



RPNM SUPPORTS INVESTIGATION INTO XOCHITL TORRES SMALL FOR POSSIBLE ILLEGALLY FUNDRAISING FOR DEMOCRATS AND HER HUSBAND'S NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE RACE

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE RANKING MEMBER SAYS SMALL MAY HAVE VIOLATED HATCH ACT TO INFLUENCE DEMOCRATIC RACES

Albuquerque, October 3--The Republican Party of New Mexico has learned that USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development and former New Mexico Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small may have broken the law by fundraising for Democrats and her husband, who's running for the NM House District 36 seat.

The Ranking Member of the Congressional Committee on Oversight and Reform, James Comer, is calling on the U.S. Office of Special Counsel to investigate Small for potentially violating the Hatch Act. That prohibits employees in the executive branch from engaging in political activity.

Comer says it appears Small may have broken the law by getting involved in political races. In particular, it's believed Small may have used her influence to raise funds for husband Nathan Small in the District 36 race. As Under Secretary she cannot do this.

"This could be a gross violation of federal law, a violation of public trust, and it's crucial that Small be investigated. It would be inappropriate if she knowingly broke federal law and raised money for her spouse and other Democrats. If true, what Small is doing is not only wrong but exhibits blatant nepotism in a New Mexico election, and it's shameful that Small would try to influence her husband's race in this way."

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