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Representative Eddie releases statement in response to recent article on his campaign by the Daily Statesman



Representative Eddie at a recent constituent meeting in State College, AC (PA)

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HONESDALE, AC - The office of AC-3 Representative PhlebotinumEddie recently released a statement in response to an article published on his campaign in the Daily Statesman:

- “It looks like the writer behind the Daily Statesman’s latest article doesn’t understand how the press gets paid; taking a statement that was clearly in jest, and accusing my campaign of using funds to pay the press to attend. This is a nonsensical claim that lacks basic logical function. Members of the press, after all, are paid by the companies printing the press, with their incentive to attend writing a good story, not some ludicrous bribe money. This is private money, not public money, paying these salaries with the exception of NPR. More importantly, a press conference is simply an open invitation by someone, from myself to others like our President Adith, to hear them and ask questions. That said, I haven’t seen President Adith hold many himself recently. On a second note, since when have there been rules on how we are supposed to dress on the campaign trail? If you don’t want to look relatable and choose to show up to events in suits, go right ahead. I prefer to save my money instead of throwing it into the pit that is a pompous, repetitive wardrobe. But as a free American citizen, it is anyone’s right to have a lavish wardrobe as they wish. I prefer to stay clear of the reek that is political classism that so many of my colleagues seem fond of. I will respect the dress code of congress while I am present but do not feel that I am overstepping any boundaries when away from the Capital. I think it is a waste of time when the Daily Statesman waste their word count on what I wore on to an event in Forest County instead of discussing policy or other important matters. They wrote a great article on Governor Grant’s good environmental record and initiatives for Fremont. Why waste time on frivolity instead of chasing other news like this? Thirdly, they ought to reach out to the Speaker himself for a statement before they rudely presume Scribba felt snubbed by my important workout routine during our joint event. Fourth, the Statesman evidently didn’t do enough research about my canvassing in Forest County; they seem to think I stopped at the courthouse only, which is blatantly false. When I canvas, I don’t just make a token stop at a location; I go to doors and talk to people face to face. Unlike many of my opponents, I have actually visited Forest County more than once despite it being one of the least populated in the Atlantic Commonwealth. Rural folk deserve as much attention given to their needs as the countless more folks in the many metropolitan areas of Atlantic. Fifth, imagine what the Daily Statesman could have been covering instead of taking the time to write an article that borders on libel. Why is the Statesman wasting time talking about how politicians should dress on the campaign trail?

In a way, they are disrespecting my liberty as an American citizen to dress as I wish to with my rights as a free citizen in this amazing country I am proud to call home. The Eddie Express cannot be stopped, and as my Great Uncle from Kentucky told me one day after being frustrated hunting an unusually crafty, and quite large, turkey: the gloves are comin' off and this train is gonna keep on chugging! I will continue to demonstrate my commitment to public service and maintaining and promoting a healthy lifestyle on the campaign trail.”