

Laura and I shared a home during the time of her allegations against Rep. Trujillo. The evening of the incident is a stark memory for me. Laura was very upset. It was a difficult night for her and a very challenging next morning to have to go right back to the Roundhouse and potentially face him.

Keep in mind, Rep. Trujillo was considered, "on the team," when it came to legislators supportive of animal issues and APV. They are few and far between, and hard won. The last legislator she would accuse of something, without cause, would be an ally.

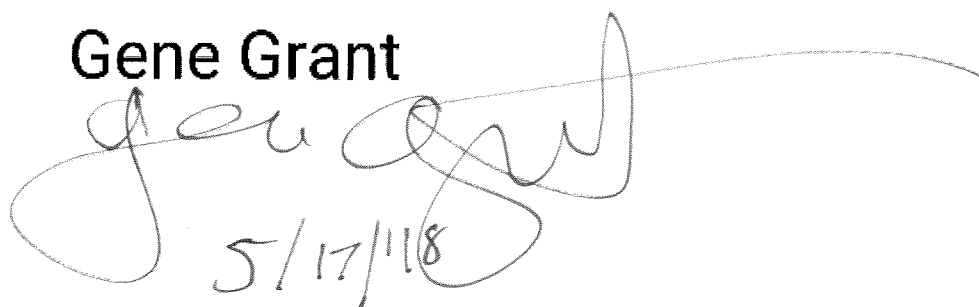
It's frustrating to recall the overwhelming sense of betrayal she had to manage, considering the work didn't stop and his threat to withhold his support for APV legislation.

That Laura would make up something so incendiary and impactful on an elected official's career out of thin air is absurd.

This situation dominated the conversation in our home for weeks. It doesn't just go away in a couple of days, especially considering there were few trustworthy avenues in the Legislature for reporting this available to her then.

I hope this revelation, and others like it, bring about the changes necessary for women to go about their business in the Roundhouse without fear. And having been witness to the consequences of an unwanted advance from an elected official, I support Laura's efforts to that end.

Gene Grant

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