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**To The Peabody Awards Panel**

I am reaching out in order to express my support for Jonah Markowitz and Hemal Trivedi in their candidacy for a Peabody award in recognition of their film "Battleground".

As someone who was prominently featured in the film, I highly anticipated the release. I did so not because I relished seeing myself on screen, but rather I was concerned because the premise of the film required a deft touch. To tell both my story, as the Chairman of the Lehigh Valley Tea Party (The largest local grass roots organization in the Nation with over 4,700 members), and that of Greg Edwards a progressive pastor in one film would be challenging to say the least. Upon watching the film, I felt my view points were accurately portrayed and I commend their insistence in treating both sides of the political aisle fairly.

As the leader of our local Tea Party and a Trump Delegate and Elector, I often feel that media misrepresents my viewpoints. Over the course of 3 years, Jonah and Hemal took the time to truly understand why I dedicate so much of my time to political grass roots activism. The most impressive aspect of this film to me personally was the way in which they showed both me and Greg Edwards not only in a political context but in a way that showed how much we both love our families and our community and that we both had things in common in fighting corruption.

The film has produced many worthwhile and constructive conversations within the Tea Party community. I will continue to lend my support to the film and the filmmakers and I will help to promote the film through my vast network of colleagues, friends, and advocates.

Thank you for your consideration of this film for the Peabody.

Sincerely,



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