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**BCP Supports Campaign Funding Reform as a Priority of Good Governance
Statement by S Ali McIntosh, BCP Servant Leader**

The Prime Minister Phillip Davis must be politically deaf to think that Bahamians are not interested in Campaign Finance Reform Laws. His statement today aired on social media does not reflect what people considered to be true accountability and transparency.

When the PLP published their BluePrint for Governance in 2021, their listed priority for Campaign Finance Reform was necessary, and was done in deceit, in order to quiet all of the Opposition forces who were calling for it, to make the voting public believe that they were also in support of it, so they could win the confidence of the people.

The Bahamas Constitution Party since its inception has always campaigned on Reform of Laws that provide Transparency, Accountability, Integrity and the Freedom of Information Act, based on the concept of good governance and The Parliamentary Elections Act 2002.

It is important that political parties and their leadership display their affinity for honesty and fair play; to give confidence to the public of their stewardship while doing the people's business.

The BCP believes that Campaign Finance Reform must be given priority, and there should be set limits on donations, and set time for political campaigning; to allow adequate and equitable time for all parties to participate.

At this point, the BCP is of the opinion that neither the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) and the Free National Movement (FNM) is committed to this idea, as the big donors to their campaigns always provide a tremendous conflict of interest; thus they prefer not to reveal their donors.

Until legislation for Campaign Reform is a priority for any administration, the Bahamas will never see the kinds of changes needed; which will always affect the level and quality of persons putting themselves forward.

The Davis Administration back peddling on this stated priority has identified for the Bahamian people their lack of Integrity and Stewardship.

And to further counter Prime Minister Davis statement that Campaign Finance Reform is not a priority because it will hinder him from doing some of his priorities; I just wish for him to note, that Helping the poor people and providing infrastructure like airports and water in the Family islands will be strengthen by this commitment to accountability and transparency

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