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My opponent's allegations are baseless and unfounded.

While I do not know the Republican State Leadership Committee, I am happy to be supported by a group who advocates for Republican leaders at the state and local level.

I do not know and have not communicated with this organization or individuals working for the organization. I was unaware of their activity until I received a mailer, likely because I am a registered Republican.

Unfortunately, my opponent does not understand this organization. This organization discloses the individuals who support Republican state and local leaders, as revealed by a simple Google search. Therefore, it would not be what First Amendment opponents like Ms. Orman have termed "dark money".

I am an avid defender of free speech, I welcome more individuals, businesses, Republican or Democrat organizations and non-profit organizations to engage voters at the local level. What Ms. Orman calls "dark money" are non-profit organizations from across the political spectrum, including religious organizations.

My opponent is simply trying to divert from the fact that my campaign out-raised her 3 to 1 with significantly more local support.

I have been endorsed by Benton County Prosecutor Nathan Smith, board member of the Bentonville History Museum Becky McCoy, Republican Senate Majority Leader Bart Hester, Republican Sheriff Shawn Holloway and City Councilman Bill Burckart, along with the support of numerous other individuals.

**More information may be found at the Jim Webb for Mayor campaign website at [www.jimwebbforbentonville.com](http://www.jimwebbforbentonville.com).**