



# MN GOP Gov & CD1 House candidate bobagain “ready for rebuff” at GOP State Convention; anticipates will launch primary challenge or “other option”; views recent news coverage as “encouraging but also puzzling”; website offers free Kindle e-books on Fri 5-6

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**Minneapolis, MN, 5/5/22** – As the State GOP Convention approaches (at the Rochester MN Mayo Civic Center May 13-14) Minnesota Republican “double-barreled” candidate Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (“bobagain”) is “ready for rebuff” – anticipating he will be standing outside or in the skyway with a sandwich board sign, a video camera, and information to pass out. He is actively recruiting a Lt. Gov. running mate and preparing to launch a primary challenge, but an undisclosed “other option” is another current consideration in a very fluid political situation. “Due to my conviction that Donald Trump must be confronted by Republican office holders and candidates I believe I’ve been ‘cancelled’ by the State Party to the extent that any continued effort to participate in the Convention’s endorsing process is futile,” bobagain said. However, he is likely to have a 20-minute speech both prepared, and available on youtube before the Convention opens. “I will be seeking to deliver it personally, but don’t anticipate being able to do so,” bobagain added.

Carney recently benefited from some “encouraging but also puzzling” news coverage; [KTTC TV in Rochester broadcast](#) an evening news profile, and [MinnPost’s recent article](#) on the GOP Special Election primary reported on his campaign. The Rochester Post-Bulletin will soon be publishing his answers to their questionnaire in an upcoming Special Election Voter Guide, which will be on-line and may be print-based.

While believing the KTTC story was fair and balanced, bobagain has taken issue with the MinnPost article, believing that it strongly implied that all four Republicans covered in the article were “similar” in some generic sense. “In both my KTTC interview, and my questionnaire response for MinnPost, I made clear that I am calling for an original jurisdiction Supreme Court criminal trial of Donald Trump for insurrection, and that Congress has both the Constitutional power to mandate this, and to provide for a plea-bargaining option that could result in Trump’s legal disqualification from the 2024 ballot, but no jail time or fine,” Carney said. He had been telling this to the March 26<sup>th</sup> [Olmsted County Republican Convention](#), but was interrupted. However, the MinnPost article and the KTTC story did not report on this. Carney’s campaign website, [www.votebobagain.com](http://www.votebobagain.com), highlights this call to action -- bobagain’s e-book [We Must Stop Trump](#) (click to Amazon) has a chapter on the proposed Supreme Court Trial; both it and [I Governor of Minnesota](#) (click to Amazon) are free Kindle e-book downloads on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Following this News Release is a not-yet-published Community Voices article bobagain submitted to MinnPost on 5/4, stating his objections to their article and requesting publication of his submission as a “corrective action.”

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# An open letter to Richard Painter

by: Bob "Again" Carney Jr.

**Introduction:** MinnPost just published an article based on questionnaire responses from four Republican candidates in the May 24<sup>th</sup> First Congressional District Special Election primary. As one of the four, frankly I strongly object to we're all "generically similar." This is simply not true. Unlike the other three, I put stopping Trump front and center as *the fundamental and absolutely necessary choice* that all Republicans must make openly and explicitly. Responding to your first question: "What do you consider to be the single most important issue in this election?" -- I said we need: "a Congressionally-mandated original jurisdiction Supreme Court criminal trial of Trump for insurrection -- with no jury... I'm calling on Professor Richard Painter to sit down with me for one or more videotaped or Zoom discussions on two topics: 1) Is the Republican party beyond saving? -- and 2) what can be done to ensure Trump won't be on the 2024 ballot?"

On April 14<sup>th</sup> I submitted a "Community Voices" article titled "An open letter to Richard Painter" -- but heard nothing back. I am requesting that you publish this introduction and a slightly shorter version of that letter... to set the record straight -- and to *politically distance* me from the other Republicans in this special election.

## ----An Open Letter to Richard Painter ----

The Ukraine disaster brings into sharper focus something many still deny: In 2016, Russia successfully interfered in our Presidential election. There is strong if not overwhelming evidence that "but for" Russia's interference, Donald Trump would not have been elected President -- he may not have been nominated.

This is nothing less than "Russian Regime Change in America." And it continues: Trump is attacking and threatening our election process itself. This is what Putin wants.

I've followed your work for years now, including reading American Nero, (2020, BenBella Books) your 417-page indictment of Trump. No one makes the case showing the danger Donald Trump represents to America more powerfully than you do. As you probably also know, I've been making the same case on this page and within the Minnesota Republican party since 2016.

However, we differ in one crucial respect: You have given up on the Republican party. I haven't.

Here's an important "Reality Check" we must consider: In 2024, America will either elect a Democratic President, or a Republican President who is not Donald Trump. However, this *doesn't* mean that Trump can't win the Republican nomination. That remains a real danger.

Our situation goes so far beyond politics that we're moving into the realm of antitrust. Let's be clear: *unless Trump is stopped*, the Democrats will have a *de facto monopoly* on the 2024 Presidential election. I concluded in 2020 there was no real choice but to vote for Joe Biden... and publicly supported him. We must not have another election with only one reasonable alternative available for America. And yes -- I do have many serious criticisms of President Biden. But let's leave that aside for now.

We can serve the public by engaging in broadcast discussions on two crucial questions:

- 1) Is the Republican party beyond saving? You say "yes" -- I say "no" and warn of dangers if we don't try.
- 2) Trump's threat to the rule of law. This is the central theme in your American Nero. We agree; the threat is real.

Regarding the “rule of law” question I have some possible new solutions to our situation and believe you can make a very valuable contribution to a national consideration of this by discussing them with me. Of course, you’re free to agree and make these ideas your own – in fact that’s my preferred outcome.

One central issue is the Justice Department’s current position that a sitting President cannot be indicted and tried for a criminal violation of a statute. I believe I can show there are two Constitutional ways (the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment is one) to *suspend* a sitting President’s discharge of “powers and duties” of the office if he or she faces a criminal trial. If the result is an acquittal the suspension can be lifted – if not a President can be removed from office.

Regarding former President Trump, he can and should be tried for violating our insurrection statute (18 U.S. Code § 2383.) But here also my theory goes beyond conventional wisdom in two crucial respects. **First**, Congress has power to order the Supreme Court to hold an original jurisdiction trial without a Jury. **Second**, when mandating that trial Congress can lay out a plea bargain process: a guilty plea with a no-prison-no-fine judgment would disqualify him for 2024. Our better angels would like that.

Our discussion or discussions should be on Zoom and recorded; David Kay Johnston should be invited to moderate.

Let’s do this ASAP.

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