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Salem Abraham Statement Regarding His Suit Against Michael Quinn Sullivan Being Dismissed: **Truth lost today in Texas**

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“Truth lost today in Texas. In my libel suits against AgendaWise, Daniel Greer, and Michael Quinn Sullivan, they never tried to dispute the judge’s finding that the article published by AgendaWise about me was untrue. They admit I was lied about in the article Daniel Greer wrote, while under the immediate oversight of Michael Quinn Sullivan. However, even though they admit to the lie, they have been absolved from all responsibility because Texas’s Anti-SLAPP law, passed in 2011, allows them to libel people without having to be accountable. Truth no longer matters in Texas. In Texas, “freedom of speech” is also freedom to lie with no accountability and no recourse for the victim of the lies

Texans...including me... all understand that freedom of speech needs to be protected. The Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution says: “Every person shall be at liberty to speak, write or publish his opinions on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege...” However, Texas’ Anti-SLAPP law eliminates any responsibility “for the abuse of that privilege.”

The Bill of Rights in the Texas Constitution also says: “All courts shall be open, and every person for an injury done him, in his lands, goods, person or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law.” The fact that I was libeled has never been disputed by Michael Quinn Sullivan or Daniel Greer; their glee comes from the fact that under their anti-SLAPP law and “press” immunity from testifying, there is nothing I can do about it. The liberal Anti-SLAPP law in Texas has stolen Texans’ constitutionally guaranteed right of self-defense when libeled, and has taken away our constitutionally guaranteed right to have access to the courts when we are lied about.

As a Texan, I was shocked to learn how broadly Texas’s Anti-SLAPP law was written, and how *even these guys*, who are little more than private spokesmen for Tim Dunn’s political action committees, get to claim immunity from testifying as “press.” Amazing.

As clear evidence of Tim Dunn’s and Michael Quinn Sullivan’s lack of character, a person only needs to know that as of July 11<sup>th</sup> Daniel Greer was still on the AgendaWise payroll and is still working there. Tim Dunn and Michael Quinn Sullivan wanted to appear to the public as distancing themselves from Greer back in May when the world learned of Greer’s secret Twitter account from which he spewed his lies and hate filled tweets.<sup>1</sup> However, when Greer was

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<sup>1</sup> Houston Chronicle, May 17, 2013 <http://blog.chron.com/texaspolitics/2013/05/blogger-apologizes-for-gay-slur-deletes-anonymous-account/>  
Harvey Kronberg, May 17, 2013 [www.quorumreport.com](http://www.quorumreport.com)

deposed on July 11<sup>th</sup>, he admitted that he was still actively employed by AgendaWise and was still on the payroll. Who keeps a guy like Greer on the payroll? And why issue a press release disclaiming Greer, while keeping him on board, doing what he has always done for AgendaWise and Tim Dunn?

Yes, even though Michael Quinn Sullivan, Daniel Greer, and their puppet master, Tim Dunn, are all safe from being held responsible for their lies in court, they are the type of people you warn your children to never grow up to be like.

As Texans, we value the importance of honest and open debate. By challenging and testing ideas we find the best solutions and our state can be stronger for it. I worked on my first Republican campaign in 1970, at the age of four, when I campaigned for my grandfather who was running as a Republican for the state senate. Though I am a longtime conservative, I also value everyone's opinion. Texans understand that iron sharpens iron and Texas can be stronger when everyone, whether conservative or liberal, can engage in spirited discussions and question one another and challenge ideas. However, it is important that our public discourse be based on truth, and that the person actually behind the messages is disclosed." -- Salem Abraham

Footnote: The lawsuit against Daniel Greer and AgendaWise that was dismissed in October 2012 is still currently on appeal in the Seventh Court of Appeals of Texas. Abraham intends to continue pursuing this appeal.