

Campaign Update.  
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On 2/15/2017, I attended a demonstration outside Steve Pearce's Las Cruces office. The doors were locked and nobody else was inside, except a staffer, who was hiding from the fifty or so protesters. Two police officers shows up. I stood my ground.

I went to Steve Pearce's website, and I sent him a formal invitation to the Town Hall Meeting, which I attended on 2/24/2017. He had two security guards who told people that they had no right to stand on the sidewalk and protest. They had to go out into the street. I told them that this was the essence of public Property, being GOP Representative Steve Pearce's Office. I told them that I had emailed to schedule an appointment with Steve Pearce and that I had not heard back. I knocked on the door until Barbra finally came out. I entered the formally locked door and met with his most qualified staffer for forty minutes. Since I am an attorney, I wanted to demonstrate to the 225 protestors outside that private security guards have no authority to arrest people. They have no more right to make a citizen's arrest, than I have the ability to make a citizen's arrest of them. I wanted to demonstrate that just because Mr. Pearce hires security guards to claim that his public, tax paying office is private property, it is not. If in fact, police officers show up, I will tell them that I am an attorney. If they want to arrest me, I am fairly confident the Judge will let me off with an apology.

I collected three pages of signatures, both front and back, giving Mr. Pearce some feedback from his constituents on several issues. I also emailed him two letters about my own positions on the issues, since he represents me in Congress and my tax dollars pay his salary, and keep his office open.

On Mr. Pearce's website, he has no scheduled Town Hall Meetings. He had a screened telephone Town Hall, where is you clicked that you supported the ACA, several protesters said that they were disconnected. Others said that could not join the conversation.

On 3/4/2017, my Wife and I drove up to Ruidoso, NM to attend Steve Pearce's Town Hall Meeting. Barbra (Steve Pearce's excellent staff member) introduced me to Mr. Steve Pearce and he shook my hand. After my introduction, he said to me: "You are the smart-alec who sent me emails." I agreed that I was that person. Compared with Lucas, Tony, Jan and Martin, who have all lived in New Mexico longer than I have,<sup>1</sup> I was impressed that Steve Pearce already knows my name. I am also impressed that

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<sup>1</sup> All of whom have lived in New Mexico longer than I have. Know New Mexico politics better than I do. Are far and away more qualified and experienced than I am. It is they who should be running for office, not me. Tell them to get the lead out. And get the lead out of Flint, Michigan drinking water, while you are at it.

his staff is so professional.

I then asked Representative Pearce, "How could you conclude that there was "nothing" to the Vladimir Putin-Donald Trump and his cabinet scandal, before Michael Flynn, Jeff Sessions, Donald Trump Jr and Paul Manafort had even testified. He said that he had made that statement before Michael Flynn resigned. I myself think that was a lie, because I heard Steve Pearce yesterday on Fox News radio, saying that there was nothing to it. However, I will bow down and apologize if Steve Pearce made those statements before January 24, 2017, and Fox News radio waited over a month to play them.

I tried to hush the crowd three times. I said let him speak. I waved and suggested that the crowd be quiet, show some respect and listen to the woman who stated that us liberal agitators were "misinformed." I am a good enough Christian to believe that: if we expect to be respectfully listened to, then we should show our political opponents the same courtesy.

I will also caution people to ask simple, not complex questions. When you read paragraphs long comments and complex questions with several parts, you are sowing the seeds of your own disaster. If the woman on the news said, "I had stage four cancer, and five of the people in my family would be dead without the ACA." She should stop. If she goes on to add, "And my twenty-four year old daughter wants to stay on my insurance," then you give a seasoned politician the perfect way to dodge your question. He merely stands up says, I agree that children should remain on their parents health insurance until age 26. In this manner he dodges the question about repealing Obamacare, without even having to comment on the first part of your statement.