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Former Congressman Kerry Bentivolio Takes a Stand

Milford, Michigan – Over the past few days, much has been written and said regarding former Congressman Kerry Bentivolio filing a “Defamation of Character” lawsuit against Michigan’s 11th District candidate Rocky Raczkowski. So far, attorneys have been quoted, Mr. Raczkowski has been quoted, and reporters have given their spin. Now it is time for the plaintiff to speak.

Politics has unfortunately become a blood sport, and some candidates feel as though there are not any limitations as to what they can say or do to win an election. However, this is not the case; just as Washington needs boundaries, so do local races. Personally speaking, I am from the old school where we debated issues of the day, the direction the nation is going, and how to make lives better for our constituents. I would never dream to go after – much less lie about – my opponent's service record, as Mr. Raczkowski has done regarding my record of service to our nation. That is something career soldiers do not do.

My opponent can criticize my voting record as a congressman. He can criticize my position on healthcare, guns, immigration or any other subject. He can even poke fun at any of the interesting things I've done in my life. However, the two off-limits areas for candidates are family and military service record. I repeatedly asked my opponent to stop lying about my DD-214 Service Record – which the United States Army issued and is posted on my website – but he would not. Just like Washington needs boundaries, so do political races. Maybe a \$10-million-dollar lawsuit will get the message across.

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