

March 25, 2021

Commissioner George F. Halcovage, Jr.
Schuylkill County Courthouse
401 North Second Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

Dear Commissioner Halcovage:

We write to you today to express our concern and contempt over the misconduct alleged by four female County employees and the impact that the misconduct and resulting claims are having on the people of Schuylkill County and the administration of County government. Quite simply, you have lost our trust and we collectively have no confidence in your ability to effectively lead our great County.

As you know, County government conducted an exhaustive investigation of the alleged misconduct and reached the conclusion that you violated four separate County policies which would have resulted in the termination of your employment with the County had you not been an elected official. This investigation and subsequent report came from within your own administration. While the contents of that report were not made public, the specific and detailed allegations contained in the 75-page Federal District Court Complaint recently filed against you, the County and others involved in County government, are abhorrent, repulsive and inexcusable. These allegations raised by County employees are legally and morally inappropriate and cannot be tolerated under any circumstances. The allegations suggest a pattern of conduct unbecoming of any County employee, let alone a County Commissioner who should be held to the highest of standards as the chief elected official in County government.

Your misconduct is not indicative of the high moral standards espoused by the citizens of Schuylkill County or the Republican Party of Schuylkill County. While we recognize your right to defend yourself against these allegations, it is difficult to fathom a defense which would effectively excuse your conduct and its impact on these women. The people of Schuylkill County deserve far more from their highest elected official and will settle for nothing less. The pendency of the litigation adversely affects the reputation of our County and undermines the ability of County leadership and administration to conduct the peoples' business.

It is with these thoughts in mind that we hereby demand your resignation as Schuylkill County Commissioner. We are unified in this request and feel strongly that anything short of resignation would be viewed as condoning your misconduct. Your failure to promptly resign your office will only further stigmatize our great Schuylkill County and the people who work so tirelessly to honorably serve our constituents. We strongly encourage you to act in the best interest of our County and resign your position.

Very truly yours,






