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Dear Committeewoman Day and Sen. Thrasher,

No greater challenge faces the next leader of the Republican Party of Florida than to restore member confidence that hard-earned donations are helping communicate our party's conservative message, not funding massages for party elite.

We, the party faithful, have been told to put our concerns behind us, that a change in leadership is all that's needed to end the culture of fiscal irresponsibility that has flourished at RPOF headquarters.

But the drip, drip, drip of revelations continues, with the suggestion of more to come.

It's time to come clean.

You know the anger that exists among Republicans across Florida about our party's free-spending ways. Seriously, how do you ask everyday folks to contribute whatever they can, then refuse to let them see the credit-card costs for communicating our message?

You are campaigning to lead our party back to its conservative ways. One of you will be tasked with ending this public-relations nightmare, a distraction that is getting in the way of electing Republicans statewide.

And so, on behalf of common-sense conservatives, let me ask this: can we count on you to follow best practices and come clean about the extent of the spending problem?

Specifically, will you release the records of everyone who's been issued a credit card? It's been suggested that the greatest abuses happened with credit cards.

It is not easy to open the books, especially if it might put friends in the spotlight. But it is the right place to start, and leaders are expected to do what is right, even when it's difficult.

No longer can we dismiss this controversy as a dog on our leg that we simply can't shake. To move forward, we must be open and honest about what's happened in the past, and how, exactly, things will be different in the future.

Had we disclosed this information back in November, we would be on our way to rebuilding trust and confidence in the Party. Can we really afford to be dealing with this in September and October? Let's get this behind us and move on to make the most of the great opportunities we have in the 2010 elections.

I look forward to hearing from you both.

Respectfully,

Paula Dockery