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In Friday's edition of the Roundup, the paper published an article titled *Rim Country lawmakers seek to overturn certified election results* authored by Pete Aleshire. Please see attached copy of that article. I've also attached a copy of the submitted Resolution.

Please note the yellow highlighted paragraphs in the article where Pete states; Therefore, *"because the stench of fraud surrounds our election" the Legislature should immediately convene and decide on electors without regard to the certified votes cast.*

And again, in the next paragraph, Pete states; The Gila County Republican Party resolution concluded, *"The governor could do that with the stroke of a pen, but sadly, like everything else he has done, Doug Ducey will choose to serve himself instead of the vast majority of voters who thought their vote would count. Just like the selfish 'thumbs down' act of John McCain on the ACA vote, Doug Ducey will be relegated to the ash heap of history, disgraced for shirking his duty."*

The yellow highlighted sentences are complete fabrications and false statements which are intentionally designed to malign and damage the reputation of the Gila County Republican Party. Pete did not interview me for the article (which would seem to be good journalist practice for such a significant story). The words used cannot be found anywhere in the copy of the Gila County Republican Party's Resolution that I sent you on December 8th nor anyplace on Republican Party's website.

Pete Aleshires actions are unacceptable!

My Party, as well as the Roundup newspaper, are well aware of Pete's affiliation with the Democrat Party. But when Democrat hate for President Trump, and the Republican Party, begins to alter reality and judgement, and causes Pete to create statements that don't exist in our Resolution, a proper corrective action by the Payson Roundup newspaper is required.

I demand that the paper fully investigate this breach of journalist ethics and ensure this type of malicious writing does not continue, followed by promptly publishing a correction and an apology in a prominent location in a future edition of the

Roundup newspaper. Additionally, that correction must also be delivered to Governor Doug Ducey.

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Pete Aleshire's response on December 15, 2020

Gosh. Looks like I screwed up.

I received the resolution by email - as well as a commentary from the American Post Gazette - distributed by COMMONSENSE in Arizona. They came in the same email and I copied and pasted them into a word document to use in the story.

Unfortunately, I didn't see on my document where the Gila County party resolution ended and the commentary from "friendly farmer" began - so I mistakenly attributed quotes from that commentary to the resolution.

I'm very sorry for the mistake and we'll correct it immediately.

do you know who COMMONSENSE and "Friendly farmer" are? I'm not sure how I got those two together.

once again - sorry for the error.