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We received some very disturbing, but not surprising, news last night. Newspapers and other reports have now confirmed what we suspected all along -- our [Republican Primary opponent is nothing more than a tool and stalking horse for Charlie Melancon](#). And this Melancon led Republican Primary operation will start vicious attacks against me as early as Tuesday.

It's because Melancon is desperate to do anything he can to distract the voters from his own record of voting with Obama 84% of the time.

This isn't just guesswork or speculation. Nearly a week ago, my so-called [Republican opponent was spotted meeting with two former Democrat elected officials and current trial lawyers in North Louisiana](#). The Democrats and trial lawyers have become his fundraising base--just like they are for Charlie Melancon.

Then, on Tuesday of this week, my so-called Republican opponent had a private dinner meeting with Wayne Elmore at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Lafayette. [Who's Wayne Elmore?](#) Just Charlie Melancon's single biggest contributor, fundraiser, and fraternity brother. [He and his family have directly given Melancon over \\$50,000](#). So much that Melancon made him King of the Washington Mardi Gras Ball.

And then there's my so-called Republican opponent's top aide--formerly a confidant of both Marc Morial and Cleo Fields. And get this... Guess who this consultant's most lucrative client ever was? Buddy Leach, current head of the state Democratic Party and Melancon's most public cheerleader in the state [has paid this consultant over a million dollars](#).

These connections are no coincidence. Please help get the word out. Vicious attacks are about to start, and Charlie Melancon is clearly behind the push. He's desperate to use his "Republican" attack dog, to try to change the dynamics of his losing campaign and to talk about anything but his own record.

I'm giving you this heads up so you can help spread the word. [Please forward this email to ten friends. Tell your friends and family about Melancon's dirty tricks](#). Louisianians won't be duped.

More details to follow soon.



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