

Patrick Jump
Executive Director, Warrior Legacy Ranch
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AND

The Board of Directors
Warrior Legacy Ranch, Inc.
EIN: 93-3996612
A Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organization

Re: Formal Demand for Reinstatement to the April 7, 2026 Veterans Q&A Forum; Notice of Violation of IRC Section 501(c)(3) and IRS Revenue Ruling 2007-41; Notice of Intent to File IRS Form 13909

Dear Mr. Jump and Members of the Board:

My name is Dr. Dale S. Deas Jr., MD. I am a legally qualified candidate for the United States Senate seat representing the State of Alabama in the 2026 Republican primary election. I am writing to formally demand immediate reinstatement of my invitation to speak at the Veterans Q&A Forum scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in Spanish Fort, Alabama, which was organized under the name, tax-exempt status, and organizational authority of Warrior Legacy Ranch, Inc.

The revocation of my invitation, communicated to me by you, Mr. Jump, via email from patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org on April 3, 2026, constitutes a probable violation of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is directly contrary to binding IRS guidance issued in Revenue Ruling 2007-41, which governs candidate forums hosted by tax-exempt charitable organizations. I intend to pursue every available remedy if this matter is not resolved before the forum begins tomorrow.

I. BACKGROUND AND MATERIAL FACTS

The following facts are documented, publicly verifiable, and have not been disputed by anyone.

Warrior Legacy Ranch, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with Employer Identification Number 93-3996612. As a 501(c)(3) organization, WLR is subject to the absolute prohibition on political campaign intervention codified at IRC Section 501(c)(3) and enforced pursuant to IRS guidance, including Revenue Ruling 2007-41, 2007-25 I.R.B. 1421.

WLR organized and publicly promoted the Veterans Q&A Forum scheduled for April 7, 2026, billing the event as a nonpartisan, issue-focused forum serving the veteran community, consistent with WLR's stated 501(c)(3) charitable mission.

I am a legally qualified candidate for the United States Senate seat for the State of Alabama in the 2026 Republican primary. I accepted an invitation to participate in this forum in good faith.

On February 15, 2026, you, Patrick Jump, in your capacity as Executive Director of Warrior Legacy Ranch, publicly posted on your Facebook profile a formal, written endorsement of Jared Hudson, a competing candidate for the same United States Senate seat. In your own words, you wrote: "I'm proud to announce my endorsement of Jared Hudson for Alabama for the United States Senate seat. Jared is a warfighter and a man of honor who has spent his life serving something bigger than himself. That kind of character matters. I'm honored to stand with him and look forward to seeing the impact he can make for Alabama." You made this endorsement while serving as Executive Director of WLR, and it is documented in a publicly accessible Facebook post dated February 15, 2026, which I have preserved and attached to this letter.

On April 3, 2026, you sent me an email from the official WLR organizational email address patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org informing me that my invitation to the April 7, 2026 Veterans Q&A Forum was being withdrawn. The reason you gave was that my recent "public communications and the tone surrounding them" might "detract from the type of environment" WLR is "obligated to maintain."

At no point in that email did you identify a single false or inaccurate statement I have made. At no point did you cite any objective, viewpoint-neutral eligibility standard applicable equally to all candidates. At no point did you demonstrate that the same "tone" standard was applied to Jared Hudson, the candidate you publicly endorsed, or to any other candidate in this race.

Every factual claim I have published regarding the Hudson campaign network was drawn from primary source public records, including Alabama Secretary of State corporate filings, Federal Election Commission records, and published news reporting. Not one of those claims has been retracted, corrected, or challenged with a counter-fact by anyone.

II. APPLICABLE LAW AND IRS GUIDANCE

A. The Absolute Prohibition on Political Campaign Intervention

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provides, in relevant part, that a tax-exempt organization shall not "participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office." IRC Section 501(c)(3).

This prohibition is absolute. Unlike the limitation on lobbying activities, which permits a substantial portion of activity before penalty attaches, the political campaign intervention prohibition contains no materiality threshold and no de minimis exception. Any degree of political campaign intervention, whether direct or indirect, is sufficient to jeopardize tax-exempt status. See Rev. Rul. 2007-41, 2007-25 I.R.B. 1421; *Branch Ministries v. Rossotti*, 211 F.3d 137 (D.C. Cir. 2000).

B. IRS Revenue Ruling 2007-41: Equal Opportunity at Candidate Forums

The IRS addressed candidate forums directly in Revenue Ruling 2007-41. That ruling establishes that a 501(c)(3) organization may host a candidate forum as a permissible voter education activity only if the forum is conducted in a nonpartisan manner that does not evidence bias or preference for any candidate. The IRS identified specific factors for determining whether a forum constitutes prohibited campaign intervention, including: whether the organization provides an equal opportunity to participate to political candidates seeking the same office; whether the organization indicates any support for or opposition to any candidate, including through candidate introductions and communications concerning a candidate's attendance; and whether each candidate is given an equal opportunity to present his or her views on the issues discussed.

The Revenue Ruling further states: "An organization that invites one candidate to speak at its well attended annual banquet, but invites the opposing candidate to speak at a sparsely attended general meeting, will likely have violated the political campaign prohibition, even if the manner of presentation for both speakers is otherwise neutral." Rev. Rul. 2007-41, Situation 18. Excluding a candidate entirely is a more severe departure from equal opportunity than the example the IRS itself identified as a probable violation.

C. The Facts and Circumstances Test Applied Here

The IRS applies a facts and circumstances test to determine whether a 501(c)(3) has engaged in prohibited campaign intervention. Rev. Rul. 2007-41. I was excluded from this forum while Jared Hudson, the candidate you personally and publicly endorsed, was not. The basis you offered for my exclusion, the "tone" of my public communications, is a subjective and viewpoint-discriminatory standard that was not applied uniformly to all candidates. Your revocation was communicated through WLR's official email domain, not a personal account. The timeline speaks for itself: you publicly endorsed my opponent in February 2026 and then used your authority as Executive Director of a 501(c)(3) organization to remove me from a veterans' forum weeks later. That sequence satisfies the IRS facts and circumstances test for prohibited political campaign intervention.

D. Your Use of the Official Organizational Email Address

The fact that you sent the revocation from patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org, and not from a personal email account, is legally significant. Under established principles of agency law and nonprofit governance, communications made through an organization's official channels by its Executive Director acting within the scope of his authority are legally attributable to the organization itself, not merely to the individual officer. The Board of Directors of WLR therefore bears direct institutional responsibility for this decision and for its legal consequences.

III. DEMAND

I am making the following formal demands.

First, I demand immediate reinstatement of my invitation to participate in the Veterans Q&A Forum on April 7, 2026, on terms equal in all material respects to those afforded to every other participating candidate, including equal speaking time, equal question access, and equal opportunity to address the audience.

Second, I demand written confirmation of my reinstatement, delivered to DrDeasForSenate@proton.me, no later than 9:00 a.m. CDT on April 7, 2026.

Third, if reinstatement is denied, I demand a written statement identifying the specific, objective, viewpoint-neutral standard applied equally to all candidates that served as the basis for my exclusion, accompanied by documentation demonstrating that the same standard was applied uniformly to Jared Hudson and every other forum participant.

IV. NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE IRS FORM 13909

If the demands above are not satisfied, I will file a formal complaint against Warrior Legacy Ranch, Inc. with the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to IRS Form 13909, Tax-Exempt Organization Complaint (Referral). That complaint will include a copy of your February 15, 2026 Facebook endorsement of Jared Hudson; a copy of the April 2026 revocation email you sent from patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org; all promotional materials identifying this forum as a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) event; the full factual narrative set forth in this letter; and a request that the IRS investigate whether WLR's tax-exempt status should be revoked and whether excise taxes should be imposed on WLR and on you personally as an organizational manager under IRC Section 4955.

I want to be clear about what IRC Section 4955 means. It authorizes the IRS to impose excise taxes directly on organizational managers who knowingly and willfully authorize a tax-exempt organization to engage in prohibited political campaign activity. Your decision to exclude me from this forum, made by an officer who publicly endorsed my opponent in the same race, and communicated through the organization's official email system, places you personally within the scope of that provision. I am providing this notice now, in good faith, to give you and the WLR Board the opportunity to correct this situation before I am compelled to initiate formal regulatory proceedings.

V. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing in this letter constitutes a waiver of any legal right or remedy available to me, including but not limited to any claims arising under Alabama law, federal law, or applicable regulations. All rights are expressly reserved.

Respectfully,

Dr. Dale S. Deas Jr., MD
Candidate for United States Senate, Alabama (Republican)
Paid for by Deas For Senate
Email: DrDeasForSenate@proton.me

Enclosures:

Screenshot: Patrick Jump Facebook endorsement of Jared Hudson, February 15, 2026

Copy: Email from patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org withdrawing forum invitation, April 2026



Patrick Jump is in **Alabama**.
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I'm proud to announce my endorsement of [Jared Hudson for Alabama](#) for the United States Senate seat. Jared is a warfighter and a man of honor who has spent his life serving something bigger than himself. That kind of character matters. Leadership matters. And right now, Alabama — and our country — need leaders who are willing to stand up, fight for what's right, and defend the people they represent.

We don't need politicians who make empty promises and fail to deliver — except when it comes to filling their campaign war chests and self-serving motives. We need new faces in Washington with real-world experience, courage under pressure, and a commitment to service over self. I believe Jared Hudson brings exactly that.



I'm honored to stand with him and look forward to seeing the impact he can make for Alabama.



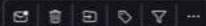
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Veterans Q&A Forum - April 7th

From  Patrick Jump <patrick@warriorlegacyranch.org>

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To DrDeasForSenate@proton.me



Dear Dr. Dale S. Deas, Jr.

Thank you for your initial willingness to participate in the upcoming Veterans Q&A Forum on April 7, 2026.

After careful consideration, we regret to inform you that we are withdrawing your invitation to participate in this event.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Warrior Legacy Ranch and the Gulf Coast Veterans' Community Center are committed to hosting a strictly nonpartisan, respectful, and issue-focused forum centered on the needs of veterans and military families. Our goal is to provide a constructive environment grounded in credible information and meaningful dialogue.

Based on recent public communications and the tone surrounding them, we have determined that your participation may detract from the type of environment we are obligated to maintain for this event and for the veteran community we serve.

This decision was not made lightly, but rather in alignment with our responsibility to ensure a respectful and productive forum for all participants and attendees.

We appreciate your understanding and wish you the best in your campaign.

Respectfully,
Patrick Jump
Warrior Legacy Ranch

