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MEDIA ALERT

Statement Of Lauren Martel as to Being Wrongfully Accused of Defamation

On February 8, 2022, the FITSNews website, operated by Will Folks, issued an article about two alleged defamation lawsuits against me – one current and one dismissed. I am providing this public statement to set the record straight and to assure my supporters that I will continue to advocate for truth.

Over the years I have been a reader of FITSNews, and a strong supporter of pro-freedom and "anti-Republican establishment" position advocated by Will Folks. I hope FITSNews will give my response the same level of attention it gave to the unproven allegations recently made against me on which it reported.

I first want to emphasize that I have devoted much of my career to family court litigation. There are few areas of the law that are more stressful to the parties who are involved. In these cases emotions run high, and rarely are all parties to a divorce satisfied with the outcome. Due to my experience I am used to fighting zealously -- but always within the law – for my clients, just as I will do for the people of South Carolina when I am elected as Attorney General.

Second, I want to stress that the suits against me were not filed by my own clients, but by people who were adverse to my clients and were unhappy with the way I fought for my clients. In litigation, lawyers are rarely loved by people who are on the opposing side.

The first lawsuit FITSNews mentioned was filed by a local company over a vehicle towing incident. I denied all liability and filed my own counterclaims in return. The lawsuit was resolved between the parties without any admission of liability or payment by me.

The second lawsuit was filed by the ex-mother in law of one of my Family Court clients. Let me