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In case you missed it, NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey is having a bad month. The Republican incumbent, already [under fire](#) for his pattern of [cronyism](#) and [misuse of taxpayer dollars](#), is now facing even more controversy. From hiring friends for [make-work jobs](#) at the taxpayers' expense to [misleading the public](#) about his credentials, Causey's lack of integrity has been on full display.

Here's a recap of Rate Hike Mike's rough October:

1. Misleading North Carolinians about his education

Mike Causey was forced to correct his campaign website after [WRAL revealed](#) he falsely claimed to have earned an MBA from High Point University. In fact, Causey had merely taken some classes but never earned the degree. As his opponent, Natasha Marcus pointed out, this is part of a pattern: "I'm appalled that an 8-year incumbent member of the Council of State thinks it's acceptable to falsify his credentials. The people of North Carolina deserve an insurance commissioner who values honesty, transparency and integrity, and I'm committed to bringing real accountability to this office and making sure North Carolinians have an honest commissioner who works for them."

2. Campaign signs mysteriously disappear

After receiving several reports from inside the Department of Insurance highlighting a toxic workplace culture and dissatisfaction under Causey's leadership, Sen. Natasha Marcus wrote an [open letter to DOI employees](#), highlighting her commitment to serving the people of North Carolina and bringing fresh, ethical leadership to the DOI. Her campaign posted yard signs on public property outside the DOI building inviting employees to read the letter. The signs were up for a day, but disappeared the next day, which was the same day Mike Causey first returned to the office after the signs were placed. "Someone with an incentive to silence me, block my message to DOI employees, broke the law in order to try to do so," Sen. Marcus [told CBS 17](#). After reporters asked Mike Causey and his staff for comment, two signs reappeared. Questions remain about who is responsible for the illegal removal. A police report remains open.

3. Natasha Marcus Outraises Causey — again

In yet another blow to Causey, who has now accepted more than \$300,000 in contributions from insurance industry sources, [financial reports from the latest quarter](#) show that his campaign was outraised by Marcus's by over 150%. Reporting a total of \$744,904 raised in the election cycle so far, Marcus is gaining serious momentum while Causey's corporate donors scramble to keep him afloat.

With just days to go before Election Day, this race is neck and neck and North Carolinians are seeing Mike Causey's true colors -- deception, cronyism, and a lack of grassroots support. It's clear that Causey's focus has been on protecting himself and his corporate PAC donors rather than protecting North Carolina consumers.

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