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Rep. Dykema Responds to Mass GOP Claims About Senior Picnic

For the past twenty years, legislators -- Democrat and Republican alike -- representing this district have hosted an annual summer Senior Picnic. This is a tradition I have been proud to carry on for the past four years. It's always a fun event and I've been told it's something seniors in our communities look forward to.

As part of this Senior Picnic, local businesses often donate prizes for a free drawing. It's a chance for local businesses to promote themselves and for seniors to get some fun gifts to take home -- in my mind, a win win for everyone.

I was surprised and saddened to see my opponent's GOP surrogates attack this long-standing, bi-partisan community tradition yesterday.

I'm a firm believer in keeping corporate money out of politics. I was proud to support the House resolution denouncing the Citizens United decision, and I have always refused campaign donations from corporate political action committees (PACs). But that shouldn't mean we can't partner with our local businesses to promote a common goal -- in this case, supporting our local seniors.

I hope in the future Mr. Lamb and his partisan media machine will stick to debating the issues, not attacking our local businesses and community traditions.