

To: Ethics Committee

From: Representative Ron Weinberg, House District 51

Subject: Formal Response to Ethics Complaint Filed by Representative Brandi Bradley

Date: 02/06/2026

Chair McCormik and committee members,

I respectfully submit the following formal response to the ethics complaint filed by Representative Brandi Bradley on July 29, 2025. The allegations made in the complaint are categorically false, misleading, and without merit. I address each claim in order below, supported by verifiable evidence and corroborating witnesses.

1. Campaign Finance Allegations

There is currently a complaint pending with the Secretary of State. I have been fully cooperating and awaiting further instructions.

2. Allegation of Aggressive Behavior Toward Rep. Bradley

The incident referenced by Rep. Bradley is a misrepresentation of what occurred. I did not yell, nor was I intoxicated. My Senior Legislative Aide and wife, Carolyn Weinberg, was present and can confirm that Jeff Patty approached me aggressively, not the other way around. He demanded to know what I had done to Rep. Bradley, to which I calmly replied, "Nothing." We then went about our duties for the day. There was no confrontation, and certainly no inappropriate conduct on my part.

Furthermore, I had not consumed alcohol that day, and the claim that I smelled of alcohol is completely false.

3. Firearm Possession Allegation

Following the passage of legislation restricting firearms in the Capitol, I ceased carrying any weapon in full accordance with the law. I take compliance with Capitol regulations seriously, and any claim to the contrary is speculative and unsupported by evidence. I have never used the phrase "to keep us safe" in the context alleged. I have never carried a firearm while being intoxicated.

By way of example, during my first year as a legislator, when attending required training, I voluntarily disarmed and secured my firearms in my vehicle after being informed that we

would be attending an event where alcohol would be consumed. This decision reflects my consistent practice of exercising caution and adhering to both the letter and the spirit of the law.

4. Allegations of Inappropriate or Sexual Comments

These accusations are categorically false. In my three years serving in the legislature, I have never had a single workplace complaint filed against me regarding inappropriate language or conduct. I find it troubling that such serious allegations are being levied now, coinciding with my bid for a leadership position.

I have maintained a professional and respectful demeanor in all interactions. My wife, who serves as my aide and has been present throughout session days, is a direct witness to my conduct and is prepared to submit a formal statement refuting these claims. See below Names of aides that have worked with me through the years and feel free to ask them about my conduct at the State Capitol and at events.

Paul Wheaton – [REDACTED]

Taygan Lane – [REDACTED]

Kayla English – [REDACTED]

5. Veterans and State Affairs Committee Conduct

During the referenced committee hearing, I was presenting a bill. Rep. Luck, who never supports my legislation, directed a series of aggressive and pointed questions at me. Her tone and approach were combative to the point where I felt personally attacked and unable to properly respond. It wasn't a matter of debate or disagreement — it was an effort to undermine and discredit.

I did not behave in a belligerent manner and did not threaten or harass anyone. I spoke with Assistant Minority Leader Ty Winter in the hallway, where he inquired about tension with Rep. Luck. I noted that Rep. Luck and I have historically disagreed on policy and have not had a positive working relationship — this is a matter of personality conflict, not harassment. The Chair of that committee was Rep. Wilford.

6. Brown Palace Dinner Allegations

The allegations involving inappropriate language at the Brown Palace are false and defamatory. At no point did I make such comments to or about Reps. Keltie or Johnson. Present at the table were multiple witnesses — including Carolyn Weinberg, Nancy Perry, Rep. Suckla, and Rep. Barron — all of whom have provided written statements affirming that no such exchange occurred.

I know that Rep. Keltie was contacted prior and she will confirm.

7. Master Key Allegation

The claim that I possess or created a “master key” to the Capitol is false. This matter was previously reviewed and resolved internally. I do not have unauthorized access to Capitol offices, nor have I violated Joint Rule 36, trespassing laws, or committed theft.

There was an investigation conducted by House Leadership and the CSP that confirmed I do not have a master key.

I used the key that we know about in Kathy’s Desk drawer to literally inch the door open and flip the light switch on at Rep. Bradley’s request. I have used Kathy’s key when I had forgotten my key to my office. I figured if it unlocked mine, it would unlock Luck’s office. Rep. Bradley was complaining about having no light and I sought to help her.

Rep. Bradley states “Both representative Luck and myself have had numerous conversations with Minority leader Pugliese and Assistant Minority leader, Ty Winter, and we were told that Weinberg’s punishment was to be taken off of Legislative House Services” I will attach a press release where House Minority Leadership refutes.

I have already answered this question during the prior inquiry. The suggestion that I let individuals into locked offices inappropriately is not only inaccurate — it is recycled speculation being weaponized for political purposes when I ran for Whip.

Final Remarks

This complaint appears politically motivated and timed to coincide with my pursuit of a leadership position. It is filled with unverified accusations, inconsistencies, and demonstrably false claims. I take my role as a State Representative seriously and have always conducted myself in accordance with House Rules, Colorado law, and standards of professional conduct.

I request that this matter be evaluated on facts and evidence — not conjecture, hearsay, or political rivalry.

To Whom it may concern:

I am submitting this statement in response to the ethics complaint filed by Representative Brandi Bradley against Representative Ron Weinberg. As his Senior Aide and spouse, I have been present throughout session and can directly attest to the following:

1. Allegation Regarding Interaction with Rep. Bradley

The claim that Representative Weinberg screamed at Representative Bradley is completely false. I was with him that morning on the House floor when Jeff Patty approached us in an aggressive manner, getting within inches of Ron's face. I heard Mr. Patty ask, "What did you do to Brandi?" Representative Weinberg responded calmly and professionally. There was no raised voice, no confrontation from Ron, and absolutely no alcohol involved at any point.

2. Allegations of Sexual Harassment

The allegations that Representative Weinberg sexually harassed Representative Bradley are completely false. As his Senior Aide and spouse, I am with him the vast majority of the time at the Capitol and have never witnessed any conduct that would support such a claim

3. Veterans and State Affairs Committee Interaction with Rep. Luck

The allegation that Representative Weinberg was belligerent during the Veterans and State Affairs Committee hearing is also false. I was present and witnessed the entire exchange. Representative Luck repeatedly attempted to belittle Representative Weinberg, asking loaded and condescending questions that made it impossible for him to. Their working relationship has been strained since his first year in office due to consistent disagreement over legislation. At no point did Ron behave inappropriately or in a belligerent manner.

4. Brown Palace Incident

On the last night of session, I arrived at the Brown Palace with Representative Weinberg, Representative Barron, and our constituent and volunteer, Nancy Perry. We arrived after the others had already been seated. We sat at our own table. Approximately 20 minutes later, Representative Bradley and her aide, Schume Navarro, approached and joined our table voluntarily. During casual conversation, Rep. Bradley began speaking about her husband calling and made a comment about "needing to have sex with him once a week to release the venom." At no point did Representative Weinberg make the vulgar comments he is accused of. In fact, he was sitting next to Representatives Barron and Suckla, engaged in a separate conversation. At the end of the night, a group photo was taken in which everyone

is visibly smiling and laughing — contradicting any claim of belligerence or inappropriate conduct.

5. Capitol Key Allegation

The allegation that Representative Weinberg unlawfully copied or possessed a Capitol master key is false. I was present when Representative Bradley specifically asked Ron to open Rep. Luck's office so she could have light in hers. Rep. Weinberg went downstairs to the designated location, retrieved the key through the proper process, and returned upstairs to open the door. This occurred in full view of others while we were all waiting to return to the floor for the State of the State address. There was no theft, no unauthorized key duplication, and no security breach.

These claims are politically motivated and completely inconsistent with what I have personally witnessed. Representative Weinberg has always acted professionally and respectfully, even in the face of hostility or disagreement.

Carolyn Weinberg
Senior Legislative Aide to Representative Ron Weinberg

RE: Response to records review.

RR Representative Ron Weinberg
To: 'Stephanie Schlieman'

Summarize
 Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 2/6/2026 8:28 AM

Thank you!

In Unity and With Patriotism,



Representative Ron Weinberg
Colorado House of Representatives 51
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[Redacted]

"...Of the people, by the people, for the people"

From: Stephanie Schlieman <stephanie.schlieman@coleg.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 8:23 AM
To: Representative Ron Weinberg [Redacted]
Subject: Response to records review.

Good morning Representative Weinberg,

Following our conversation yesterday, I have reviewed the LHRD and OLWR records. I can confirm that as of today, February 6, 2026, there are no harassment claims filed against you. If you need further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Minority Leader Pugliese and Assistant Minority Leader Winter dispel inaccurate accusations that they made light of member complaints

Minority Leader Pugliese and Assistant Minority Leader Winter respond to inaccurate accusations by Representative Bradley that her concerns about harassment by another member were not addressed by Leadership.

These salacious accusations are patently false. House GOP leadership takes every workplace safety and conduct violation seriously and we are steadfast in advising our caucus members of the legislature's mandated policies and procedures to address any complaints - The Workplace Harassment Policy ([attached](#)). The only process provided or allowed under this policy requires the complaining Member to file a complaint with Workplace Relations. Leadership cannot file a complaint on behalf of a Member. The complaint must then go through the process of investigation. Leadership has no role in this process.

Members are elected by their constituents and work for the People of the State of Colorado. Leadership is not the employer of any member. Leadership's role is to pursue a sensible legislative agenda on behalf of the People of the State of Colorado; not to discipline alleged misconduct. Members are only accountable to each other and their constituents.

Republicans are the party of personal responsibility. All Members receive information about workplace harassment and even take a training. Leadership followed the mandated process by reminding Representative Bradley of her obligation to file a complaint with Workplace Relations, which she admitted in her statement.

Leadership remains committed to maintaining a safe and respectful workplace culture for all who serve and work in the Capitol.

Rose Pugliese
House Minority Leader

Ty Winter
Assistant House Minority Leader

Carlos Barron
House Caucus Whip

Anthony Hartsook
House Caucus Chair

To whom it may concern:

I was with Representative Ron Weinberg for the entirety of the day on Wednesday, May 7th. During our time at the Brown Palace, I did not witness any behavior that could be described as belligerent, inappropriate, or aggressive from Rep. Weinberg or anyone else.

There were nine of us seated at the table, and multiple conversations were happening simultaneously throughout our time there. At no point did I observe Rep. Weinberg acting out of line.

Based on what I personally witnessed and the statement made by Rep. Bradley, she is knowingly misrepresenting the truth from what happened that evening.

I have provided my information below if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,
Nancy Perry



From: Carlos Barron
Sent: Friday, August 1, 2025 10:55 AM
To: Ron Weinberg
Subject: Re:

Yo whom it may concern,

I was at the table the final night of session. Everything in the statement that was allegedly said by Rep. Weinburg is false. We were having adult conversations within each other in which everyone joined in on including Rep. Bradley. I will not state what was said by a Rep. Bradley because i do not believe anything said that night was inappropriate.

Rep. Weinberg was not even engaging at all with Rep. Bradley or her aide all night. Myself and Rep. Weinberg arrived together and left together. The allegations that he was being belligerent are false.

I am willing to write up this statement on my letterhead if necessary. If anyone has any other questions or want to verify the validity of my statements through email please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Thank You

Carlos Barrón
State House Representative
District 48


To Whom it May Concern,

I was at the Brown Palace on May 7th. I saw Carlos Barron and his wife and Ron Weinberg and his wife and I had been sitting at a table with Rose Pugliese. I got up and walked over and set down at their table. I did not witness any behavior that I could describe as inappropriate or aggressive from Rep. Weinberg or anyone else. I read the statement made by Rep. Bradley and I did not hear any of the things that she stated had happened.

You can reach out to me at any time you would like to verify what I saw.

Sincerely,

Rep. Larry Don Suckla
House District 58



My name is Paul Wheaton, and I served as Representative Weinberg's aide during the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions. Throughout my time working with him, Representative Weinberg was consistently kind and respectful to aides and to everyone I saw him interact with.

As his aide, I was by his side on a very regular basis and was present for most interactions.

At the 2025 State of the State address, aides and Representatives were setting up their respective offices. Representative Bradley's office shares a ceiling light with Representative Luck's office. Representative Bradley asked Representative Weinberg to turn on the light; however, the light switch was in Representative Luck's office. Representative Weinberg did not have a master key. A key was available on Cathy's desk in the House Services office for Representatives to use when needed.

Additionally, during all the days I worked with Representative Weinberg, I did not observe him drinking alcohol in the mornings.

Sincerely,

Paul Wheaton

To whom it may concern:

On December 31, 2024, my husband, daughter, daughter's three friends, and I went to the Capitol with Ron Weinberg to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks from the dome. While we were there, he gave us a tour of the building. This was not our first tour with him, though another family in our group had not toured the Capitol before.

Rep. Weinberg entered the Capitol using his badge, as he has done during previous visits. When we started the tour, Ron went to the House office to get the key, which I have personally seen him do on past visits with him. He did not take a key out of his pocket or use a personal key at any time.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out.

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August 4, 2025

Re: Conduct Complaint—Representative Brandi Bradley, House District 39

Dear Carolyn:

As you are aware, I am in receipt of your complaint against Representative Brandi Bradley and Schume Navarro on July 14, 2025.

On July 28, 2025, after consultation with Workplace Relations, you were advised that your complaint was not within the scope of the Workplace Harassment Policy but that it did fall within the Workplace Expectations Policy.

You have waived confidentiality so your complaint and this Letter will be shared with Representative Bradley. You have asked that the outcome be no interaction between Representative Bradley, along with her aide Schume Navarro, and you.

After careful review and consideration, I believe it is in the best interest of all those involved and the House Republican Caucus that Representative Weinberg's office be moved to SSB *temporarily* before the start of Special Session. This is not a punitive action. Leadership is currently working through the office changes in the Capitol and those permanent offices will be assigned before the start of the regular Session.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RP" or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Rose Pugliese
Colorado House Minority Leader

CC: Representative Weinberg
CC: Representative Bradley

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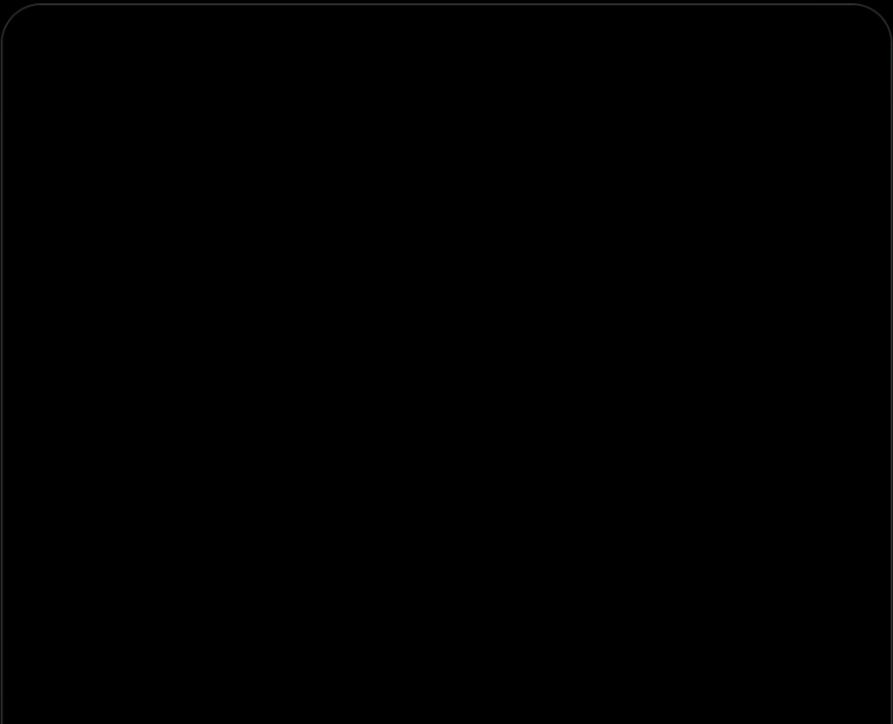


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And I was willing to keep things quiet until Carolyn Weinberg posted on her page




Carolyn Weinberg is with **Ron Weinberg**.
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I am absolutely disgusted by the false accusations being made against my husband. I'm my husband's legislative Aid at the Capitol and always with him. I was present with him at both Leadership Program of the Rockies retreats in 2021 and 2022, and I can say without question that the claims made by these two women are completely false. These lies are harming our family and our children.

What makes this even worse are the antisemitic posts circulating on X, along with posts exposing where our children go to school, all tied to these baseless accusations. Why now? My husband has already gone through an appointment and an election, and nothing was said then. The moment he announced his candidacy for House Whip against Brandi Bradley, suddenly these attacks appeared.

No family wants to endure this. No person deserves to be slandered for political gain. 

 at the point where anyone can make a claim about something supposedly said and destroy someone's life without proof? What happened to due process? Politics have become so hateful, even within your own party.


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I'm incredibly proud of [Heather Paige](#) and [Jacqueline Anderson](#) for bravely coming forward and sharing their experiences. It's never easy to speak out—especially in political circles—but doing so can protect others from facing the same harm. I've also been made aware that another woman has come forward to the Republican Caucus. These allegations must be taken seriously. The path forward should include accountability, which begins with a resignation.

Read the article here:



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