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**BILL FLORES**  
★FOR CONGRESS★



Dear Friend,

While many of us were enjoying Labor Day weekend with our friends and families, 20-year incumbent Congressman Chet Edwards (D-TX) launched his second negative television ad which is demonstrably false and defamatory.



Edwards' motto is "Never Let the Truth Get in the Way of Advancing your Own Political Career."

**AREN'T YOU TIRED OF CHET EDWARDS'  
DESPERATE, DISHONEST POLITICS?**

In the new ad, Congressman Edwards claims that I "helped run an oil company that laid off over 3,000 workers."

Here is the background:

The company referenced in the false ad is Baker Hughes, which acquired Western Atlas in August 1998. Prior to the merger with Baker Hughes, I was the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Western Atlas. Following the merger in August 1998, I was not retained or hired by Baker Hughes and, as is typical following acquisitions, I was relieved of my management responsibilities at Western Atlas at the time of the merger.

Here is the simple truth:

1. I did not "help run" Baker Hughes - I was relieved of all management authority once Baker Hughes merged with Western Atlas on August 10, 1998.
2. I played no part in laying off workers - I was never employed by Baker Hughes as part of the merger agreement. In addition, Western Atlas did not make any major

major changes to its businesses before the merger closed in August 1998.

I have worked hard throughout my career to build businesses, produce energy, create good-paying jobs, and to do all of these things with complete integrity.

On the other hand, twenty-year incumbent Chet Edwards has a long-history of running deeply negative campaigns in order to hold onto power, further his political career, and push Democrat policies in Washington. Edwards knows the folks of this district are tired of his steadfast support of Obama and Pelosi's job killing agenda which has harmed our small businesses, families, and deeply damaged our economy.

The good folks of this district are rejecting his outrageous deficit spending, his Wall Street bailouts, his enormous increases in federal debt, and his 97% voting record with Nancy Pelosi. Rather than run on that record, he is attacking me because his actions are destroying the futures of all Americans..

I am not going to stand by and let a desperate career politician falsely attack my record and defame my reputation.

Will you help us fight this false attack ad? Please consider [forwarding this email](#), writing a letter to the editor, calling into talk radio or [supporting us with a financial contribution](#) or by [volunteering](#).

The choice in this election is clear—we can choose the destructive agenda of Obama, Pelosi, and Edwards; or, we can choose my vision of Restoring America's Promise, Prosperity, and Security for future generations.

[Will you support our vision by joining our team?](#)

I hope you will consider [making a generous \\$25, \\$50, \\$100, \\$250, or \\$500 investment](#) so I may fight Congressman Edwards' vicious, false and deceptive advertising and to restore a positive vision for America.

With Great Respect,



Bill Flores

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