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IVEY CALLS ON EDWARDS TO TAKE DOWN “HER LATEST ROUND OF FALSE CAMPAIGN ADS”

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Cheverly, Maryland--In a clear act of desperation, Donna Edwards’ supporters have begun running ads that attempt to link former State’s Attorney Glenn Ivey to former Vice President Mike Pence and the January 6 rioters. Ivey has never supported Pence or the January 6 rioters. In fact, he forcefully denounced the riots at the time and actively campaigned to defeat Pence in the 2016 and 2020 Presidential elections.

Ms. Edwards’ campaigns have a long history of using deceptive ads to trick voters into supporting her.

In 2016, Ms. Edwards’ supporters ran attack ads against her opponent, current Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) that were so deceptive that the Obama White House directed her to take down the ads. “In an unprecedented and forceful move, President Barack Obama’s administration is slamming a new gun control-themed ad,” calling it “misleading and demanding it be pulled down.” Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) called the ad “dishonest’ and ‘shameful,’ and argued it ‘should be taken down.’” *Politico*, 4/13/2016.

In 2018, Ms. Edwards and her supporters tried the same dirty tricks in the County Executive race. Ms. Edwards “joined in the smear campaign” in 2018 against current County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, making the “ludicrous allegation” that Ms. Alsobrooks was engaged in “pay-to-play’ politics.” *Wash Post* 5/16/2018. The Post noted that Ms. Alsobrooks “has an unblemished reputation for ethical conduct.” Ms. Alsobrooks called the ad “an evil lie.” She added that “they are calling me a criminal” and “I am deeply offended. It is unfair, irresponsible and unethical.” *Wash. Post*, 5/16/2018.

The Edwards/J Street ads being run against Mr. Ivey are equally false.

Ivey has worked in Democratic Party circles since 1987, when he became a legislative aide to Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.). During more than 25 years in public service, he worked for Democratic stalwarts like former Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), former Senator Don Riegle (D-Mich.). As the twice-elected State’s Attorney in deep blue Prince George’s County, he worked with the Obama Justice Department during former Attorney General Eric Holder’s tenure, in major prosecutions against MS-13 and mortgage fraudsters.

Mr. Ivey has been endorsed in the current race for Congress by strong Maryland Democrats like former County Executives Ike Leggett and Rushern Baker; former Maryland Government Parris Glendening, several State Senators, Prince George’s Council Members, among many others.

Ramon Korionoff, a spokesman for Mr. Ivey, said that “Mr. Ivey has been a leader in the state and national Democratic Party for more than 35 years. It’s ridiculous and dishonest for Edwards and J Street to suggest that Mr.

Ivey ever supported Mike Pence. In fact, he had never heard of him before the 2016 election, and he actively worked to support the Democratic nominees in both races to defeat Trump-Pence. “Suggesting that he supported the January 6 rioters is even worse, since Mr. Ivey went on television immediately afterwards to denounce their actions.”

“Donna Edwards knows better. J Street knows better. They cannot defend Ms. Edwards’ long history of poor constituent services, so they are fabricating these obviously false allegations to distract voters. Her latest round of false campaign ads should be taken down immediately.”

Here's the J Street ad for reference:

<https://adstransparency.google.com/advertiser/AR04674451227382120449/creative/CR10689674009148129281?political=®ion=US>

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