

From the Desk of

Bernie Kunkel

Dear Friend,

My name is Bernie Kunkel, and I live in Boone County. I've lived in Kentucky for 56 years, and am raising my family here.

I've known Trey Grayson for over 10 years. He has attended our League Of Kentucky Property Owners meetings and I've talked to him at State Legislative Caucus meetings. But I'm very disappointed in the kind of campaign he's running for Senate, and don't agree with some of his past and present positions, and I believe I need to tell you about that.

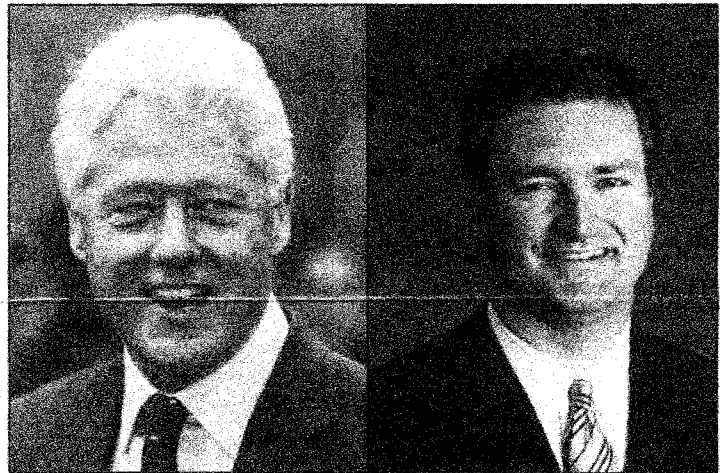
You see, Trey Grayson and the Grayson family have been on the wrong side of too many issues in Northern Kentucky, and across the state, for me to support him.

For most of his life, Trey was a Democrat.

Now, I'm not saying there's something wrong with a man being a Democrat, or that he's not a good person. But I am saying that it's not exactly among the top qualifications for REPUBLICAN nominee for Senate.

It makes me wonder how deeply held his "conservative principles" really are.

Of course, you might know that Trey Grayson supported Bill Clinton for President. His family is well known for supporting Democrats, and even lent their support to a countywide tax increase in 2008. This was the much despised regional Parks Tax in Boone County that was defeated at the polls in 2008 by a margin of 2 to 1. And, as I'll tell you more about soon, Trey has some very odd ties to liberals and even extremists on the left that are disturbing.



Even worse in my opinion, Trey is a career politician. Oh, I know he's not been around that long, but he's well into a career he has been aspiring to since high school.

Career politicians gave us trillion dollar bailouts. They gave us a twelve trillion dollar debt with no end in sight. Career politicians gave us pork barrel spending, and auto industry takeovers. Isn't it time we try something else?

Trey Grayson recently went to Washington to raise money from lobbyists and

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establishment insiders. The host of the most recent fundraiser was a lobbyist for AIG! You remember them, they took over \$180 billion dollars in taxpayer funded bailouts!

In fact, PACs have given nearly half a million dollars to his campaign.

It troubles me to think why these DC insiders and bailout lobbyists think Trey Grayson is the right man for the job.

I don't often agree with this paper, but here, they're dead on:

“Trey Grayson seems physically and mentally dazed, and uncomfortable in his own skin as he responds . . . his rapid movement . . . leaves many wondering what he really stands for.”

Louisville Courier-Journal, April 25

Trey is trying to fool us. And I think we can do better.

I've also known Rand Paul now for over 15 years. And knowing both men, I will tell you this with conviction: I'll be voting for Rand Paul on May 18.

Rand Paul is a man who I believe will fight for us in Washington and that's why I am proud to support him in his race for U.S. Senate.

Rand believes in the Constitution. But just as important, he believes in real solutions to the problems we have as a nation. Solutions like:

Term Limits: The only way to make sure politics isn't a life-long job is to tell them they have to go home and live with the laws they created!

Balanced Budgets: Rand has personally promised me and everyone in Kentucky that he will NEVER vote for a budget that is not in balance. And he will fight to make it part of our constitution.

END to Wasteful Spending: Some folks don't like to talk about this. They love to talk about bringing home the bacon. But the fact is, the bacon is killing us. We have to end earmarks and pork barrel projects if we want to get our deficit under control.

A More Secure America: Rand will fight to keep our military strong, our borders protected, terrorists off US soil and our country safe. Rand will keep Gitmo open, fight for military trials for terrorists, and has called for an end to travel visas from countries that sponsor terrorism.

End our Moral Decay: Rand is 100% pro life and will always vote that way. He's also pledged to protect Kentucky's right to ban homosexual marriage.

Respect the 10th Amendment: Rand will work to end federal control over education, to eliminate burdensome regulations, and will never vote to give the federal government more power over the states.

These views and many more can be found at Rand's website, www.randpaul2010.com. They are what convinced me he is the right man at the right time for this job.

But there were other factors that convinced me as well.

One was the total negative campaign of Trey Grayson. For months and months I went to Trey Grayson's website to look for the ideas he would campaign on. Do you know what I found? Blank pages. No issues. Little did I know that was just the beginning.

I might be wrong, but doesn't it seem like 90% of what Trey Grayson's campaign puts in the mail and on the air is a negative attack on Rand Paul? And Rand has responded with the truth each time.

But what seems to be missing from the discussion in this race is a little more about Trey and his family's support for Democrats and some pretty radical groups.

As you probably know, Trey went to Harvard. While there, he was in the "Young Democrats" group, and was even quoted in the Harvard newspaper in support of AL GORE!!

Trey followed that up by voting for Bill Clinton for President in the 90's. It wasn't until he was planning to run for office in Kentucky that he decided to become a Republican.

While we should all welcome those who once disagreed with us into our party - - do we really need to give them our Senate nomination?

And if Trey had changed all his views, that might have been something. But following his words of praise for Al Gore, Trey seems to have kept some of the radical environmental views that led him to support Gore in the first place:

And on this "climate change" issue, I have a big problem with some of his views, and I think you will too.

What troubles me is that Grayson is associated with the Aspen Institute, a think tank that promotes the Global warming agenda. The Aspen Institute awarded Van Jones it's highest award in 2009.



You remember Van Jones. He was Obama's green czar who was forced to resign in shame after Fox news revealed that he was an avowed socialist and a 9/11 truther.



The crowd Trey Grayson runs with on this issue should be troubling to Republicans.

Recently, Trey Grayson appeared as part of a nationwide Global Warming program called Focus the Nation and guess who is associated with Focus the Nation – you got it, Van Jones. You can find the report on Trey's speech and the subject of "global warming" here: <http://www.prm.eku.edu/Update/?issue=99&department=0&article=1116>.

This convocation of global warmers was held at Eastern Kentucky University BEFORE Grayson announced for the US Senate. That's troubling to all of us who support Kentucky Coal. We know who the real enemy of coal is – the radical environmentalists.

This was before the primary when Grayson was trying to swim to the center and cozy up to the moderates and Democrats. Now, of course, Mr. Grayson is allegedly opposed to Cap and Trade, etc. But it makes you wonder.

Another award winner of the Aspen Institute is Arlen Specter. You remember him?

The Pennsylvania US Senator who began his career as a Democrat switched to become a liberal Republican and then switched back after voting for 30 years with the Democrats.

Kentucky Republicans need to make sure we don't get another Arlen Specter.

In this primary, each voter must ask themselves if they want to win by nominating a moderate with a Democrat-lite message or whether they want a committed conservative who will fight day in and day out for a federal government strictly limited by the enumerated powers of the Constitution.

If you want that person, you want Rand Paul. I know I do.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Kunkel

PS: In 2008, Trey's family was featured in flyers supporting a \$48 Million tax increase for Boone County.

There's only one real, lifelong, conservative Republican in this race. That's why I'm supporting Rand Paul on May 18, and I hope you will too.