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MATTHEW COLBORN DISMISSED FROM LAWSUIT

Statement on Behalf of Matthew Colborn

Wichita, Kansas: On October 22, 2020, Mayor Brandon Whipple filed a stipulation and order of dismissal with prejudice as to Matthew Colborn, which was signed and entered by Senior Judge John Sanders. This brings an end to the lawsuit against Mr. Colborn. Michael Shultz, attorney for Mr. Colborn, provided the following statement:

Matthew is very pleased to be dismissed from the lawsuit. We are grateful to Mayor Whipple for his willingness to settle these claims, and to Mr. Rathbun for staying true to his word that if Matthew would provide a truthful account and comply with his discovery obligations, we could get this matter resolved. He has provided that truthful account, and we turned over all of the relevant material Matthew had.

Matthew regrets his participation in this whole ordeal. While he chose to participate in these underhanded attacks, he has also been used and scapegoated in the public eye. Needless to say, it has been a year of painful lessons about politics, relationships, and business. But he is now ready to move past this chapter in his life.

Unfortunately, others still desire to attack and scapegoat Matthew. As a result, we believe it is necessary to provide some of the information publicly that we provided in discovery, so that Matthew can clear his name and truly put this behind him.

Matthew was at the meeting where Michael O'Donnell, James Clendenin, and Michael Capps planned to push the blame for this ad onto Dalton Glasscock and others. To protect himself, he recorded that conversation. We are releasing that recording now to demonstrate the accuracy of what Matthew has now said and to try and stop those who continue to attack him.

Matthew looks forward to moving past this chapter in his life and onto his next pursuits.

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