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**SMITH JOINS REFORMERS IN CALLING FOR HOUSE OVERSIGHT TO SUBPEONA  
38 STUDIOS INVESTIGATION RECORDS**

In response to the recent call for the House Oversight Committee to immediately reconvene for the purpose of taking the legal steps necessary to “subpoena and release to the public” all the records surrounding the 38 Studios deal, Mike Smith, independent candidate for House District 75, has called for action from his opponent.

“My opponent, freshman Rep. Lauren Carson, is a sitting member of the House Oversight committee. She is also a clear favorite of Speaker Mattiello. Because of that I am calling upon her to use what influence she has take a publicly visible leadership role in demanding chairwoman of the committee, Rep. Pat Serpa, reconvene the committee. The purpose being to use it’s authority to subpoena

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and then release the records that will reveal the truth about who was behind the 38 Studios scandal." Stated Smith.

Smith continued: "The people of District 75 deserve a Representative who is determined to pull back the veil on 38 Studios. They also deserve a Representative who has the courage to buck the system of silence and corruption that controls the State House."

"My opponent has given a lot of lip service to her commitment to increase transparency in government. Yet when reformers of all political persuasions demand action she sits passively on the sidelines, like the rest of 'Mattiello's Minions', waiting for her instructions on what she can do, what she can say, if anything, and when.

"She has already publicly stated that she has 'read hundreds of pages of emails' and worked hard "to determine... the people to bring to justice'. She has also stated that it was clear 'there was a fair amount of bad and unethical behavior' and that there 'was a shrewd, ambitious and engaged group of people that came together... to make a quick buck.' Yet she still voted against bringing in a

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special prosecutor. She then voted to force Rhode Islanders to continue to pay off the bonds over the past two years.”

“With that being said, I am challenging her to go beyond feel good political rhetoric and words and to join the rest of us who are fighting for the truth about 38 Studios to be released instead of insuring it stays repressed.

“Leadership must be demonstrated. Simply talking about it means nothing.”  
Concluded Smith

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