of it is J. Russell and  
12 Associates.

13 Q. J. Russell and Associates?

14 A. Right, right.

15 Q. Okay. Okay. So you weren't involved in  
16 this debate preparation session?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. All right. Next document I want to  
19 take you through is another calender item. This is  
20 PBTN0134. Here, explicit -- says the location is  
21 D.C. but this is January 16, 2014 and it says,  
22 "Prep for debate with Michael Hall. Organizer Paul  
23 Broun. Required attendees David Bowser and  
24 Christine Hardman." Do you know who Michael Hall

1 is?

2 A. I don't.

3 Q. If I -- if I said he was a substitute for  
4 Brett O'Donnell, would that ring a bell that he was  
5 also an associate of Brett O'Donnell's who did  
6 debate preparation services? Does that at all  
7 sound familiar?

8 A. No.

9 Q. So you were not involved in this -- this  
10 preparation session?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Do you recall the republican -- the Georgia  
13 GOP Senate Debate on January 18th? Does that ring  
14 a bell?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I think -- well, I think you said there  
17 were -- there were like six debates?

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. Can you run me through which ones you  
20 recall?

21 A. Well, I recall all of them. I don't know  
22 if I'm going to get them all in right order but --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- there was one in Adel which was the

1 first one --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. The second one I believe was in Cobb County  
4 at Kennesaw state --

5 Q. Okay. Was that the one that was on the  
6 same day as that Gilmer County Tea Party debate?

7 A. Yes, yes.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The third one I want to say was in  
10 Gainesville. I think the fourth one was Savannah,  
11 the fifth one was Augusta and the sixth one was  
12 Columbus.

13 Q. And were these all -- these were all  
14 organized by the Georgia Republican Party?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. Which one do you recall was the one  
17 on the 18th?

18 A. The one -- the first one in January was in  
19 Adel definitely.

20 Q. Okay. This was the first one?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Okay. And this one that occurred on the  
23 18th here, not sure where that was located?

24 A. On January 18th?

1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. No. That was the one in Adel.

3 Q. That was the first --

4 A. That was the first.

5 Q. -- that was the very first one?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Okay. Were there any preparation sessions  
8 for Representative Broun here in the district or  
9 here in Georgia?

10 A. Not in Georgia.

11 Q. Okay. Do you recall who attended that  
12 debate with Representative Broun?

13 A. Yes. So I was down there, Niki Broun,  
14 Jordan and then we had David Heenan obviously was  
15 there and then we had some interns.

16 Q. Was David Bowser there?

17 A. David Bowser was not there.

18 Q. Do you recall if Christine Hardman was  
19 there?

20 A. I don't recall if she was at that debate.  
21 I don't think she was.

22 Q. Move on to the next document here. This is  
23 PBTN 1 -- 5. This is what appears to be on  
24 January 17, a debate preparation session with

1 Michael Hall. So this would've been the day before  
2 that first debate. Were you involved at all in  
3 this preparation session?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Okay. Move on to the next document here  
6 which is PBDB23. Do you recall an RJC, I guess,  
7 Jewish community Georgia senator job interview?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Does that ring a bell for you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What do you recall about it?

12 A. Almost nothing. I remember it was on a  
13 Sunday and David Heenan attended with Dr. Broun.

14 Q. So in these emails here, the email at the  
15 top here is from Brett O'Donnell to Julie Marsh,  
16 CC-ing Teddie Norton, Jordan Chinouth, you, David  
17 Bowser, David Heenan and Christine Hardman where he  
18 says, "Absolutely, he needs to be able to go a  
19 little deeper with this group, talk about Iran  
20 peace talks, plan for piece in Egypt, also  
21 Hezbollah and Hamas." This appears to be Brett  
22 O'Donnell advising on what Representative Broun  
23 needs to prepare for in advance of that job  
24 interview. Is that correct?

1 A. It looks like it.

2 Q. Do you recall any preparation for -- for  
3 the -- for that event taking place?

4 A. I don't.

5 Q. Do you recall if there were any other  
6 emails discussing the messaging for it or --

7 A. I don't think so --

8 Q. -- talking points?

9 A. I don't recall anything, no.

10 Q. Okay. Next document is PBCH130, if you  
11 recall this. This is what appears to be a Georgia  
12 Municipal Association Debate that occurred on or  
13 about January 27th.

14 A. Right.

15 Q. Is that -- do you recall that debate?

16 A. I do recall that debate, yes.

17 Q. Was that one of the six GOP debates or is  
18 this something separate?

19 A. This is something separate.

20 Q. Okay. What do you recall about that  
21 debate?

22 A. I remember it was on a Monday. It was in  
23 downtown Atlanta. There were a lot of people there  
24 because they're all like the local elected

1 officials from the state. It was televised, and I  
2 think it was the first televised debate. At least  
3 there were TV cameras. The debate was not  
4 televised. Let me correct that. There were TV  
5 cameras there, so they were planning on putting it  
6 on the news. I attended that with Niki Broun and  
7 two interns. That morning, Dr. Broun went with  
8 David Heenan and Niki Broun. They met us there.

9 Q. Okay. Were you involved in any preparation  
10 sessions for that debate?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Do you recall there being any emails about  
13 the messaging for that debate or talking points?

14 A. No. I don't.

15 Q. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell being  
16 involved at all in that debate?

17 A. No, I don't.

18 Q. Next document, here PBTN137. This is a  
19 calender item from Teddie Norton's calender.  
20 Subject is "Debate prep with Brett. Location  
21 Jamestown Associates on Wednesday, January 29th  
22 from -- 2014 -- from 9:00 to 11:00. Organizer is  
23 Paul Broun. Attendees David Bowser and Christine  
24 Hardman." Do you recall this preparation session?

1 A. I don't.

2 Q. Do you have any sense of which -- which  
3 debate this would've been a preparation session  
4 for?

5 A. My -- So they did the Georgia GOP debates  
6 about two weeks apart.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. So I think -- well, until May and so I'm  
9 think I'm thinking it would've been the Cobb,  
10 Kennesaw debate.

11 Q. Okay. What do you recall about the Cobb,  
12 Kennesaw debate?

13 A. So that day was kind of a crazy day because  
14 that was the same day as the Gilmer forum.

15 Q. Um-hmm.

16 A. So I went -- basically we had two cars.  
17 David Heenan was with Dr. Broun all day that day  
18 and then I went to set up the signs and get  
19 everything ready for that Gilmer County debate with  
20 interns and Jordan was there with me.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. In fact, I think Dr. Broun had a Douglas  
23 GOP meeting that morning. So he was already in  
24 Atlanta, and they drove up to Gilmer County to do

1 that and then afterwards, we had another team that  
2 was setting up signs for that Kennesaw debate --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- and then I went with -- from Gilmer with  
5 the interns that we had there to go get ready for  
6 the Kennesaw debate. So we -- just putting up a  
7 ton of signs and we got a hot chocolate booth and  
8 tent and all that --

9 Q. Okay. Do you recall -- were you involved  
10 at all in the prep for either -- either of those  
11 debates that day?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you recall Brett O'Donnell being at all  
14 involved --

15 A. I don't --

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Show you another document. This is PBTN139  
19 through 141 -- you a minute to take a look at this.  
20 So this -- going back to page -- well PBTN141, it's  
21 a calender item from Teddie Norton's calender.  
22 Subject is listed as "Debate prep." Location is  
23 Jordan's office.

24 A. Um-hmm.

1 Q. And so, would that refer to J. Russell --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- Associates here in Athens?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. The date was January 31st, 2014 from 2:00

6 to 4:30 p.m. Organizer is Paul Broun, required

7 attendees -- listed -- an email here

8 pbcampaigncalender@gmail.com. Who -- who had

9 access to that email?

10 A. To the campaign.

11 Q. The campaign -- the calender at gmail.com

12 email?

13 A. I think Teddie.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. She did all of the scheduling, so and she's

16 the only one that put stuff on the calender. So

17 I'm guessing it was her.

18 Q. And Christine Hardman was also in the --

19 the email -- on page 139, email from Teddie Norton

20 to Brett saying, "Hey, Brett. We set aside time

21 from 2:00 to 4:30 for PB to do debate prep with you

22 while he is in Athens. Christine will be with him

23 but wanted to Skype you in," and then there's a

24 couple of emails about arranging that. I think

1 ultimately they decide to just put him on -- on  
2 speakerphone. Do you recall this debate  
3 preparation session?

4 A. I don't. I recall it being scheduled, but  
5 I was out of the office. I don't even know if it  
6 actually happened. Got no reason to think it  
7 didn't happen, but I was out of the office. I was  
8 getting ready for the next day with all of those.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Lot of logistical stuff.

11 Q. So was this January 31st, was this -- would  
12 this be leading up to that -- the Cobb, Kennesaw  
13 debates?

14 A. Yes, think so.

15 Q. So this -- so this is on a Friday --

16 A. Right.

17 Q. -- this prep session was scheduled for.  
18 Were those debates on a Saturday? Does that sound  
19 right?

20 A. They were -- they were both --

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. -- they were both on -- yes, the debates --  
23 those Georgia GOP debates were always on Saturdays,  
24 and I remember that one specifically, yeah.

1 Q. Do you recall Christine Hardman being in  
2 town?

3 A. She was in town for that one. I don't know  
4 if she was in town on Friday. I think she was in  
5 town on Friday. I think -- yeah, she got in I  
6 think Thursday night.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. I think she got in Thursday night, but I'm  
9 not sure.

10 Q. But you didn't -- you did not attend this  
11 prep session?

12 A. I did not --

13 Q. And you're not sure if it occurred or not?

14 A. No. Like I said, I remember it being  
15 scheduled. I remember specifically being out of  
16 the office. I got no reason to think it didn't  
17 happen but I don't --

18 Q. Okay. Only want to know what you know.  
19 This is -- next document I'll show you, PB -- 5.  
20 This is again from Teddie Norton's calender.  
21 Subject is, "Call with Brett for debate prep."  
22 Date is February 18, 2014 from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.  
23 Organizer is Paul Broun. Required attendees  
24 Christine Hardman and then again this

1 pbcampaigncalender@gmail.com. Do you recall --  
2 well, it appears from the documents we've seen that  
3 there was an NFIB Senate Candidate Forum --

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. -- that occurred on February 18th --

6 A. I don't remember the date but I remember  
7 the event well.

8 Q. What -- what do you recall about that  
9 event?

10 A. That was held at Turner Field, same thing.  
11 David Heenan attended that with Dr. Broun. We took  
12 a separate car early to go get everything setup as  
13 far as the signs and all of that sort of thing. It  
14 was held at Turner Field mid-morning. I think all  
15 of the senate candidates were there.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Were you involved at all in preparing  
19 Representative Broun for that debate?

20 A. I was not.

21 Q. You were not? Okay. Do you recall this  
22 debate prep session that's listed on this calender  
23 here? Do you recall hearing about it --

24 A. I don't.

1 Q. -- being aware of it being scheduled?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Next document is PBTN146. This is from  
4 Teddie Norton's calender. Subject is "Debate prep  
5 -- you know, hyphen -- Skyping with Brett." Date  
6 is Friday, February 21st, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00  
7 p.m. Organized by Paul Broun. Required attendees  
8 are Christine Hardman, pbcampaigncalender@gmail.com  
9 and David Bowser. It appears that on Saturday,  
10 February 22nd, there may have been the Georgia GOP  
11 Senate debate. Do you recall?

12 A. If it was on -- I don't remember the exact  
13 date but that makes sense. They're always on  
14 Saturdays.

15 Q. Okay. So could that -- could that -- that  
16 have been the Gainesville debate?

17 A. Maybe. Like I said, I think they were  
18 doing them every two weeks. So the second one in  
19 Kennesaw would've been about the like the first  
20 weekend of February probably, and I don't know if  
21 there was one in between. I want to say there was  
22 one in between that one and whatever date this  
23 would've been, but I'm not positive about that.

24 Q. Okay. Were you involved at all in this

1 debate prep session --

2 A. I was not --

3 Q. Were you aware of it being scheduled at the  
4 time?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Next document I'll show you is PBTN148.  
7 This is a series of emails that appears to show  
8 that on -- it's a bit harder to follow here but on  
9 February 25th, they were -- Teddie Norton was --  
10 was scheduling with Brett a prep session for the  
11 following Tuesday, March 4th and then on the 7th as  
12 well. Do you recall debate preparation sessions on  
13 March 4th or 7th?

14 A. I don't recall any, no.

15 Q. Okay. Okay. Move on...

16 It appears that the March 7th session may  
17 have been to prepare for a Macon debate --

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. Do you recall a debate occurring in Macon,  
20 Georgia?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Would that have been one of the GOP  
23 debates?

24 A. It was.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Do you recall when about that was? Does  
4 March 8 sound familiar as the date for that?

5 A. That sounds familiar. Yeah, I mean, it  
6 would've been a Saturday around that time.

7 Q. Okay. Were you involved in preparing  
8 Representative Broun for that debate?

9 A. No.

10 Q. I think you said that -- just want to  
11 confirm -- February of 2013, what was your status  
12 with the campaign at that time?

13 A. I did not have a status.

14 Q. Did not have a status? Were you even  
15 informally involved or volunteering for the  
16 campaign at that time?

17 A. No. I mean, I attended the announcement,  
18 you know. Jordan told me they were going to  
19 announce, so I went to the hotel --

20 Q. Do you -- do you recall if Brett O'Donnell  
21 was there for the announcement?

22 A. I don't. I don't think so.

23 Q. We -- it appears that from the documents  
24 we've received that Brett O'Donnell did at some

1 point in February of 2013 travel to Georgia.

2 A. Um-hmm.

3 Q. And some of the expenses related to his  
4 travel were paid for by the campaign.

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. Do you have any knowledge of why Brett  
7 O'Donnell traveled down here to Georgia in that  
8 time period?

9 A. No. I -- I was completely out of -- I was  
10 not doing anything at that time. Like I said, I  
11 attended the announcement and that was it.

12 Q. Okay. All right. I think those are all  
13 the documents I wanted to show you. I want to ask  
14 you just a few more questions and then I think  
15 we'll be -- we'll be done. Do you recall that in  
16 -- in about July of 2013 there was, I believe, a  
17 U.S.A. Today article raising some questions about  
18 Brett O'Donnell's payments from Representative  
19 Broun? Do -- do you recall that article? You  
20 recall there being some controversy during that  
21 time period?

22 A. July 2013?

23 Q. Yes.

24 A. No.

1 Q. No?

2 A. Un-uh.

3 Q. When was the first time you heard of there  
4 being any -- any controversy or any media attention  
5 focused on Brett O'Donnell's relationship with  
6 Representative Broun?

7 A. March 2014.

8 Q. Okay. When those -- you know, those news  
9 stories broke, did you have any conversations with  
10 Representative Broun about those articles?

11 A. Not with Representative Broun, no.

12 Q. Who did you have -- who did -- have any  
13 conversations with David Bowser about those  
14 articles?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What were those conversations?

17 A. Basically asked him, you know, what was  
18 going on -- "What -- what do we need to worry -- be  
19 worried about here?"

20 Q. What did he say?

21 A. He said there's nothing to worry about. Of  
22 course, he would say there's nothing to worry  
23 about, but he said that Brett was a contract worker  
24 for the congressional side. He said that he helped

1 Dr. Broun with messaging over there. Specifically,  
2 he mentioned Dr. Broun's Patient Option Act --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- that he helped with and I think he  
5 talked about the Jobs Bill as well but basically  
6 talking about Dr. Broun's you know, legislative  
7 stuff and he said that basically his campaign --  
8 any work that he did on the campaign on those  
9 emails was volunteer stuff, and he was one of  
10 Dr. Broun confidants and he could do what he wanted  
11 on his free time.

12 BY MR. SOLIS:

13 Q. Did that seem right to you? Did you share  
14 that impression?

15 A. Well, Brett wasn't like really, really  
16 involved. So it made sense. I didn't know  
17 anything about his congressional involvement at  
18 that time, and he wasn't really, really involved  
19 with campaign stuff as far as I know. So it wasn't  
20 like he was making a big sacrifice. You know, like  
21 I never saw him -- like I said, I never talked to  
22 him. I never saw him in Georgia. He was not doing  
23 any -- he was based -- what it seemed to me like is  
24 he is a political consultant or pundit who gives

1 his opinion, you know, every now and then and  
2 wasn't really involved in day to day stuff. So it  
3 did make sense.

4 BY MR. MORGAN:

5 Q. And when he said any of the stuff on those  
6 emails was volunteer, what emails was he referring  
7 to?

8 A. The multitude of counsel emails.

9 Q. Okay. Were you involved -- well, did you  
10 have any -- who else did you talk to about those  
11 news stories?

12 A. That was pretty much it. I talked to  
13 Jordan about it obviously 'cause he was here in  
14 Georgia?

15 Q. What did -- what did Jordan say?

16 A. I mean basically the same thing. Jordan  
17 was on the official side as well.

18 Q. Um-hmm.

19 A. And so he knew Brett O'Donnell from before  
20 and knew that he was a contract worker and had been  
21 helping out with stuff and then basically just said  
22 the same thing. That he, you know, helps out with  
23 debates on his own time.

24 Q. Do you recall there being any discussions

1 with David Bowser or Jordan or anybody else about  
2 reaching out to the Ethics Committee or reaching to  
3 the House Administration Committee or any other  
4 sort of supervisory body in Congress to discuss the  
5 permissibility of the relationship with Brett  
6 O'Donnell?

7 A. Yeah. I thought David Bowser said that  
8 they -- like everything that -- they had talked to  
9 somebody. I don't remember which body it was  
10 specifically --

11 Q. Um-hmm.

12 A. -- but they had reached out and they said  
13 that all of the -- I guess what he said was that  
14 all of the payments that they had made to Brett  
15 O'Donnell were permissible through the Ethics --  
16 whatever board that they had talked to. I don't  
17 know who it was specifically.

18 Q. Okay. It appears that the relationship  
19 between Brett O'Donnell and Representative Broun  
20 was -- or ended or was terminated around April 2014  
21 --

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Were you involved at all or in any  
24 discussions about that?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay. Were you aware that the relationship  
3 had ended?

4 A. Yes. David Bowser sent out an email saying  
5 that basically that it had ended and asked David  
6 Heenan to change the passwords on some -- you know,  
7 like the G drive where we keep stuff.

8 Q. What stuff was kept on that G drive?

9 A. Pictures of Dr. Broun from events --

10 Q. Is that a campaign drive?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. And I think it was mostly pictures and like  
14 I said, we tried to film Dr. Broun everywhere he  
15 was --

16 Q. So would you upload --

17 A. Right --

18 Q. -- the film to that and Brett O'Donnell had  
19 access to that?

20 A. I don't know actually.

21 Q. You don't know? Okay. But you assumed  
22 that he had access to it because the password was  
23 changed? Is that --

24 A. Yeah, yeah, I would think so. In fact, I

1 would be -- yeah, I think so.

2 Q. I -- in a few of the news articles, it  
3 appears that Representative Broun's office put  
4 together an official sort of response --

5 A. Um-hmm.

6 Q. -- in -- in March of this year. Were you  
7 involved at all in putting that response together?

8 A. No.

9 Q. I just want to be clear on one thing. You  
10 were not aware -- is it correct that you were not  
11 aware whether or not Brett O'Donnell was being paid  
12 by Representative Broun before these news stories  
13 broke?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And so when he was involved to whatever  
16 extent you saw with the campaign, you weren't sure  
17 if he was getting paid by the campaign or not?

18 A. I assumed he was not getting paid by the  
19 campaign.

20 Q. Who managed the finances for the campaign?

21 A. David Bowser.

22 Q. David Bowser did?

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. Okay. And you didn't know whether or not

1 he was getting paid by Congressional Office at that  
2 time?

3 A. I did not know.

4 Q. So you -- the way you view him as a  
5 volunteer, the basis of that is -- what's your --  
6 what's your basis for saying that you believed he  
7 was volunteering?

8 A. He wasn't getting paid by the campaign.

9 Q. Okay.

10 BY MR. SOLIS:

11 Q. So how would you know that if -- if David  
12 is in charge of finances? Why -- why would you  
13 know who's not getting paid by the campaign?

14 A. Because I would see the expense reports.  
15 Like -- and I was somewhat involved, right. So  
16 like people would send in invoices to the campaign  
17 and they would sent it to the campaign email and  
18 then I would have to send it on to David Bowser.  
19 All right. And I would see the expense reports  
20 sometimes but I had no -- like I didn't authorize  
21 any payments. Basically, I had a campaign credit  
22 card to buy supplies here on the ground, and if it  
23 was bigger than like \$100, I had to get  
24 authorization to pay something, you know.

1 Q. Would you ever discuss with David salary --  
2 payment issues to you as paid staff for the  
3 campaign?

4 A. We negotiated my salary before I started,  
5 but after that, no.

6 Q. Did you ever have any discussions with  
7 David about payments to Jordan, about his -- his  
8 negotiations for payment for work on the campaign?

9 A. Negotiations? No, no. Like -- so Jordan  
10 and I were obviously down here and he would say  
11 things like, "I haven't gotten paid yet this month.  
12 Can you send something to David." You know but --  
13 BY MR. MORGAN:

14 Q. You were -- and you did not know whether or  
15 not Brett O'Donnell was being paid by another  
16 source for his campaign activity?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. You just assumed he was not?

19 A. He was not being paid by another source? I  
20 guess I don't know. I never really thought about  
21 that.

22 BY MR. SOLIS:

23 Q. Did you ever have a discussion with David  
24 at all about payments to Brett O'Donnell, whether

1 it was that he was being paid or wasn't being paid  
2 by the campaign?

3 A. Not until after the news story.

4 Q. Not until after.

5 A. Right.

6 Q. I just had some questions. You know, you  
7 had said that you had -- after the news stories  
8 came out, you heard that Brett had some work on the  
9 official side. You mentioned he was a contract  
10 worker, the Patient Option Act, that he had some  
11 work on and the Jobs Act. At anytime did anybody  
12 mention to you that Mr. O'Donnell had done any  
13 training of the congressional staff?

14 A. No. Like I -- we don't really talk about  
15 what his congressional duties were. Basically,  
16 just said he helped with messaging, so.

17 BY MR. MORGAN:

18 Q. Helped with messaging? Okay.

19 A. Yeah.

20 BY MR. SOLIS:

21 Q. Bryson went through extensively with you  
22 all of the calender entries of those debate preps  
23 and you know, most often you said either you didn't  
24 recall or you weren't there. Did you do any debate

1 prep with Dr. Broun for the Senate campaign?

2 A. No.

3 Q. None at all?

4 A. No.

5 MR. MORGAN: I think that's -- those are  
6 all the questions we have. Stop the recording.

7 (Whereby, a recess was had.)

8 MR. MORGAN: Let me --we are back on the  
9 record here with [REDACTED]. This is Bryson  
10 Morgan speaking with Paul Solis on June 20, 2014.

11 BY MR. MORGAN:

12 Q. So Mr. [REDACTED], we've asked you all the  
13 questions we want to ask, but we want to give you  
14 the opportunity to add anything to the record that  
15 you feel is important for us to know. So that's --  
16 this is your opportunity to do that now.

17 A. I think just to clarify the context of how  
18 all of this -- these things were happening, my  
19 title on the campaign was campaign manager --

20 Q. Um-hmm.

21 A. -- but I was -- two things. One, Dr. Broun  
22 did not confide in me. We did not have like a  
23 close working relationship, right. Like I had no  
24 -- we just -- I was not like on the inner circle,

1 right other than like a secretary role --

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. -- and then basically because there was no  
4 staff on the ground, I spent most of my time doing  
5 secretary stuff. So I know in a traditional  
6 campaign it seems unreasonable that a campaign  
7 manager wouldn't like know anything that's going on  
8 but you kind of need to understand the context of  
9 this campaign. Like I was essentially a glorified  
10 secretary for most of it, and I was definitely not  
11 on the inner circle, so I was kept out of a lot of  
12 stuff. I know I was kept out of a lot of stuff,  
13 but you know, that was -- there was stuff on the  
14 ground that needed to happen to look like a senate  
15 race. So that's what I did. I put up signs and I  
16 you know, did whatever you did to look like senate  
17 race, so.

18 BY MR. SOLIS:

19 Q. Last thing is have you talked to anybody  
20 about the fact that we'd be speaking with you  
21 today?

22 A. I talked to Jordan about it because he got  
23 the letter. I actually didn't get the letter.

24 BY MR. MORGAN:

1 Q. Got it via email.

2 A. Got it via email. Right, right. I got it  
3 via email. So he received it and asked me about it  
4 'cause he quite honestly had no idea what it said  
5 and so we looked at it and then David Bowser  
6 basically said that y'all were trying to get in  
7 touch with me and I think he copied you on --

8 Q. Um-hmm.

9 A. -- on those emails and then because I don't  
10 check that Paul Broun email a lot, he told me that  
11 I needed to get on there and check my email once  
12 you had sent stuff. So that's -- that's it.

13 BY MR. SOLIS:

14 Q. Any contact with Representative Broun or  
15 Brett O'Donnell?

16 A. None with Brett O'Donnell. Since the  
17 campaign ended, I've had two contacts with  
18 Dr. Broun. One is to get him to sign a letter of  
19 recommendation for an intern and one was, we had a  
20 campaign computer that was getting repaired that he  
21 wanted to know the status of. That's all we've  
22 talked since the end of the campaign.

23 BY MR. SOLIS: All right.

24 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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# **EXHIBIT 74**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Team Broun Meeting

**Date:** February 14, 2013 at 9:33 AM

**To:** Paul Broun-Personal [REDACTED]@aol.com, Brian Tringali [REDACTED]@tarrance.com, Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Michael Shaffer [REDACTED]@me.com, Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, Brett O Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

**Cc:** Teddie Norton Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov

Good morning, I have spoken with each of you individually and it seems we are set for a meeting of the Team Broun braintrust next Thursday, February 21st during the 9 am through 12 noon timeframe in or near Chateau Elan where our full staff retreat will follow that afternoon. Jordan is securing a location and will let us know where it will be.

Additionally I will be sending out a separate email shortly to the full political team regarding a conference call this Friday at 10 am, which we will make a regular weekly deal.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thanks!

David

# **EXHIBIT 75**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 10:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Brett O'Donnell; David Bowser  
**Cc:** GovBob; [REDACTED]@tarrance.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: RLC/FreedomWorks debate

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October 22nd PB will be in NYC for a fundraiser.

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 04, 2013 7:19 PM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell; David Bowser  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; GovBob; [REDACTED]@tarrance.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: RLC/FreedomWorks debate

Brett,

No problem. I can put that together tomorrow. There will be a debate request coming for October 22nd . I will start the calendar with that.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

**From:** Brett O'Donnell

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2013 6:50 PM

**To:** Bowser, David

**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; GovBob; Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@tarrance.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com

**Subject:** Re: RLC/FreedomWorks debate

We need a debate and forum calendar started w contact info so I can help negotiate formats and we can track.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2013, at 6:27 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

> For scheduling purposes...we have not heard for months from the organizers of the RLC/FreedomWorks debate originally scheduled for Sat Sept 14th and Jordan has called them three times over the past couple of weeks. Tonight I talked to the national FreedomWorks guy, he said the Sept 14th debate was cancelled and he was told the local organizers contacted all the campaigns to let them know...which is of course not the case with us. Anyway, the debate is done for now and we have a variety of options for Sat the 14th to look at.

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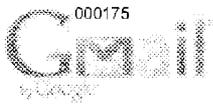
> I also believe this requires a discussion at some point soon on the political side as my conspiracies voice is yelling at me again.

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> Thanks!

> David

# **EXHIBIT 76**



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**Re: Debates**

11/15/2013, 12:38 PM

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[redacted]@odacomunications.com> Fri, Nov 15, 2013 at 12:38 AM  
To: [redacted]@gmail.com  
Cc: David Bowser <[redacted]@yahoo.com>, Josh Findlay <[redacted]@paulbroun.com>, Bob Bibee <[redacted]@aol.com>

Thanks  
On Nov 14, 2013, at 8:53 PM, [redacted]@gmail.com wrote:

Yes. Here is his cell.

Jordan Chinouth  
[redacted]

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**From:** David Bowser  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 8:46 PM  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth; Brett O'Donnell  
**Cc:** Josh Findlay; Bob Bibee  
**Subject:** Debates

Jordan, we want Brett to take the lead in setting up our debates...regarding the state party plan, should he call Pipken to organize with the 6 state party debates? Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone  
<Adam.Pipken.vcf>

# **EXHIBIT 77**

**Re: Debates?**

**From:** Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@ofacommunications.com>  
**To:** Jordan Chinoath <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Co:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Wed, Jan 8, 2014 at 9:48 AM

I spoke to Adam yesterday afternoon. He's sending a packet later this week. I'll brief Dr. Brown and David this morning on the debate. He basically let me write the format. On Jan 7, 2014, at 11:26 AM, Jordan Chinoath wrote:

I have not heard from him either. I know he had the flu last week. Do you want to try him again today or do you want me to. I am good either way.

**From:** Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@ofacommunications.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 11:25 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?

Jordan,

I still haven't heard from Adam. I need to discuss the format and other logistics with him.

Thanks

Brett  
On Jan 3, 2014, at 1:06 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

Absolutely.

Jordan Chinoath  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2014 11:06 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?

Can you steer him in my direction?

Thanks

Brett

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 3, 2014, at 8:07 AM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

Adam sent me a text late last night, said he had the flu, said he would call me today.

Jordan Chinoath  
[REDACTED]

**From:** David Bowser  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2014 5:26 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Brett O'Donnell; Norton, Teddie; Josh Findlay  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?

Let's not read too much into lack of details, they are a disorganized, inexperienced bunch who will probably have to be told how to do this - Zoiker as the moderator is good for us as far as friendly, but worrisome a bit as I doubt she has ever done anything like this before and has the potential to become another Jim Leher, getting run over by the more pushy candidates. Basically, we need Brett to talk to them ASAP and hammer this out; if he is not getting a callback by Monday, please let me know and I will call Adam and raise hell.

Sent from my iPhone

000078n 2, 2014, at 4:57 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

They are still working through all of the things like length of debate, rebuttals, response lengths, etc. The moderator is Martha Zoller. Brett, that is not public. I have her cell though.

Jordan Chinouth  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2014 4:32 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; David Bowser; Josh Findlay  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?

My guess is they'll do everything in their power to disadvantage Dr. Brown.

Sent from my iPhone:

On Jan 2, 2014, at 4:01 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

The time is set for 6pm. No idea on any other details. I have made the ask though. They seem to be keeping a tight lid on things. What do y'all make of that?

Jordan Chinouth  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2014 1:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Brett O'Donnell  
**Cc:** David Bowser; Josh Findlay  
**Subject:** RE: Debates?

Have they announced the time?

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2014 1:16 PM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Cc:** David Bowser; Norton, Teddie; Josh Findlay  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?  
**Importance:** High

The debate for the 18th is on.

Jordan Chinouth  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2014 12:54 PM  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth  
**Cc:** David Bowser; Teddie Norton; Josh Findlay  
**Subject:** Re: Debates?

Jordan,

Can you pass along Adam's info? The contact info I have isn't working.

Thanks

Brett

On Jan 2, 2014, at 11:53 AM, Jordan Chinouth wrote:

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> I just left a message for Adam Pijken the ED of the party. I did speak  
> to Ryan Mahoney who is basically their communications director. He  
> said that he is supposed to be sending out a press release Monday with  
> the final debate dates and details. I asked about the debate on the  
> 18th. He said he would find it hard to believe that the debate would  
> still be a go. He is going to make some calls and get back to me. I  
> will keep ya'll posted.  
>  
> Thanks!  
>  
> On Thu, Jan 2, 2014 at 11:43 AM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:  
>> Remembering this article from the week before Christmas...we need to know  
>> for sure if there is a debate on Jan 18th and whether Bret has talked to  
>> them about format?  
>>  
>> Your daily jolt: A rush of debates to drive 2014 GOP Senate race  
>>  
>> By Greg Bluestein and Jim Galloway  
>> It won't be a replay of the 2012 presidential contest -- we do not believe  
>> CNN's Candy Crowley will be invited as moderator -- but you should prepare  
>> for a five-month rush of debates highlighting next year's Republican Senate  
>> contest.  
>> We've heard from several folks who were at GOP chair John Padgett's event in  
>> Marietta last night when he said the party will be hosting between six and  
>> seven debates next year. That's not including any unofficial forums that pop  
>> up.  
>> Party spokesman Ryan Mahoney says there are seven debates now on the  
>> schedule, but that details will be released in January. We're told that the  
>> debates could begin as early as mid-January and only one or two will be held  
>> in metro Atlanta. The rest will be scattered across Georgia. No word yet on  
>> whether all the candidates have agreed to the schedule.  
>> Kerwin Swint, the political scientist over at Kennesaw State University,  
>> just sent us this note:  
>>  
>> Kennesaw State is hosting the only U.S. Senate debate in metro Atlanta, Sat.  
>> Feb 1 at 6 p.m. in the Baly Performing Arts Center. I expect all the  
>> candidates will be there. The other debates are scattered across the state,  
>> including one in far off Gainesville.  
>>  
>> Gov. Nathan Deal, meanwhile, seems far less likely to agree to a debate  
>> before the Republican primary. As an incumbent, his camp likely feels like  
>> he has more to lose appearing side-by-side with two GOP challengers who are  
>> sure to snipe at him about ethics and education.  
>> But that hasn't stopped one of them, Dalton Mayor David Pennington, from  
>> issuing a challenge. The mayor said he's willing to go into Deal County --  
>> the Gainesville Civic Center -- to debate the governor on his turf.  
>> "He is afraid of me," said Pennington, blunt as ever. "He knows me too  
>> well."

# **EXHIBIT 78**



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## Saturday Debate

1 message

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Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Tue, Mar 4, 2014 at 9:29 PM

To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Adam just emailed confirming only qualified candidates will be allowed in Saturdays debate. What are the chances Grayson qualifies?

Sent from my iPhone

# **EXHIBIT 79**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:44 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** RE: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Just talked to PB, he wants to do all three.

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'; Bowser, David  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** RE: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Sounds good to me.

Another concern though is that we committed a while ago to the Douglas GOP to speak at their breakfast. It will really be pushing it for him to be there by 11:30 for the meet/greet, prior to the forum's start at noon. Will that be fine?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 6:19 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** Re: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Will be good warm up. And it's our crowd. Do both.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2014, at 5:52 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Brett, what do you think, although we told them we cannot do both, I'm leaning towards doing this forum with the 2nd GAGOP debate that evening...want your thoughts.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 05:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com' <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com'  
<[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>; Bowser, David

**Subject:** Fw: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

See below--

Teddie Norton  
Congressman Paul Broun.  
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**From:** Margaret Williamson [redacted]@ellijay.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 05:09 PM  
**To:** Chris D'Aniello <redacted@JackKingston.org>; Corry Bliss <redacted@karenhandel.com>; Ryan Bonifay <redacted@perduesenate.com>; Jada Johnson <redacted@yahoo.com>; Jesse Greener <redacted@perduesenate.com>; Barbie (Grayson) <redacted@gmail.com>; Tyler Jacobs <redacted@EugeneYuforSenate.com>; Tori Wester <redacted@karenhandel.com>; Bobby Saparow <redacted@gmail.com>; Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Chip Pearson <redacted@paramont.net>; Sally Forest <redacted@yahoo.com>; Barbara and Don MURRAY <redacted@ellijay.com>; John Williamson <redacted@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Good afternoon everyone,

There was some consternation raised this morning when the state GOP announced their candidate forum in Kennesaw on the same day our forum is scheduled.

This announcement came as a surprise to many. After discussion with Sally Forest, Gilmer County chair, the TEA Party board, and a number of you we have decided to go forward with our forum.

The Kennesaw event is scheduled for 6:00 in the evening and is only one hour away - easy drive down I 575. Our even starts at 11:30 with a "Meet and Greet", and forum begins at 12:00. We anticipate the formal part of the forum will last a little over 2 hours followed by approximately 1/2 hour of questions from audience - written out and prepared in advance of this time.

Your candidate will have plenty of time to arrive in a timely fashion at the next event.

We are extremely grateful for the candidates who have already committed to participate.

Margaret Williamson  
TEA Party of Gilmer County  
706-635-[redacted]  
706-273-[redacted]

# **EXHIBIT 80**

**From:** Jason Miller [REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** January 18, 2014 at 2:49 PM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, Christine Hardman [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Strongly agree. Broun proved again that he's the real conservative.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>  
**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:44 PM  
**To:** "Hardman, Christine" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>  
**Subject:** Re:

We should not say "Broun won the first debate" Message is more important than declaring victory and it makes us look small.

On Jan 18, 2014, at 2:42 PM, Christine Hardman wrote:

FYI- from Bob. Did you have any changes?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Date:** January 18, 2014 at 1:58:38 PM EST  
**To:** Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd:

YES!!

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** Christine Hardman  
**Date:** 01/18/2014 12:46 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** Bob Bibee  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Date:** January 17, 2014 at 2:38:26 PM EST  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Let me know if you have any edits!

### **Broun Wins First Debate; Demonstrates He is the True Conservative**

Broun for Senate released the following statement after Dr. Paul Broun won the first Georgia GOP debate in Adel, Georgia.

"Dr. Paul Broun was undoubtedly the winner of tonight's first debate. As the true conservative in the race, Dr. Broun once again demonstrated that he is the only candidate with the proven track record of working to repeal Obamacare, cut spending, and rein in out-of-control government. With Dr. Broun's credentials as both a medical doctor and as the only candidate with the solution to repeal and replace Obamacare, it is clear that he will be the strongest advocate in protecting Georgians from Obamacare and eliminating the law altogether. Furthermore, having introduced more targeted spending cuts than any other Member of Congress, and with the strongest Balanced Budget Amendment in Congress, Paul Broun stood out on stage tonight as the true conservative with the proven, consistent record of fighting against Washington's reckless spending and government overreach. Now more than ever, Georgians need a true conservative that will fight to repeal Obamacare, stop Washington's outrageous spending, and offer positive solutions to the issues facing Georgians. Tonight, Paul Broun affirmed to Georgians that he is the true conservative that will do just that."

# **EXHIBIT 81**

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**Re: CHARGE Forum Details**

1 message

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com> Mon, Jun 17, 2013 at 12:07 PM  
To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
Cc: Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

So we'll work on all of the process questions to prep and then work on expanding the 10 minute into 15--that won't be a problem. We'll work on moving the process to his bio.  
On Jun 17, 2013, at 11:27 AM, David Bowser wrote:

Jordan just got off the phone with CHARGE, he got the following information:

Each candidate will speak for 15 minutes, the order will be determined by drawing a number from a bowl. After all the candidates speak, they will then go in reverse order from the speeches and draw one question from the bowl to answer themselves. The questions will be more personal in nature than issue, ie - what do you enjoy about being a Congressman, what do you like to do in your free time, etc etc.

Obviously we need to nail him down on a 15 minute speech, I believe so far Brett we have a 10 minute deal. With no open Q&A, we need to make the most of these 15 minutes.

As far as the one personal question goes, my first thought is to have something centered around being in the military, a Marine and current active duty reservist for the Navy...anything of a personal nature he can pivot to an answer highlighting he is the only candidate in the race who has been in the military. I don't know how long he will be given to answer the one question, I forgot to ask Jordan to check on that.

Thoughts?

# **EXHIBIT 82**

**From:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Congratulations  
**Date:** June 28, 2013 at 3:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

He has it, just put him on a plane and he will practice it tonight and all morning tomorrow.  
Thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From: Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 01:15 PM  
To: [REDACTED]@aol.com Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
Cc: Bowser, David  
Subject: Congratulations

Dr. Broun,

Congratulations on your amendment passing. Let me know if you need any other edits on speech. Lets talk tomorrow before Charge to make sure you're set.

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 83**

From: [REDACTED]@aol.com  
Subject: Re: How did Charge Go?  
Date: June 30, 2013 at 8:54 PM  
To: [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

I thought it went well. I'll have to tell you about it next week. Thanks for all your help.

In a message dated 6/30/2013 7:28:55 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com writes:

| Let me know

| Brett

# **EXHIBIT 84**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 08, 2013 10:54 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging Conf Call

I wrote earlier about the charge video. I'd like to go over that with him tomorrow.  
On Jul 8, 2013, at 7:52 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

> Tues at 11 am:  
>  
> Dial-in Number: (513) [redacted]  
> Participant Access Code: [redacted]  
>  
> Thanks!

# **EXHIBIT 85**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Brett  
**Start:** Tue 7/9/2013 4:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 7/9/2013 5:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine  
**Categories:** Press

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Brett  
**Start:** Tue 7/9/2013 2:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 7/9/2013 2:30 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine  
**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 86**

**From:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** debate prep schedule  
**Date:** January 2, 2014 at 4:05 PM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

1/8 (Wednesday)—10:30-12  
1/10 (Friday) – 10-11:30  
1/14 (Tuesday) – 10-11  
1/16 (Thursday) – 4-6  
1/17 (Friday) 10-12

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# **EXHIBIT 87**

**From:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** this morning  
**Date:** January 8, 2014 at 9:02 AM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com

David's arranged for yall to prep for the debate at the Jamestown Associates townhouse. The address is below. If you want you can just meet them there.

10 E Street SE  
Washington DC 20010

If you're coming from your office, it might be easier for you to head south on New Jersey Ave from Longworth, turn right on Ivy Street, and walk towards the back of the staff parking lot in front of the DNC. We are the gray townhouse all the way to the left.

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# **EXHIBIT 88**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Prep w/ Brett for debate  
**Location:** Jamestown Associates Conference Room, 10 E St, SE  
**Start:** Fri 1/10/2014 11:30 AM  
**End:** Fri 1/10/2014 1:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine  
**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 89**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 4:42 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Re: Latest issue

Yes, he'll be good on this. Brett was asking him the tough questions on this, and we discussed answers for awhile.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 04:29 PM  
**To:** '██████████@odacomunications.com' <██████████@odacomunications.com>  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine; GovBob; Miller, Erika; Marsh, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: Latest issue

Duh...thanks for un-freezing my brain.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Brett ODonnell [██████████@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 04:27 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine; GovBob; Miller, Erika; Marsh, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: Latest issue

We talked about this at today's meeting. He'll say that he's for marriage between a man and a woman, but the most important issue facing all families is an out of control government...  
On Jan 10, 2014, at 4:24 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

> I'd like to have a response for PB in case this gets brought up this weekend as it very well could. Thinking that he should affirm his strong traditional marriage position, then pivot to big, overreaching government, just not sure how. Appreciate all thoughts!

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> HOLDER RECOGNIZES UTAH SAME-SEX MARRIAGES: The Obama administration waded into the increasingly complicated same-sex marriage situation in Utah. Holder said the federal government will recognize the unions of couples who married before the Supreme Court issued a stay on a federal ruling that the state's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. The couples will be eligible for "all relevant federal benefits," Holder said (Charlie Savage, NYT)

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# **EXHIBIT 90**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Prep for Debate w/ Michael Hall  
**Location:** DC

**Start:** Thu 1/16/2014 4:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 1/16/2014 6:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine

**Categories:** Press, Political

## **Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Prep for Debate w/ Michael Hall  
**Location:** DC

**Start:** Fri 1/17/2014 10:00 AM  
**End:** Fri 1/17/2014 12:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Hardman, Christine; Bowser, David

**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 91**

**From:** Christine Hardman [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Items  
**Date:** January 16, 2014 at 10:04 PM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Cc:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Debate prep went well today - Michael did a great job helping prepare him with questions and nailing down his responses. Dr. Broun said he hadn't had much time to go over the opening and closing, so that's something we'll be working with him on again tomorrow morning. He was leaning towards using his more recent stump speech line for the opener, "Government is too big..it is spending too much, taxing too much, borrowing too much.." and then going into the rest of the opening as planned.

We're also finalizing the press release tomorrow morning so that we'll have that ready to get out on Sat - will have the main gist be that Dr. Broun won the debate, and demonstrated that he was the true conservative in the race.

Will keep you updated on how everything goes tomorrow!

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 8:34 PM, Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> wrote:  
Christine and David,

Hope prep went well today. Internet just came back on in my hotel and woke me up (4 am) A couple of things in front of the debate.

- 1) We need to make sure we have a post debate release ready to go that says "tonight we saw who the true conservative in the Georgia senate race and that person is Dr. Paul Broun"
- 2) Very important that we push that narrative in the post debate spin room (which they have).
- 3) Rapid Response--are we ready? Should have a printer and computer set to produce any docs we need to get out. Here are a few we should prepare:

- Dr. Broun's military service (been questioned before)
- Dr. Broun's medical service (there have been questions about this before as well)
- Jack Kingston on fixing Obamacare--(If he makes this claim in the debate we need to be ready to back it up)
- Jack Kingston on Earmark spending (put in the stuff from the research that he's #1 in GA delegation)
- Dr. Broun the true conservative (put in his record on cutting spending and repealing Obamacare--more targeted cuts than any other member, etc

Others?

- 4) Try and get a walkthrough for him on debate day so he can go out on stage and just get a feel for things--Mike said he was nervous today at prep
- 5) Let's make sure that Dr. Broun doesn't use nerves as an excuse for "moving the furniture" and changing things we've been practicing-- frequent tactic of nervous candidates
- 6) I saw we are gathering a crowd--very important that they are there and vocal unless the moderator forbids it--We're the grassroots candidate so we need to demonstrate it at events like this and crowd noise influences who the press will say won the debate
- 7) Make sure we go through a little q and a on debate day and get him warmed up. Also have him do the open a few minutes before he goes out and someone, Meredith, needs to lighten him up just before (you're very good at this) and tell him to smile, have fun and kick some ass. Remind him that he's been studying and preparing for a while and that he's ready!

Let me know if you have other questions.'

Trussing the rains in Africa.

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 92**

**Bowser, David**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Next week

Thanks. He'll do a great job. He's actually smarter than me, but not better looking.  
On Jan 9, 2014, at 1:59 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Just talked to PB about your travel situation next week, he is fine with Michael filling in.

Thanks!

# **EXHIBIT 93**

## Norton, Teddie

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**Subject:** Debate Prep with Brett  
**Location:** Jamestown Associates

**Start:** Wed 1/29/2014 9:00 AM  
**End:** Wed 1/29/2014 11:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine

**Categories:** Press

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell ([REDACTED]@odacommunications.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:01 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: next week

Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2014, at 12:20 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hey Brett-

Could you meet w/ PB from 1130-1 next Tuesday?

-Teddie

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## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:33 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow

Ok, that is fine, we can put you on speaker.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:29 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow

K. Thanks. May have to do 2-2:45 on the phone.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2014, at 1:17 PM, "Hardman, Christine" <Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

I have one Brett- the login info is on my personal computer, so I'll send that to you once I am able to access it.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:00 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow

I just need the Skype account to connect to. I can do 2-2:45 and then 3:30-4:30. I've got a 3 pm appt I can't move.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2014, at 12:19 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey Brett-

We've set aside time from 2-4:30 for PB to do debate prep with you while he is in Athens. Christine will be with him- but wanted to skype you in.

What do you need from us to make this work?

-Teddie

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# **EXHIBIT 94**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Debate Prep  
**Location:** Jordan's Office

**Start:** Fri 1/31/2014 2:00 PM  
**End:** Fri 1/31/2014 4:30 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** ██████████@gmail.com'; Hardman, Christine

**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 95**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Call w/ Brett for debate prep  
**Start:** Tue 2/18/2014 9:00 AM  
**End:** Tue 2/18/2014 9:30 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@gmail.com'  
**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 96**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Debate Prep-- skyping w/ Brett

**Start:** Fri 2/21/2014 4:00 PM

**End:** Fri 2/21/2014 6:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul

**Required Attendees:** Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Bowser, David

**Categories:** Press, Political

# **EXHIBIT 97**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: Friday

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Ok- PB is staying through Friday next week, so could you do 9:30-11:30 on the 7th as well?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Friday

Yes. That works for me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2014, at 1:32 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Not a problem- I thought there was a reason why I didn't have anything scheduled for this week...

Could you do 12:30-1:30 on Tuesday of next week? Ideally we'll also be able to schedule an additional session up in DC on Friday, prior to the Macon debate on the 8th, but we need to confirm w/ PB that he is ok staying overnight Thursday.

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From: Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:23 PM  
To: Norton, Teddie  
Subject: Re: Friday

No. I'm out of town all week. Back next Monday after 11. Can meet any day next week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 25, 2014, at 1:02 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi Brett-

Could you meet with Dr. Broun at 10 am on Friday?

Thanks-

Teddie

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# **EXHIBIT 98**

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**Re: Perdue pulls out the knives!**

11/26/13 11:16 AM

**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>

Thu, Dec 26, 2013 at 11:16 AM

To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Cc: Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

All,

Attached is the attack grid for Dr. Broun to use against PG and KH in the debates. We need to get the oppo on Kingston ASAP so I can include it in the grid. I intend Dr. Broun to use this for counterpunching if attacked by either of them. I think his strategy should be to be the adult in the debates and not get into the mud, but throw strong counterpunches if attacked. Our central message ought to be "Everyone up here will tell you that they want to repeal Obamacare and do something about spending, but I'm the true conservative who actually has done something about both spending and Obamacare, and the only one with a plan to replace Obamacare with."

Interested in input back.

Brett

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 **Broun Attack Grid 12-18-13 (v1).docx**  
23K

# **EXHIBIT 99**

**Re: This will hurt**

[REDACTED]

Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> Mon, Dec 30, 2013 at 1:48 PM  
To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
Cc: Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com" <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>

I need everyone to approve attack matrix I sent around and we need final Kingston oppo so we avoid this stuff. And why was he hitting Kingston anyway?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2013, at 1:38 PM, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com> wrote:

Atlanta Journal Constitution!

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Brian Tringali  
Date: 12/30/2013 1:03 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, [REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com  
Subject: Re: This will hurt

Who produces Politifact? If need be we will show it as proof that the establishment is behind him and hit back with something new.

From: David Bowser ([REDACTED]@yahoo.com)  
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 10:57 AM Central Standard Time  
To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>; Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@JamestownAssociates.com>; Brian Tringali  
Subject: This will hurt

Politifact gave PB a "False" rating on the Kingston earmark claim. It's BS because in their closing argument they said if he simply clarified "entire Republican delegation" instead of saying just "entire delegation" we would have gotten a "True" rating, but this was a big weapon in our arsenal against Kingston and it's basically just been rendered useless because PB spoke on his own before I

could put the info together for him. This is also the second time in a row we got a False rating on an Kingston claim. I see Jeff Roe putting together an ad that shows Politifact headlines "Broun claim against Kingston 'False'" with the ability to beat us into the ground with it in the runoff.

From Politifact:

"So where does this all lead us? Broun meant to say Kingston had more earmarks at one point than the entire Georgia Republican delegation. Broun might have received a True if he had said that in the interview. It appears that Kingston had scored more earmarks than the entire Georgia GOP delegation to Congress in 2010 from our examination of two separate databases. Broun, however, misspoke in the interview, giving anyone who viewed it the wrong impression of Kingston's record on earmarks."

"We rate his statement False."

# **EXHIBIT 100**

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Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

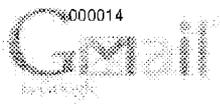
**MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW**

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# **EXHIBIT 101**



**Re: Debate Video**

1 message

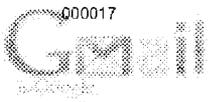
**Brett O'Donnei** <[redacted]@odacommunications.com> Mon, Mar 10, 2014 at 2:44 PM  
To: Christine Hardman <[redacted]@gmail.com>  
Cc: David Bowser <[redacted]@yahoo.com>, "Jordan Chinouth" <[redacted]@gmail.com>

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 10, 2014, at 12:41 PM, Christine Hardman <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
> It's on our YouTube page under the private videos. User: [redacted] pw: [redacted]  
>  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone  
>  
>> On Mar 10, 2014, at 12:58 PM, Brett O'Donnell <[redacted]@odacommunications.com> wrote:  
>>  
>> When can I get it? Would like to have it prior to Wednesday.  
>>  
>> Thanks  
>>  
>> Brett

# **EXHIBIT 102**



Jordan O'Connell <[REDACTED]@profl.com>

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**Re: Post Debate Analogy and Forward Strategy**

*Reply*

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 9:28 AM

To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Co: "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com"

<[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>

I need the video for the debate so I can look at it. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 23, 2014, at 10:53 PM, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com> wrote:

<Broun Post Debate Analysis and Forward Strategy.docx>

# **EXHIBIT 103**

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**Re: Google Drive Videos**

1 message

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**Brett ODonnell** <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 10:04 PM

To: Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, David H <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, [REDACTED]@gmail.com

I just downloaded the Athens speech, but I'm on a mac and the file won't open. What do I need to do to play this?

On Jun 25, 2013, at 9:53 PM, Jordan Chinouth wrote:

Gentlemen,

I just uploaded the videos that I have of CPB, Kingston, and Gingrey to the Google drive account in the Gmail account that David Heenan Created. **Moving forward, please remember to put the venue and the date on the speech** (this goes for me as well). My videos should be done uploading by morning.

Log in: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Password: [REDACTED]

Thanks!

Jordan

# **EXHIBIT 104**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

**Subject:** GA Video

**Date:** June 13, 2013 at 6:27 PM

**To:** Jordan Chinouth [REDACTED]@gmail.com, Austin Carson [REDACTED]@gmail.com, david.heenan@mail.house.gov, jane.burrell@mail.house.gov, jessica.hayes@mail.house.gov

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com

Ok Team, in the spirit of improving, we need to do a better job on the video front. One of our primary objectives going back to the early Spring in setting up our whole political operation was to have video taken of the Congressman and if possible/applicable his opponents when presented with speaking opportunities. That was among the top to-do items when we transferred Jane down and when we brought Heenan on board. To my recollection, I have only seen video of PB speaking at the convention and that was shot by a group we paid to do it, and to date we have only seen the PB video and not the Gingrey or Kingston video. I have not seen any video from the District conventions, Fulton County BBQ, Bill Cherry Tea Party Event, Coweta GOP, Henry Townhall, etc etc.

Among the more important reasons to get this video is first, we have significant time and resources invested in constantly improving the messaging abilities of Paul Broun and preparing for reactions to opponents, which is tough to do when we have our weekly meetings with Brett and don't have any video to review of either PB or his opponents.

Second, the video of our opponents speaking is key to our campaign research and response operations as the campaign starts to heat up. Press, direct mail, debate/forum prep, ads, and future speaking opportunities all rely on this video in preparation.

Third, good video can be edited and posted on social media to help expand our messaging.

Fourth, the Congressman and I asked that it get done and it is not.

So, please tell me what I need to do to make this happen, do I need to buy a camera, make sure to remind everyone each time we have an event, whatever it takes.

Appreciate your efforts,  
David

# **EXHIBIT 105**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED@odacomunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2012 12:39 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: This Week

Thursday at 4 works great. In your office is fine.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2012, at 12:35 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

> Hey Brett-  
>  
> Could you do 4 on Thursday?  
>  
> Would this be able to be in our office, considering the primary is tomorrow, or should I  
get a room across the street?  
>  
> Teddie Norton  
> Director of Operations  
> Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
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>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED@odacomunications.com]  
> Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 11:31 AM  
> To: Norton, Teddie  
> Subject: This Week  
>  
> Hi Teddie,  
>  
> I wanted to schedule this week's meeting with the Congresswoman. I am available tomorrow  
until 2:45 pm. I'm available Wednesday morning until 10:30 am and then on Thursday after 11  
am.  
>  
> Brett

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:34 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

We could just have it be official today and do NRCC stuff next week...

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:33 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

That works, still waiting to see if I can get space at the NRCC though. See if he can come in at 10:30 on Wednesday.

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**From:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:32 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** FW: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

I agree that this could be a good option especially with the CNBC hit.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:32 AM  
**To:** Griffanti, Meredith  
**Subject:** Re: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

Wide open right now. Hate to let this week go by. Could check in for a half hour at noon and then let's block next Wednesday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2012, at 9:26 AM, "Griffanti, Meredith" <[Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov](mailto:Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

He's gone tomorrow – any availability Wed next week?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:24 AM

**To:** Griffanti, Meredith

**Subject:** Re: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

Meetings through 6 pm starting at 12:45. Friday is open before 11:15 and after 8:30 and 12:30-1:30 and then at 4 pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2012, at 9:17 AM, "Griffanti, Meredith" <[Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov](mailto:Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted]@odacommunications.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:16 AM

**To:** Griffanti, Meredith

**Subject:** Re: Votes are going to mess up our timing today... any way you can do noon? I know you mentioned a Drs appt! Let us know.

I have a meeting in Dierkson at 12:45 pm. I'd only have a half hour.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2012, at 9:13 AM, "Griffanti, Meredith" <[Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov](mailto:Meredith.Griffanti@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

**Meredith Griffanti**

Communications Director

U.S. Representative Paul C. Broun, M.D. (GA-10)

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Cell: [redacted]

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# **EXHIBIT 106**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 1:10 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: Messaging Calls with PB

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Hey Brett-

Christine is confirming an interview right now so I said I'd send you the bookings for this week.

Today

- WJXT TV in Jacksonville, 3 pm

Tuesday

- 8 am - Radio: WTKS w/ Bill Edwards,

- 9:30 am- WSAV TV w/ Jamison David

Christine is working a few others for Thursday- they said to call that morning and they would see what they could work in. All topics will be immigration, OPTIONS, and campaign.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 12:52 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine; Heenan, David  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging Calls with PB

Christine, please send me a list of media that he will be doing over the next couple of days. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2013, at 12:46 PM, "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Great- we will have Christine conference you and PB in together, if that's ok.

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From: Brett O'Donnell [redacted]@odacomunications.com]  
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 12:46 PM  
To: Bowser, David  
Cc: Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine; Heenan, David  
Subject: Re: Messaging Calls with PB

I can do 130 today. Will look at the schedule for the rest. What number should we use?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2013, at 12:08 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Brett, just looking at the next 2 weeks for now, of course all subject to change/additions, can we schedule the following 15 min calls with PB, I think these three times can cover the week pretty well:

Today (Mon, Aug 5th) at 1:30 pm – potential media opportunities from 2-4pm, not sure if you can add in Tallahassee or not Christine or if there would even be interest. But by then our "No Amnesty" resolution should be out in the press and we may have inquiries from other areas as well. Can also cover the morning slots we have set aside for media and the specific 9:30 am interview tomorrow with Savannah NBC TV.

Wednesday, Aug 7th at 11:30 am and Thursday, Aug 8th at 5pm – we have a lot of potential press time blocked off between each time so you can review and preview, plus prep for the Thursday evening Glynn County GOP & Tea Party meeting he is doing Thursday evening at 6pm.

Christine can call you and PB/Heenan and conference you all together.

Next week:

You are already scheduled for 9 am on Monday, I am going to block that for a half hour if that works.

Would like to setup Tuesday, Aug 13th at 5 pm if we nail down our first "political" town hall in DeKalb that evening.

Wednesday, Aug 14th and Thursday, Aug 15th at 9:15 am as we have press each day and town halls each evening. (Radio town hall on Wed)

Once we get all these confirmed from you and on the schedule, I will have the next two weeks downloaded into a document and will pass around the Team.

Hope this all makes sense.

Thanks!

David

# **EXHIBIT 107**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:14 AM  
**To:** Christine Hardman  
**Cc:** David Bowser; Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: GPB Interview Request for Congressman Paul Brown

When do we want to schedule prep time for this? I am pretty open on Thursday the 19th. I take it we'll have to do it via phone?

On Dec 5, 2013, at 8:13 PM, Christine Hardman wrote:

> Approximately 20 min, and yes being done individually.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Dec 5, 2013, at 8:11 PM, Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> wrote:

>>

>> How long and what is the format. I take it that we are doing each of these individually. Correct?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Dec 5, 2013, at 6:03 PM, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> Ok will let them know.

>>>

>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>

>>>> On Dec 5, 2013, at 6:00 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>>> Yes but I want heavy Brett time before hand...

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

>>>>

>>>>> On Dec 5, 2013, at 5:16 PM, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

>>>>>

>>>>> David, are you ok with scheduling this since the other candidates will be there? They need to know by COB today if he can make it.

>>>>>

>>>>>

>>>>>> On Thu, Dec 5, 2013 at 2:19 PM, Norton, Teddie <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov> wrote:

>>>>>> He will be in Atlanta that day meeting w/ the tea party express guys. We are also trying to set up a lunch or dinner w/ Michael Youseff and calls the rest of the time, so if this is something we want to do I would suggest working it in between 11-12 or 2-4.

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>>>>>>> Teddie Norton

>>>>>>> Director of Operations

>>>>>>> Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)

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>>>>>>> Washington DC 20515

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>>>>> Fax: (202) 226-0776  
>>>>> www.broun.house.gov  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> From: Christine Hardman [redacted@gmail.com]  
>>>>> Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 2:17 PM  
>>>>> To: David Bowser; Norton, Teddie; Josh Findlay; Jordan Chinouth; Brett ODonnell  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Subject: Fwd: GPB Interview Request for Congressman Paul Brown  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Georgia Public Broadcasting just called me back to follow up on this - they need to know by COB today if we can participate. They are looking to do this on Dec. 19th in Atlanta anytime from 10:30am -4:00pm. She told me they wanted to make sure they had everyone locked in to participate- when I asked if Gingrey & Kingston would be participating she said, almost everyone is participating...when I pressed further she told me that they were. She also wanted to see if they could do a follow up radio interview for 20 min with Joshua Stewart (from GPB). What are everyone's thoughts on this? I think if all of the other candidates are participating then we should as well - these will be individual interviews.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> ----- Forwarded message -----  
>>>>> From: Christine Hardman <[redacted@gmail.com]>  
>>>>> Date: Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 12:15 PM  
>>>>> Subject: Fwd: GPB Interview Request for Congressman Paul Brown  
>>>>> To: David Bowser <[redacted@yahoo.com]>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> FYI-  
>>>>>  
>>>>> ----- Forwarded message -----  
>>>>> From: Andie Scher <[redacted@gpb.org]>  
>>>>> Date: Mon, Dec 2, 2013 at 10:25 AM  
>>>>> Subject: GPB Interview Request for Congressman Paul Brown  
>>>>> To: "[redacted@gmail.com]" <[redacted@gmail.com]>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Dear Christine,  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Thanks for taking the time to speak with me regarding our interest in interviewing Congressman Brown. As I mentioned on the phone, GPB will be launching a new television program in January called "On The Story," which will focus on a wide range of stories and compelling issues that are relevant to Georgia and its residents.  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Bill Nigut will be leading the helm as Sr. Executive Producer and former CNN Anchor Bobbie Battista will host the show.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> The goal is to give viewers a broader picture of what's taking place in the state in all areas - education, the arts, politics, science and our culture. We will also want to explore how Georgia is forging ahead in areas such as international commerce, technology and medicine.  
>>>>>

>>>>>

>>>>>

>>>>> I am reaching out specifically with an interview request for Congressman Paul Brown. We would like to profile each of the Senate candidates for a "get-to-know the candidate" type of piece which we plan to air during our coverage of the 2014 Legislative Session . Given that time frame, we are hoping to set up all the candidate interviews from our Atlanta studios sometime in early or mid-December, should schedules allow.

>>>>>

>>>>>

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>>>>> Please let me know if this is something we can work out. Thanks and I look forward to speaking with you.

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>>>>> Best,

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>>>>> Andie Scher

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>>>>> Booking Producer

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>>>>> 260 14th Street N.W.

>>>>> Atlanta, GA 30318

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>>>>> Ph: 404-685-██████

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>>>>> website: www.gpb.org

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# **EXHIBIT 108**

## Norton, Teddie

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:44 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** RE: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Just talked to PB, he wants to do all three.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 9:44 AM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'; Bowser, David  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** RE: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Sounds good to me.

Another concern though is that we committed a while ago to the Douglas GOP to speak at their breakfast. It will really be pushing it for him to be there by 11:30 for the meet/greet, prior to the forum's start at noon. Will that be fine?

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 6:19 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com; GovBob  
**Subject:** Re: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Will be good warm up. And it's our crowd. Do both.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2014, at 5:52 PM, "Bowser, David" <[David.Bowser@mail.house.gov](mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Brett, what do you think, although we told them we cannot do both, I'm leaning towards doing this forum with the 2nd GAGOP debate that evening...want your thoughts.

Thanks!  
David

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 05:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com' <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]@hotmail.com'  
<[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>; Bowser, David

**Subject:** Fw: TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

See below--

Teddie Norton  
Congressman Paul Broun.  
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**From:** Margaret Williamson [redacted@ellijay.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 06, 2014 05:09 PM  
**To:** Chris D'Aniello <redacted@JackKingston.org>; Corry Bliss <redacted@karenhandel.com>; Ryan Bonifay <redacted@perduesenate.com>; Jada Johnson <redacted@yahoo.com>; Jesse Greener <redacted@perduesenate.com>; Barbie (Grayson) <redacted@gmail.com>; Tyler Jacobs <redacted@EugeneYuforSenate.com>; Tori Wester <redacted@karenhandel.com>; Bobby Saparow <redacted@gmail.com>; Norton, Teddie  
**Cc:** Chip Pearson <redacted@paramont.net>; Sally Forest <redacted@yahoo.com>; Barbara and Don MURRAY <redacted@ellijay.com>; John Williamson <redacted@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** TEA Party/GOP GC Senate Candidate Forum

Good afternoon everyone,

There was some consternation raised this morning when the state GOP announced their candidate forum in Kennesaw on the same day our forum is scheduled.

This announcement came as a surprise to many. After discussion with Sally Forest, Gilmer County chair, the TEA Party board, and a number of you we have decided to go forward with our forum.

The Kennesaw event is scheduled for 6:00 in the evening and is only one hour away - easy drive down I 575. Our even starts at 11:30 with a "Meet and Greet", and forum begins at 12:00. We anticipate the formal part of the forum will last a little over 2 hours followed by approximately 1/2 hour of questions from audience - written out and prepared in advance of this time.

Your candidate will have plenty of time to arrive in a timely fashion at the next event.

We are extremely grateful for the candidates who have already committed to participate.

Margaret Williamson  
TEA Party of Gilmer County  
706-635- [redacted]  
706-273- [redacted]

# **EXHIBIT 109**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 5:13 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: Speech

He should do the 10 min speech at most and then open it for Q&A...anything more and he will start to wander, remind him that he can address a lot of his talking points during the Q&A and to not spend more than a minute or 2 on answering a question.

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 05:02 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** RE: Speech

It's the Glynn Co. GOP & Tea Party Multi-County Event tom at 6pm...on the calendar it says he'll be speaking for 15-20 mins..and will have questions from a panel.

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 5:00 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Speech

Refresh my memory on situation?

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 07, 2013 04:59 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Subject:** Speech

I haven't talked to Dr. Broun about this – but is he planning on giving his stump speech tomorrow? Know that Brett and I have a call with him beforehand, but wanted to make sure he had all the materials he needed for this.

**Christine Hardman**  
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*Sign up for Dr. Broun's e-newsletters*



# **EXHIBIT 110**

## Hardman, Christine

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 5:26 PM  
**To:** 'Brett O'Donnell'  
**Subject:** RE: Messaging calls

Ok, I'll call PB at 5:30 and conference you in for our next call.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 5:09 PM  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

I tried calling her and got her voicemail. Can someone check with her?  
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Yes, sir. Please call her at [REDACTED]. We have added the call to her schedule.

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**To:** Jordan Chinouth  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

Today? That works for me.

Sent from my iPhone

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The best time would be 5PM when they are on the road.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2013, at 12:49 PM, "Jordan Chinouth" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Brett,  
Hope all is well. Here is a rundown of where Niki will be. Some of these events she is attending with CPB. Even though she is attending them with him, she still needs to stay on message, even in one on one conversations.  
Jordan

We just started booking her last week. Here is what we have targeted so far:

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- Gwinnett Young Republicans
- Cherokee County Republican Party

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**From:** Bowser, David [<mailto:David.Bowser@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2013 1:34 PM

**To:** 'Brett ODonnell'; Norton, Teddie

**Cc:** Hardman, Christine; 'Jordan Chinouth'

**Subject:** RE: Messaging calls

One other thing...Jordan has met with Niki and she is now scheduled to start making appearances at targeted events on PBs behalf when he is already scheduled somewhere else, many of these appearances will have speaking opportunities for Niki. It will be a good idea if we can setup some time early next week to have you talk with Niki, give her the topline messaging and topics. We will try to get film of her speaking whenever possible.

Jordan, can you give Brett a quick rundown on where Niki will be next week and speaking?

Thanks!

David

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]

**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2013 12:56 PM

**To:** Norton, Teddie

**Cc:** Bowser, David; Hardman, Christine; 'Jordan Chinouth'

**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

Good by me.

On Aug 16, 2013, at 12:48 PM, Norton, Teddie wrote:

Ok let's do 5:30 on Monday, 1:30 on Tuesday, and 5:30 on Thursday. Like this week, we'll have Christine call you and patch PB in.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell [redacted@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 16, 2013 12:40 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David  
**Cc:** Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine; 'Jordan Chinouth'  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

Absolutely. I can't do Monday from 10:30-12:30, I'm open on Tuesday, can't do 3:30-6:00 pm on Wednesday, and can't do 8:30-10 on Thursday. Let me know what works

Brett

On Aug 16, 2013, at 12:31 PM, Bowser, David wrote:

Brett, if you are available, would like to setup some brief messaging calls with you, Christine, and PB next week:

Monday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm...speaking that evening at the Conservative Republican Women of North Atlanta event.

Tuesday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup> we are holding 2-5pm for media opportunities while he is in Columbus, GA.

Thursday, Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm...he will be the keynote speaker at an evening, the host is supposed to give Christine the topic. He also will be speaking Friday at lunchtime to the Cobb GOP Women (our biggest county) and Saturday evening at the Barrow GOP BBQ, all the candidates should be there and they will be speaking in alphabetical order, of course Broun is first.

Thanks!  
David

# **EXHIBIT 111**

## Bowser, David

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 2:36 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; Norton, Teddie; [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Re: radio

I think you need to set it up.

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**From:** Hardman, Christine  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 02:35 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David; Norton, Teddie; [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com' <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com' <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: radio

Yes, will do. Do you need me to coordinate with Martha that he'll do the 7am or has it already been set up?

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 2:33 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Re: radio

He wants to do it at 7 am.

Brett, can you get on the cell with PB tonight while he drives home from the airport around 9:30 pm...I told PB we did this press release hoping for an opening like this to happen. Its a perfect opening into spending, this is all about spending, the other candidates all talk about being fiscal conservatives, but PB is the only one...

Christine, can you please send Brett the final release we sent out if he hasn't seen it yet.

Thanks!

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**From:** Norton, Teddie  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 02:13 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine; Bowser, David  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com' <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** radio

I just talked to Jordan, who received a text from Martha Zoller. She wants PB on his show tomorrow morning at either 6:15 or 7 to talk about the attack on Kingston. He's told her that Christine will be in touch but wanted me to email yall to run this up the flagpole.

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# **EXHIBIT 112**

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**Re: Messaging calls**

1 message

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomms.com>  
To: "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 19, 2013 at 8:41 PM

She told dr. B she didn't like being checked on for her speeches.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2013, at 8:27 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

What happened?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 8:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Bowser, David; Norton, Teddie; Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Re: Messaging calls

Yes. Though she wasn't happy according to Dr. Brown.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2013, at 8:21 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

Did you ever reach her?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** Brett O'Donnell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2013 5:08 PM  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth  
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# **EXHIBIT 113**

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**Re: my final suggested draft of announcement speech**

1 message

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>

Tue, Feb 5, 2013 at 11:57 AM

To: bob bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Bob,

I think you missed the edits I did last night. Is there anything in those edits (attached) you'd like included in the final version? My edits are in track changes. We just need to settle on the final version so he's ready for tomorrow.

Brett

On Feb 5, 2013, at 11:14 AM, bob bibee wrote:

What I did was take my last draft before this one and melded into it many of the changes Dr. Broun preferred. His changes are in blue until toward the end where they are in black (but I used strikethrough over things I thought should be omitted, then substituted slightly different phrasing. Also where I strongly felt that something Dr. Broun had taken out should be back in, I Re-inserted:

Hope this is helpful. In the multitude of counselors there is victory.

Godspeed to all!

Bob

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# **EXHIBIT 114**



**Re: Down the Stretch Messaging**

1 message

**Brett ODonnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com> Mon, Feb 10, 2014 at 10:20 AM

To: Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>

Cc: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "[REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com" <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, "[REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, "[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>

I like this.

On Feb 10, 2014, at 10:11 AM, Brian Tringali wrote:

Brett:

I took the liberty of making a couple of suggestions. As always, you are the craftsman. Please take a look and see if you feel any of this might help.

Thanks.

Brian C. Tringali  
Partner  
The Tarrance Group  
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Suite 410  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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phone: 703/684-[REDACTED]  
fax: 703/836-8356

**From:** Brett ODonnell [mailto:[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 9:51 AM

**To:** Bob Bibee

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@aol.com; [REDACTED]@yahoo.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Brian Tringali; [REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com

**Subject:** Re: Down the Stretch Messaging

I think we should discuss this. A couple of initial thoughts:

1) People don't care about party. The Ron-Rand Paul folks that support Dr. Broun would be just as happy without either party. Let's not clutter our message with a "New Republican Party" and stick with out of control government and Obamacare. Dr. Broun has done well saying that it has been both parties that have been responsible for the problems. It's the republican party that doesn't want him to win. We need a conservative not a republican to bring government under control.

2) While the doc says we won't abandon Obamacare, I worry that it is an afterthought. While I agree that it is a symptom of out of control government, it is the number one concern on our voters minds right now. They want to know we get it. I like the "Your doctor, your insurance, your choice" construction.

3) True conservative was never meant to supplant the out of control government message. It was meant to differentiate him from the others. Not sure what this message does any differently to differentiate Dr. Broun. Read the last opening. We need a true conservative to get the government in control. It's not enough to convince them of the problem. We have to convince voters that Dr. Broun is the person to send to Washington to solve the problem. Right now the others are saying the same thing.

4) The Out of Control Spending-Government distinction is too philosophical--I don't think press or voters get that or understand how Dr. Broun fits in. I think the better construction is insider vs. outsider distinction. Handel, Kingston and Gingrey believe government is the answer (Handel's been in government longer than Dr. Broun, Kingston is the earmarker, and Gingrey is government as well). Dr. Broun has a lifetime of fighting government. Every vote and every solution is anti government--patient op act is the only solution that doesn't use the government. He's fighting for Georgians, not for government.

5) We need more Georgia in this. Dr. Broun is fighting for Georgians, not the government, not for business.

6) We need more populism. A clear majority of americans want the income gap reduced. This is where you can sell more liberty and freedom, but do it fighting government and even big business. Be on the side of small business, lower regs, the IRS, lower taxes, less government. This directly hits Purdue. This is Dr. Broun's persona--it is on the side of those who are working to achieve the American dream and believe that government and big business has an unfair advantage.

7) Radical shifts in message signal a campaign that thinks its in trouble or desperate. We have the right message and we need to keep it a simple one--"Out of control government is ruining the American dream for hard working Georgians, and never has this been more apparent than in Obamacare." I worry this is too philosophical for Georgians. Let's just get fired up about selling that message and keep driving it. We are three debates in--too early to be shifting around and never getting comfortable with a message.

Dr. Broun has been very good about message discipline. We need to stay focused and not wander off into philosophy. WE NEED TO KEEP THE MESSAGE SIMPLE AND CLEAR!! I've attached his announcement speech, which Dr. Broun, Meredith and I wrote together. It was the best I've heard him. Substitute "government" for "spending" and that is still the message.

On Feb 10, 2014, at 9:09 AM, Bob Bibee wrote:

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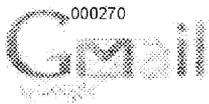
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# **EXHIBIT 115**



**Re: Update from my end on press**

1 message

**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com> Mon, Feb 4, 2013 at 6:44 PM  
To: Teddie Norton <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Cc: Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Works for me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2013, at 6:42 PM, Teddie Norton <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

The schedule for tomorrow afternoon has changed a bit- Brett, could you meet from 1-3? That might give yall more time and we can grab sandwiches for everyone or something.

Dr. Broun also mentioned the time thing to me- and I reminded him that we make allowances for lunch, morning time, and free time in GA but if he doesn't choose to "not" do things it is up to him.

On Mon, Feb 4, 2013 at 6:14 PM, Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

- I will be sending out the media advisory for the press conference first thing tomorrow morning, it's ready to go.
- I have talked to the AJC, AP Atl, and the ABM. We will be giving them priority interviews after the press conference concludes (in person).
- I pitched Erick Erickson for an in studio interview on Wednesday post press conference. They want him from 6:08-6:28 pm. Can we make this work? Erick is doing the show from Macon but Dr. Broun can go into WSB for a mic interview as opposed to a dial in... whatever works is fine by me.
- I have also talked to Tim Bryant - he will throw a hissy fit if I don't work him in somehow, so trying to find the best opportunity for that and will keep you posted. It looks like its going to be before Prayer Breakfast Thursday morning anytime from 6-9 am.
- I expect to touch base with all of the TV stations in Atl tomorrow after we send out the release. I'm sure they will all show up at the presser, and after we chat w/ the 3 main papers I plan on walking Dr. Broun around to each and letting them get a couple of questions in.
- Dr. Broun is apparently now writing his own speech. Brett and I will be practicing it with him tomorrow during our session. I'll keep you posted on that. Brett - as you can imagine, Dr. Broun is a little all over the place right now and his mind is going a lot of different directions. He's going to want to talk to you about A MILLION things tomorrow. I politely told him that we needed to focus on delivering a seamless speech, and then giving excellent follow up interviews - and that ALONE tomorrow. I.E. one thing at a time. I need you to help me reiterate that tomorrow and keep him focused on practicing the speech. He is supposed to send me a final draft of it tonight... fyi... I think Niki wrote it (given what he's told me)... I will shoot it over to you ASAP.
- Fox News Channel wants to tape Dr. Broun leaving votes in DC and headed to the airport. Then they want to have a crew at the airport in Atl waiting to follow him from the airport to the hotel. Jordan and I are still discussing this and I will keep everyone posted on a final decision.
- I so far have completely set up and confirmed 4 interviews w/ Augusta tv stations for Thurs. I have pitched all of the Savannah stations for Friday morning and am waiting for those to be confirmed, but I have confirmed an interview w/ the Savannah AP for Fri.
- I still need to set up the Macon stations for Friday afternoon and the Albany/Columbus stations

0002 for Monday. Will finish all of these tomorrow.

I am beat/overwhelmed... now I know how Jordan feels on the reg. Am I missing anything?  
Questions/comments/concerns? Jordan - need to discuss my own travel plans with you  
whenever you get a second.

Thanks everyone!

**Special note to Teddie from Dr. Broun (hahahahahaha):** Dr. Broun needs 7-8 hours of  
sleep per night. He also needs time to work out every morning. He also wants 10 minutes on  
his schedule every day to practice reading out loud and 5 minutes to read his Bible in the  
morning as well. And he wants nothing scheduled before 8 am and nothing after 9 pm from now  
on. Love - Meredith (don't shoot the messenger)

# **EXHIBIT 116**

**Norton, Teddie**

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Brett  
**Location:** 2437

**Start:** Tue 2/5/2013 1:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 2/5/2013 3:00 PM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Broun, Paul  
**Required Attendees:** Bowser, David; Griffanti, Meredith

**Categories:** Press

# **EXHIBIT 117**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: my final suggested draft of announcement speech  
**Date:** February 5, 2013 at 12:32 PM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Cc:** bob bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com

For the sake of brevity I will get to the point:

There are 2 - TWO - things only that we care about with this announcement:

- 1) It is delivered well and looks like it
- 2) what is the story and main theme we want printed?

The first is Brett and Meredith's job.

The second is the most important and I beg someone to tell me what the sound bite or headline or theme is from this long mail piece (reference not meant towards you Bob!)

Half this fluff stuff needs to go, no need to reference bureaucrats in DC and how much they make, no need to waste time on all that bio stuff, no need to talk about the Constitution, no history lessons, and don't get me started on the 10 "American" things at the end.

I don't want to sound demanding or authoritative, but if this is the speech given there will be a half dozen different messages coming from the press and we will be in a messaging hole before we start. We are not giving an announcement for the 100-150 people showing up as props, we are giving it to the press to distribute to millions in 30 seconds or a half a page column.

Simple message repeated at least a half dozen times through a 3 min max announcement...spending...if we make this primary about spending from the start we are on the high ground from day one. Nothing else matters.

People can go online or let the press fill in all the stuff about the morals, principles, Constitution, bio, etc.

Spending spending spending!

Love and pray for you all!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2013, at 11:57 AM, Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> wrote:

Bob,

I think you missed the edits I did last night. Is there anything in those edits (attached) you'd like included in the final version? My edits are in track changes. We just need to settle on the final version so he's ready for tomorrow.

Brett

<Senate\_announcement-Nikis--bmo edits.doc>

On Feb 5, 2013, at 11:14 AM, bob bibee wrote:

What I did was take my last draft before this one and melded into it many of the changes Dr. Broun preferred. His changes are in blue until toward the end where they are in black (but I used strikethrough over things I thought should be omitted, then substituted slightly different phrasing. Also where I strongly felt that something Dr. Broun had taken out should be back in, I Re-inserted:

Hope this is helpful. In the multitude of counselors there is victory.

Godspeed to all!

Bob

<Broun Senate 2014 Announcement Speech Draft 3.doc>



# **EXHIBIT 118**

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**Re: Convention Speech**

1 message

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>

Mon, May 13, 2013 at 5:07 PM

To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Cc: Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarance.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Cool. I like the language that you sent.  
On May 13, 2013, at 4:59 PM, David Bowser wrote:

Agreed, will lock it down. I am not thinking major edits, just adding a paragraph or two that he delivers with emphasis. This is our only opportunity to address 3,000 committed, activist Republicans covering the state, I believe it is hugely important to layout the specific differences with our opponents, both of whom will be addressing the same convention with how conservative they are and committed to cutting spending.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2013, at 4:53 PM, Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com> wrote:

We need to have this locked down by tomorrow so he can be practicing it and I can work with him on it in our session without doing major edits.

Thanks  
On May 13, 2013, at 4:41 PM, Meredith Griffanti wrote:

Here's the latest version of the speech so far. Happy to amend it with some of this stuff if everyone think its best. Need to run it by him as well and make sure he's comfortable.

On Mon, May 13, 2013 at 4:28 PM, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarance.com> wrote:

I was serious earlier. Let's dictate the terms of the convention and going forward. This is a litmus test on who the most conservative candidate is in the race. But we keep the test to spending issues for the time being. We have more than enough time for the other issues. But I agree with David, these other candidates should not enjoy one minute of the convention process.

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**From:** David Bowser [██████████@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2013 4:26 PM  
**To:** Bob Bibee; Brian Tringali; ██████████@otacomcommunications.com;  
██████████@gmail.com; Jordan Chinouth  
**Subject:** Convention Speech

Multitude of Councils: At the risk of opening a can of worms, I'd like to propose something. I like the speech PB has for the convention, most of which is the script he has admirably been sticking to for the past couple of months. He knows it and delivers it pretty well, both great things heading into the state convention this weekend. However I am thinking we should explore the idea of adding a couple of hard hitting lines, just a couple, that will stand out and highlight he is the conservative in this race, especially when it comes to spending, and the other two are comelatelys. Plus it would be new material no one has heard before and designed to stand out to reinforce his spend cutting message. Perhaps something along these lines:

"In this Republican primary for the US Senate, it is clear I am the only candidate with a proven record, who is committed to cutting the outrageous spending being done by both parties in Washington. My opponents may tell you they are conservatives who want to cut spending, but their actions in Washington paint a different picture. In fact,

over the past 4 years, both my opponents have voted to spend more money than they have voted to cut in spending. Both of my opponents have voted to raise the debt ceiling multiple times to accommodate their increased spending while I have never voted to raise the debt ceiling. Any while my opponents have asked for hundreds of millions of dollars in earmarks and pork projects, I stand before you today as the only candidate for the US Senate who has never requested a single earmark."

Now, I may have gotten a bit carried away, I can live with the earmark line and even the debt ceiling line being cut out, but I think we need to make a strong, new statement on spending that will keep us on offense.

Thoughts?

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# **EXHIBIT 119**



**Re: Link**

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> Tue, May 21, 2013 at 9:51 AM  
To: Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Cc: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Meredith Griffanti <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

You're the man!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2013, at 9:40 AM, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Couple things

1. I have been assured the audio will be fixed and the video will be stabilized.
2. I will ask the GOP for a tape as someone else shot the whole convention and I can only assume it was them.

The link is below.

Jordan Chinouth

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Matt Chastaincreative <[REDACTED]@prolifkseo.com>  
**Date:** May 20, 2013, 6:11:17 PM EDT  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Link

Jordan,

Here is the link to that raw video. I must apologize for the quality. I was out of town as was my usual camera guy and my guy Chad did not do a very good job with this speech. I'm charging you guys the bare minimum (just enough to cover my expenses) in hopes that you won't use his work at the Convention to judge our ability to give you high quality work in the future. Chad won't be allowed to go back out by himself again. Here is the link:

<http://brownforsenate.wistia.com/medias/yb16d493f>

# **EXHIBIT 120**

**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com 

**Subject:** 10 minute stump

**Date:** April 4, 2013 at 12:18 AM

**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

**Cc:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, Brian Tringali [REDACTED]@tarrance.com, bob bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, Meredith Griffanti [REDACTED]@gmail.com

All,

Attached is the 10 minute stump that Dr. Broun asked me to write. I wanted to send it around and get your edits and approval before sending it to Dr. Broun.

Brett



# **EXHIBIT 121**

**From:** Hardman, Christine Christine.Hardman@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Candidate Stump Speeches  
**Date:** August 20, 2013 at 10:46 AM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Thanks!

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2013 10:46 AM  
**To:** Paul Broun-Personal  
**Cc:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Fwd: Candidate Stump Speeches

Dr. Broun,

Below is the video from Saturday night. Talk to you in a bit.

Brett

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jordan Chinouth" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Candidate Stump Speeches  
**Date:** August 18, 2013 1:16:14 PM EDT  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, [REDACTED]@aol.com, "Brian Tringali"  
<[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Gentlemen,  
These videos are from the Floyd County event this past Saturday.

<http://www.georgiapolitics.org/videos.html>

Jordan Chinouth  
[REDACTED] Cell

# **EXHIBIT 122**



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## Adel Debate Open

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**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Thu, Jan 9, 2014 at 12:16 PM

To: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Cc: Aigis Slias <[REDACTED]@campaignresearchassociates.com>, Tom Donovan <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>

Attached is the proposed open for the Adel debate. We only have 1.5 to 2 minutes (we'll find out by tomorrow) so we have to keep this tight. Please provide edits before 4 pm as I'd like to send this on to Dr. Broun today.

Thanks

Brett

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 **Adel Open.docx**  
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# **EXHIBIT 123**



David H &lt;[REDACTED]@gmail.com&gt;

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**Fwd: Please print**

1 message

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**Josh Findlay** <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>  
To: David Heenan <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>

Fri, Jan 10, 2014 at 4:51 PM

David,

Please print this and give to Dr. Broun when you see him.

Thanks,

Josh

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brett ODonnell** <[REDACTED]@odacomcommunications.com>

Date: Fri, Jan 10, 2014 at 4:06 PM

Subject: Please print

To: "[REDACTED]@aol.com Broun-Personal" &lt;[REDACTED]@aol.com&gt;, David Bowser &lt;[REDACTED]@yahoo.com&gt;

Cc: Josh Findlay &lt;[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com&gt;, Christine Hardman &lt;[REDACTED]@gmail.com&gt;

Dr. Broun,

Here are the open and close with the edits you requested.

Josh, Please print for Dr. Broun.

Thanks

Brett

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Joshua J. Findlay  
Campaign Manager  
Paul Broun for U.S. Senate  
Phone: (706) 765-[REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com

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**2 attachments** **Adel Open.docx**  
124K **Adel Close.docx**  
127K



# **EXHIBIT 124**

**From:** Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: New Open for Saturday's debate  
**Date:** January 29, 2014 at 12:51 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com, btringali@tarrance.com

Honestly, I think what I sent should be used verbatim. It is more crisp, more clear and easier to deliver. It really defines PB and the others in stark terms that cannot be misunderstood. It will put the others on the defensive. No one on the panel or in the audience will object to a shorter presentation.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>  
**To:** Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@aol.com Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>; [REDACTED]@gmail.com Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>; [REDACTED]@tarrance.com Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**Sent:** Wed, Jan 29, 2014 12:35 pm  
**Subject:** New Open for Saturday's debate

Based on Bob's comments and discussion with Dr. Broun, here is the new open for this weekends debate to get at the fundamental difference and why we are the real true conservative. Send edits quickly as Dr. Broun needs to get practicing this. I'll bullet point this after we reach final open.

Brett

# **EXHIBIT 125**

**Hardman, Christine**

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2013 5:38 PM  
**To:** Hardman, Christine  
**Subject:** Fwd: Obamacare

Sorry meant to copy you

brett

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>  
**Subject:** Obamacare  
**Date:** August 13, 2013 5:15:40 PM EDT  
**To:** Paul Broun-Personal <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Dr. Broun,

So we know now that Obamacare is a winning message. Here's the one you need to be a little sharper on-- strikes a populist message that will hit the voters we need:

"President Obama and the democrats say they care about you and the middle class, but when the president had the choice between middle class Georgians and big business, he chose big business when he delayed the implementation of the employer mandate in Obamacare and he stuck it to the middle class by leaving the individual mandate in place. That means you have to still buy insure, but big business doesn't have to provide it. Guess who's going to pay--you and me! That's why we need to get rid of all the mandates and all of Obamacare and replace it with my patient option act...."

# **EXHIBIT 126**

**From:** Brian Tringali [REDACTED]@tarrance.com  
**Subject:** RE: Down the Stretch Messaging  
**Date:** February 10, 2014 at 11:04 AM  
**To:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com, Bob Bibee [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@JamestownAssociates.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com

I have a 10:30 am that will last an hour.

Brian C. Tringali  
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phone: 703/684-[REDACTED]  
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**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:57 AM  
**To:** Brian Tringali  
**Cc:** Brett ODonnell; Bob Bibee; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@JamestownAssociates.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com  
**Subject:** Re: Down the Stretch Messaging

Anyone have a conflict with tomorrow morning? We don't meet with Brett to start working on this until 4 pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2014, at 10:15 AM, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com> wrote:

It is doubtful I will be able to get on. It depends upon my campaign meeting.

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phone: 703/684-[REDACTED]  
fax: 703/836-8356

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**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]

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[REDACTED]  
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**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 10:11 AM

**To:** Brett ODonnell

**Cc:** Bob Bibee; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Brian Tringali;

[REDACTED]@JamestownAssociates.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com

**Subject:** Re: Down the Stretch Messaging

Apologies as I spoke with several of you Fri about a call today & there were various scheduling issues...does anyone have an conflict at 3 pm today?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2014, at 9:51 AM, Brett ODonnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> wrote:

I think we should discuss this. A couple of initial thoughts:

1) People don't care about party. The Ron-Rand Paul folks that support Dr. Broun would be just as happy without either party. Let's not clutter our message with a "New Republican Party" and stick with out of control government and Obamacare. Dr. Broun has done well saying that it has been both parties that have been responsible for the problems. It's the republican party that doesn't want him to win. We need a conservative not a republican to bring government under control.

2) While the doc says we won't abandon Obamacare, I worry that it is an afterthought. While I agree that it is a symptom of out of control government, it is the number one concern on our voters minds right now. They want to know we get it. I like the "Your doctor, your insurance, your choice" construction.

3) True conservative was never meant to supplant the out of control government message. It was meant to differentiate him from the others. Not sure what this message does any differently to differentiate Dr. Broun. Read the last opening. We need a true conservative to get the government in control. It's not enough to convince them of the problem. We have to convince voters that Dr. Broun is the person to send to Washington to solve the problem. Right now the others are saying the same thing.

4) The Out of Control Spending-Government distinction is too philosophical--I don't think press or voters get that or understand how Dr. Broun fits in. I think the better construction is insider vs. outsider distinction. Handel, Kingston and Gingrey believe government is the answer (Handel's been in government longer than Dr. Broun, Kingston is the earmarker, and Gingrey is government as well). Dr. Broun has a lifetime of fighting government. Every vote and every solution is anti government--patient op act is the only solution that doesn't use the government. He's fighting for Georgians, not for government.

5) We need more Georgia in this. Dr. Broun is fighting for Georgians, not the government, not for business.

6) We need more populism. A clear majority of americans want the income gap reduced. This is where you can sell more liberty and freedom, but do it fighting government and even big business. Be on the side of small business, lower regs, the IRS, lower taxes, less government. This directly hits Purdue. This is Dr. Broun's persona--it is on the side of those who are working to achieve the American dream and believe that government and big business has an unfair advantage.

7) Radical shifts in message signal a campaign that thinks its in trouble or desperate. We have the right message and we need to keep it a simple one--"Out of control government is ruining the American dream for hard working Georgians, and never has this been more apparent than in Obamacare." I worry this is too philosophical for Georgians. Let's just get fired up about selling that message and keep driving it. We are three debates in--too early to be shifting around and never getting comfortable with a message.

Dr. Broun has been very good about message discipline. We need to stay focused and not wander off into philosophy. WE NEED TO KEEP THE MESSAGE SIMPLE AND CLEAR!! I've attached his announcement speech, which Dr. Broun, Meredith and I wrote together. It was the best I've heard him. Substitute "government" for "spending" and that is still the message.

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On Feb 10, 2014, at 9:09 AM, Bob Bibee wrote:

<Broun Senate 2014 Down the Stretch Messaging.doc>

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# **EXHIBIT 127**

**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 21, 2012 at 3:05 PM  
**To:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov

I'm in conference room at NRCC.

**From:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 21, 2012 at 10:34 AM  
**To:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

NRCC, we have a conf room reserved.

**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 21, 2012 at 11:14 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov

Where is prep today?

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** Re: Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 21, 2012 at 9:51 AM  
**To:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov

Thanks David.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Bowser, David David.Bowser@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** RE: Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 21, 2012 at 9:46 AM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Brett, I have the contract approved and signed, please make sure you get it this afternoon.

Thanks!  
David

**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com   
**Subject:** Consulting Agreement  
**Date:** June 19, 2012 at 3:03 PM  
**To:** David Bowser David.Bowser@mail.house.gov

Hi David,

Attached is my consulting agreement. I wasn't sure that you settled on how I would be paid so I left the address blank. I'll be in there at 4 if you'd need to discuss this as well. Otherwise, if you could fill in the contact address and sign and return to me that would be great. Thanks for the nice note welcoming me to the team. Look forward to working with Dr. Broun, you and the rest of the team.

Brett



# **EXHIBIT 128**

**From:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com  
**Subject:** RE: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 19, 2012 at 3:06 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov

Thanks. No Worries.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** RE: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**From:** "Norton, Teddie" <Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov>  
**Date:** Tue, June 19, 2012 3:04 pm  
**To:** "Brett ODonnell" <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Sorry- our office.

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
Congressman Paul C. Broun (GA-10)  
Phone: (202) 225-[REDACTED]  
Fax: (202) 226-0776  
[www.broun.house.gov](http://www.broun.house.gov)

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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:04 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun

Teddie,

Where am I meeting Dr. Broun today?

Brett  
On Jun 19, 2012, at 10:04 AM, Norton, Teddie wrote:

Perfect- thanks so much.

-Teddie

Teddie Norton  
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**From:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:04 AM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie  
**Subject:** Re: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun

**Subject:** Re: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun

I could do today from 4-5.

Brett

On Jun 19, 2012, at 9:59 AM, Norton, Teddie wrote:

Would you be able to do today from 1-2 or 4-5?

Teddie Norton  
Director of Operations  
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**Subject:** RE: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 19, 2012 at 3:04 PM  
**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

Sorry- our office.

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Teddie,

Where am I meeting Dr. Broun today?

Brett

On Jun 19, 2012, at 10:04 AM, Norton, Teddie wrote:

Perfect- thanks so much.

-Teddie

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**To:** "@odacomunications.com" < @odacomunications.com>

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**To:** Norton, Teddie  
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From: "Norton, Teddie" <[Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov](mailto:Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov)>  
Date: Tue, June 12, 2012 11:57 am  
To: "[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

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**To:** Brett ODonnell [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

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**Subject:** RE: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 12:18 PM  
**To:** Norton, Teddie Teddie.Norton@mail.house.gov

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 11:58 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@odacommunications.com

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Thanks!

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**Subject:** Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
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**To:** teddie.norton@mail.house.gov

Hi Teddie,

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# **EXHIBIT 129**

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**Subject:** Communication Meetings with Dr. Broun  
**Date:** June 12, 2012 at 10:52 AM  
**To:** teddie.norton@mail.house.gov

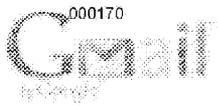
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# **EXHIBIT 130**



**Re: NEW: Campaign Conference Call**

11/15/13 12:38 PM

**Brett O'Donnell** <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com> Fri, Nov 15, 2013 at 12:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
Cc: David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com, "Hardman, Christine" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com, Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com, Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>

I might be about 15 min late to this.

Brett  
On Nov 14, 2013, at 10:06 PM, [REDACTED]@gmail.com wrote:

Here is the information for the conference call tomorrow:

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Number: (513) 386-[REDACTED]  
Access Code: [REDACTED]

Thanks,  
  
Josh

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

**From:** David Bowser  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 6:33 PM  
**To:** Jordan Chinouth; Bob Bibee; Jason Miller; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com; Hardman, Christine; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com; David Bowser; Brian Tringali; Josh Findlay; Brett O'Donnell; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com  
**Cc:** Michael Wiener  
**Subject:** NEW: Campaign Conference Call

OK team, it appears as though the original 10 am tomorrow (Friday) slot is the most doable - we will get through as much of the agenda as possible with the people who can make it and deal with whatever else we need to later. Josh, please setup the conference call and send around the dial in info. Thanks!

David

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2013, at 5:49 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hate to delay but how about Monday afternoon at

2 pm...anyone have a problem with that?

**From:** Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>  
**To:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>; Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>; Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>; Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; "Hardman, Christine" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>  
**Cc:** Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 5:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Conference Call

I can do it, but will be calling in from the car.

**From:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Reply-To:** David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Thu, 14 Nov 2013 14:44:58 -0800  
**To:** Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>, Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>, Jason Miller <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>, Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>, Jordan Chinouth <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, "Hardman, Christine" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>, [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>  
**Cc:** Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Campaign Conference Call

How about 1 pm, anyone have a conflict at 1 pm tomorrow? Apologies for the last minute notice, but the boss' schedule has been packed lately with a lot of moving pieces...

**From:** Brian Tringali <[REDACTED]@tarrance.com>  
**To:** "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>; [REDACTED]@aol.com" <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; [REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com" <[REDACTED]@jamestownassociates.com>; [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>; [REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com" <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; [REDACTED]@gmail.com" <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>; [REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com" <[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>  
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000172 Cc: Michael Wiener <[REDACTED]@tarance.com>  
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 5:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Campaign Conference Call

I have a conflict. I would need at least a delay until 10:30.

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 04:24 PM Central Standard Time  
**To:** Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>; Brian Tringali; Jason Miller  
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<[REDACTED]@campaignsolutions.com>  
**Subject:** Campaign Conference Call

Team - first, I'd like to welcome two key new team members: Jason Miller from Jamestown Associates is our new media consultant (replacing Nelson Warfield) and as many of you know, Josh Findlay is back for another Paul Broun campaign, this time as our on the ground campaign manager. We are lucky to have both of them bolster our team! Attached is an updated campaign contact spreadsheet, as always, please keep it private.

I'd like to do a core team conference call, no need for fundraisers, research, compliance, etc etc...would anyone have a scheduling conflict tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 am? If not, Josh will setup the conf call and send the information.

Tentative Agenda:

- Opponents
- Direct Mail - first piece and next
- Messaging & earned media
- New Media
- Debates
- Field report
- Fundraising brief
- Schedule for remainder of the year
- Next step in polling

# **EXHIBIT 131**

**From:** David Bowser [REDACTED]@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: [FWD: politico story]  
**Date:** January 14, 2014 at 7:54 PM  
**To:** Christine Hardman [REDACTED]@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Brett O'Donnell [REDACTED]@odacomunications.com

Since our debate consultant actually abandoned us on our first debate for a bunch of Ethiopians who don't pay him, I may need to send you to Adel this weekend if you are able to go?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2014, at 7:46 PM, Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

Ok good call- we'll pass.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2014, at 7:08 PM, David Bowser <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com> wrote:

Agree, risk vs reward. PB is not interested in comparing himself to Saxby...now if it was Isakson, I'd have to think about it!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2014, at 3:46 PM, Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacomunications.com> wrote:

People in Georgia don't read politico, but they will if we speak into their story. He'll put us between Chambliss and try to get us to say negative things about him, which we don't want to do unless we have to. He'll also try to make us look like the most conservative rather than the true conservative. I'm against speaking into this.

On Jan 14, 2014, at 10:05 AM, Christine Hardman wrote:

Could be a good opportunity to stress that Dr. Broun is the true conservative in this race..but at the same time, it's Politico..the last article this guy wrote on Broun was: "When kids of Congress members cross the line"

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/02/when-kids-of-congress-members-cross-the-line-87335.html#ixzz2qNxeRvyb>

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Josh Findlay <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 14, 2014 at 9:48 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: [FWD: politico story]  
**To:** Christine Hardman <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Hi Christine,

We received the following media inquiry.

Thanks,

Josh

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**From:** [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 14, 2014 at 9:45 AM  
**Subject:** [FWD: politico story]  
**To:** [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** politico story  
**From:** Alex Isenstadt <[REDACTED]@politico.com>  
**Date:** Mon, January 13, 2014 2:12 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com" <[REDACTED]@paulbroun.com>

Hi

|||,

I'm working on a story looking at the different congressional Republicans who are retiring this year, and how stylistically they embraced a centrist approach. In many of these instances, the people who are running to replace them are far more conservative and have a much different political style.

It seems to me this seems to be the case in GA-Sen, with Broun running to replace Chambliss. I was wondering if Broun might be free to chat for the story?

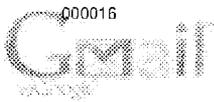
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# **EXHIBIT 132**



**Re: Post Debate Analogy and Forward Strategy**

[REDACTED]

Brett O'Donnell <[REDACTED]@odacommunications.com>

Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 2:32 PM

To: Bob Bibee <[REDACTED]@aol.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]@aol.com, [REDACTED]@yahoo.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@gmail.com, [REDACTED]@paulbroun.com, [REDACTED]@tarrance.com

I couldn't disagree more with this analysis. Again, it puts too much premium on debate performance. We are not going to win the election in the debates, but putting too much stock and pressure on them can surely equal losing the election if we make a mistake. When I coached George Bush against John Kerry the object was not to make Bush into Kerry, because that wasn't achievable any more than we should be trying to make Dr. Broun into Grayson or Perdue. He needs to be himself and be authentic. Second, scripting out Dr. Broun so that every line is canned will rob him of the authenticity that we need. We don't need Dr. Broun to be A+ every time he speaks. We need him to be on message. I have not yet seen the video, but he's been pretty good at this. We'll get into terrible trouble if we try and can every line and hit a home run on every answer. We just need to stay on message--Bob has this correct--Government out of control, Obamacare and spending. We're not shooting for "flawless," we're shooting for on message--THIS IS NOT A DEBATING COMPETITION! It is an opportunity to drive message--not the end all of the campaign. There's lots of other components--media, paid and free, etc. The best debaters don't always win elections--otherwise we would have had President William Jennings Bryan (ran 4 times and never made it), Lincoln would have defeated Douglas for the US Senate, President Dukakis (and Vice President Benson who whipped Dan Quayle), and President John Kerry (the public thought he won all three debates though I disagree with that in debates 2 and 3). While I have not seen the latest debate tape, I continue to believe that Dr. Broun is doing fine. We need to stop telling him he has to repeat our answers verbatim--never helpful and causes candidates to freeze up. And I certainly don't think debate prep should takeover the campaign at the expense of fundraising, touching voters and other campaign activities (speeches, meet and greets, townhalls, etc--as much as that might even be my dream). I also disagree with going on an all out attack against the other candidates. We don't have the money to fight a three front war that this could generate. And Handel is just waiting for us to attack her one on one--we'll get into an exchange that won't be pretty and could definitely lose the race--never mind losing a run off. I agree with numbers 5 and 6. And most of all we have to stop having campaign panic after every debate. Unless he made a significant mistake or didn't drive message, then we are on course. You hired me to coach the candidate. I won't make ads, write mail pieces, manage the online program or the campaign, but lets trust each other to play the roles we were hired to do.

From someone who has coached a few of these before.

Brett

On Feb 23, 2014, at 10:53 PM, Bob Bibee wrote:

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# **EXHIBIT 133**

## Heenan, David

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**From:** Bowser, David  
**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2014 4:05 PM  
**To:** Hayes, Jessica; Reitz, Tim; Heenan, David; Paul Kilgore; 'Josh Findlay'  
**Importance:** High

Team, I spoke to the counsel at the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding the packets you all received from them last week. I told them that none of you really had any relevant, direct conversations or interactions with Brett O'Donnell (to my knowledge). If that is indeed the case, then you won't need to turn over any information (since you don't have anything outside of being on group emails that Brett was also on) and they won't need to interview you. What I need from you ASAP are the two pages that came with the packet (Acknowledgement of Receipt and Request for Information Certification) filled out, signed, scanned in and sent back to me along with a individual note from each of you along the lines as follows...obviously Kilgore and Josh will put "The Paul Broun Committee" instead of "Congressman Paul C Broun, Jr.". Please note, that depending on what the information shows, they reserve the right to contact you again later for an interview if they determine it appropriate. Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks!

June 9, 2014

Mr. Bryson Morgan  
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Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter is in response to the request for information made by your office on June 3, 2014. I would like to certify that to my knowledge and upon review, I have no documents or communications of relevance with Brett O'Donnell or O'Donnell & Associates during my employment with Congressman Paul C. Broun, Jr.. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

