

Transcript: Matt Meyer's Remarks Calling for Federal Investigation of Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long's Campaign

I am not here today as your County Executive or as a candidate for Governor. I am here as a Delawarean, as a former teacher who taught students a few blocks from here, students whose families too often did not get a fair shake under the law.

Delawareans deserve to be able to trust their elected officials and know that rules and laws apply to everyone equally. Laws don't apply to some more than others.

That's why today I am calling for a federal investigation into Ms. Hall Long's near decade long illegal conduct.

A final report from an independent state examination, that was released last week conducted by a former Philadelphia FBI chief, concluded that Ms. Hall-Long's campaign finance reporting is quote "incomplete, inconsistent and often inaccurate".

This report found that Ms. Hall-Long broke the law.

The report provides evidence that she tried to cover it up and was still covering it up until the last moment when she asked our State Election Commissioner to keep the report detailing the illegalities confidential and not to release the findings to the public.

I want to draw your attention to this, which comes from the evidence files of the state report.

It's a Post-It note, which her husband admitted was written by Ms. Hall-Long, a reminder to Create receipts for 2021 and 2022. Create Receipts.

Ms. Hall-Long has lied to the press, to her friends and supporters and worst of all, to everyday, hardworking Delawareans.

If we cannot trust Ms. Hall-Long with hundreds of thousands of dollars from her closest friends and supporters, how can we trust her with 6 billion dollars annually of our hard earned tax dollar.

Unfortunately, this fits a pattern of behavior – Ms. Hall-Long's opioid commission was found to be "rubber-stamping" millions of dollars of public funds with sloppy accountability and no guardrails — and now a dozen grantees are being audited. The leaders of many of these organizations are maximum donors to Ms. Hall-Long's campaign.

As elected leaders, our greatest responsibility is to ensure the trust of the people. In my years of service, I have always valued transparency and accountability. The Delawareans we elect as public servants must be held to a higher standard, not a lower standard.

And our systems of justice, law enforcement and public accountability must be free from political influence and the appearance of any political influence.

That's why today I am calling for a federal investigation.

Delawareans deserve elected leaders who follow the law, the letter of the law and the spirit of the law.

Delawareans deserve answers and accountability.

Delaware and our country are at an inflection point. Our state ranks near the bottom in the country in educational outcomes. We have a healthcare affordability and accessibility crisis that leaves families without the care they need. Access to affordable housing is more scarce today than it's been in my lifetime.

Delawareans must have faith that our next Governor will be committed to addressing these issues – committed to providing a government that is responsive and delivers for working families. Not someone who will work to enrich themselves and their family. Thank you.