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## **Combat Vet & TX-31 Dem Nominee MJ Hegar & Children Harassed By GOP Rep. Carter Supporters While Trick-or-Treating**

(Round Rock, TX) - Yesterday, Wednesday, October 31, [Mary Jennings “MJ” Hegar](#), a Purple Heart combat veteran and the Democratic nominee for Texas’ 31st congressional district, was harassed by campaign staff and/or supporters of her opponent, [Congressman John Carter \(TX-31\)](#), while trick-or-treating with her young children, mother, and husband outside their family home.

The Hegar family noticed a pick-up truck pulling a trailer displaying a large Carter campaign sign circling the block where they were trick-or-treating. The truck eventually stopped near the family, and the occupants proceeded to speak to and throw candy at Hegar’s young children, ignoring repeated pleas to stop.

Shortly after the family was forced to return to their home, [Hegar posted a video on Twitter describing the incident](#). In the video, **Hegar states**, “This is exactly what’s wrong with politics. It is egos and childish behavior that makes people not want to run [for office]. All I can do about it is get back to work.”

In a subsequent Tweet, [Hegar posted security footage showing the truck driving in front of her family home](#).

The night before, Carter made a rare in-district public appearance to hold a rally ten houses down from where the Hegar family lives. Present at the rally was the same pick-up truck and trailer involved in Wednesday’s incident.

Carter, [who has not held an in-district town hall in over five years](#), has [refused](#) multiple requests to debate Hegar.



Hegar will be attending a [get out the vote rally](#) in Killeen today with [Congressman Marc Veasey \(TX-33\)](#). Immediately following the event, Hegar is scheduled to have lunch with local veterans near Fort Hood.

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