

**From:** Mishaan, Jessica  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 4:45 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** response to public record request

Dear Mr. Pavek,

Attached please find records that are potentially responsive to your public record act request dated August 31, 2018. We have redacted personal contact information pursuant to 1 V.S.A. 317(c)(7). If you feel information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Chief Assistant Attorney General, William Griffin.

Thank you,

**Jessica Mishaan** | Paralegal  
Office of the Attorney General | General Counsel and Administrative Law Division  
109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609-1001  
p (802) 828-5500

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**From:** zachariah ralph < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** AGO - Info <AGO.Info@vermont.gov>  
**Subject:** Political Campaign Finance Complaint

Laurel!

Thank you for sending this out on Monday August 27th. You should send the email to; [ago.info@vermont.gov](mailto:ago.info@vermont.gov)

Feel free to edit to put into your own words.

Zach

Hello,

I am writing to you to file a complaint about a potential violation of campaign finance laws in Vermont. The complaint is in regards to the Vermont Democratic Party, and candidates John Bartholomew and Paul Belaski.

A postcard was sent out before the primary elections encouraging voters to vote for Paul and John in the Windsor-1 district. The postcard was distributed widely throughout the district. I have attached the postcard for you to review. The postcard says that it is paid for by the Paul Belaski and John Bartholomew campaigns for House of representatives. However after reviewing July and August campaign expense reports from both John and Paul (Attached), there is no indication that John paid for the postcard at all, and Paul's expense report only attributed \$163 for postage, which would not have covered the full expense of printing and mailing the postcards across the district. Furthermore in an email chain which I have copied and pasted below John states " I actually have not seen the postcard to which you refer. I believe it was sent out by the Democratic House Campaign."

I am filing a complaint because I believe the Vermont Democratic Party violated campaign finance laws by sending out a postcard on the behalf of both candidates and saying that it was paid for by the candidate's campaign even though it was paid for and prepared by the Vermont Democratic Party. There is a serious lack of transparency here and a lack of accountability of where the funds came from to pay for this. My complaint is against the Vermont Democratic Party and not against the candidates as I believe, as was indicated in John's email, that they had no involvement in its creation or mailing.

## The email chain is below;

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Thanks very much, Carol, for sharing.

Laurel

----- Forwarded message -----

From: carolmowry  
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018  
Subject: Fwd: vote  
To [laurel.stevenson](mailto:laurel.stevenson)

This casts a different light.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: vote  
Date: 2018-08-12 21:58  
From: carolmowry <>  
To: John Bartholomew <[JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us)>

John. You have gone a long way in changing my mind. The fact that your campaign has been taken out of your hands casts an entirely different light on the issue. The cards - especially the family one are what the public should be seeing. The list of accomplishments is very impressive. This strikes me as similar to what Bernie faced with the Democratic party. The Progressives just aren't welcome and because of that, the Democrats may be digging their own grave. I never questioned but what you were excellent at what you do. Thank you for taking the time to answer. I'm sure that you have other things to do. Carol

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I'm very sorry that I have disappointed you and lost your support.

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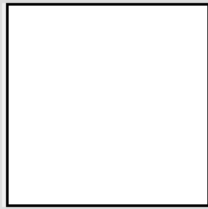
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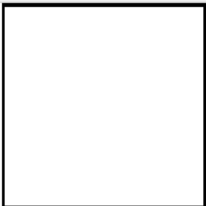
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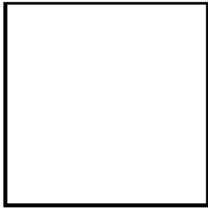


Attachments area



Laurel Stevenson

to sabrina, Josh, Nick, me



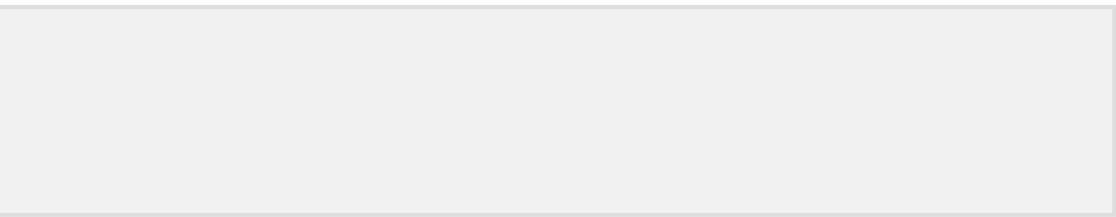
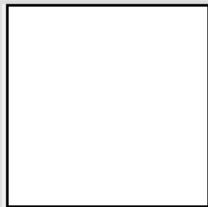
John Bartholomew's response to constituent email re postcard sent jointly by John's and Paul's campaign committees: "I've had to take the advice of the party. I actually have not seen the postcard to which you refer. I believe it was sent out by the Democratic House Campaign. I was not aware, although not surprised, that calls are being made on my behalf."

Fuller quote: "The Democratic House Campaign is very protective of their incumbent legislators whom they value. In their eyes, Zach was not a welcome challenger. Moreover, he has been publicly critical of the Democratic Party, which has not served to endear him with House leadership."

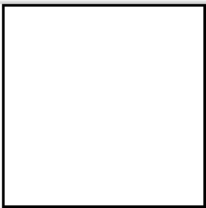
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Full context, in constituent exchange, below.

Thought this may be of interest to you...

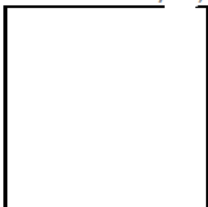


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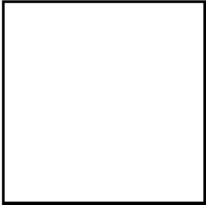
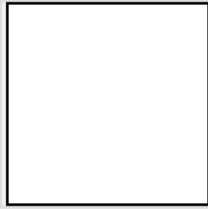


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I'm very glad you've given this the airing it needs, Carol. When all is said and done, what is sticking in my mind is John's phrase I quoted up top,

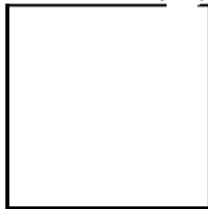
See you at 8 AM Tuesday morning, Damon Hall!

Thanks,  
Laurel



**Laurel Stevenson**

to carolmowry , me, sabrina



Yes, that would probably be best.

Laurel

On Monday, August 13, 2018, carolmowry < > wrote:

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> Subject: Fwd: Re: vote

> Date: 2018-08-13 08:11

> From: carolmowry < >

> To: [laural.stevenson](mailto:laural.stevenson)

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> I do love a war of words but hopefully, this is the end of it. C

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> Date: 2018-08-13 08:06

> From: carolmowry < >

> To: John Bartholomew <[JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us)>

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> Each of you took a vow to drop out of the race if you lost in the primary. You and Zach are both democrats/progressives and if

paul wins tomorrow then it will be a Dem and a progressive. Should be no problem running against the Rep. It was for the very reason of not splitting the vote that Zach started with being the first to pledge to drop out. He does, though, have every right to run in the primary. That does not split a vote. If he is a strong candidate and can win in the primary then he has an even better chance of beating the Rep. If the Dems don't start including the progressive values, working with, instead of against them, then I fear we will see the end of the Dem party. It is nice that you and paul have been able to work together, but I think it would be in your best interest to embrace many of Zach's positions. For example. You once said that you would take money from the N.R.A. If I heard that you had, that would be the end of my ever voting for you, regardless of whether it affected your vote or not. I would see the acceptance of the money as unethical. C

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> On 2018-08-12 23:05, John Bartholomew wrote:

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> I don't think it relates to Zach's progressive slant as much as to protecting valued incumbents.

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> One thing I neglected to mention:

> If Zach and I end up being elected as our State Representatives, I certainly will strive to work as an effective team with him too. I wouldn't expect much success in team building if my district mate were Republican. I suspect I can work with Zach.

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> The Vermont Democratic and Progressive Parties are striving to avoid unseating each other's members of the legislature. Running Democrats against Progressives (or vice versa) often results in dividing the vote and allowing Republicans to win. That happened in a district last time around and we lost some good bills without that Progressive/Democratic vote in the House. The Democratic party is far from perfect, but we try to keep from stupid blunders.

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> One thing I do NOT want to see is a Democrat and a Republican occupying our two Windsor-1 seats, where their votes cancel each other out on important issues.

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> I'll be glad when this primary is over. If I am one of the winners, as I obviously hope to be, I can begin to focus on defeating the Republican challenger.

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> One of my favorite quotes:

> "I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat." - Will Rogers

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> John

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> Rep. John Bartholomew

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**REP. JOHN BARTHOLOMEW  
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in the Democratic Primary on August 14th!

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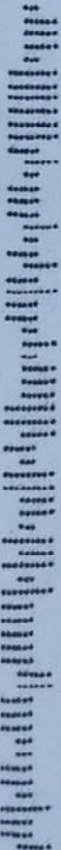
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& Paul S Belaski for Vermont, 56 Belaski Road, Windsor VT 05089

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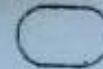


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**PAUL S. BELASKI**  
Windsor



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**REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

Registrant Name:	<b>John Bartholomew</b>	
Address:	<b>23 Linden Rd.</b>	
City, State, and Zip:	<b>Hartland, VT 05048</b>	
Election Cycle:	Party Affiliation :	Office :
<b>2018 General</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>State Representative - Windsor 1</b>
Phone:	Email:	Website :
<b>(802)436-2151</b>	<b>barthoj@vermontel.net</b>	<b>johnbartholomew.org</b>
Treasurer Name:	<b>John Bartholomew</b>	
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Designation Bank Name:	<b>Mascoma Savings Bank</b>	
Bank Address:	<b>7 VT Route 12, Hartland, VT 05048</b>	

Report Due Date :	<b>July 15, 2018</b>	Date Filed :	<b>July 15, 2018</b>
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I hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. By checking this box, no signature is needed and you agree to the terms and conditions under Vermont law.

**July 15, 2018**  
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<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
A. Total Contributions over \$100	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
B. Total Contributions \$100 or less	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
C. Number of Contributors	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
D. Number of Contributions \$100 or less	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
E. Subtotal of non monetary (in kind) contributions	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
F. Subtotal of monetary contributions (A + B - E)	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (E +F):</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
G. Total Expenditures (excluding Mass Media \$500 or more)	<b>\$733.40</b>	<b>\$779.29</b>
H. Total Mass Media Expenditure \$500 or more	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
I. Number of Mass Media Expenditure \$500 or more	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Monetary</b>				
05/03/2018	Vermont Democrat Party	73 Main Street, Suite 400, Montpelier, VT 05602	Contribution to Charity	\$479.00
<b>Comments:</b>	Contribution			
06/18/2018	Lotus Graphincs	448 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301	Printing Copies	\$254.40
<b>Comments:</b>	Palm cards			
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C. Number of Contributors	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
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E. Subtotal of non monetary (in kind) contributions	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
G. Total Expenditures (excluding Mass Media \$500 or more)	<b>\$119.28</b>	<b>\$898.57</b>
H. Total Mass Media Expenditure \$500 or more	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Monetary</b>					
07/24/2018	Vermont NEA	10 Wheelock St, Montpelier, VT 05602	Montpelier VT	\$714.00	\$714.00
<b>Total Monetary:</b>				\$714.00	
Total Contributions over \$100 :				\$714.00	
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07/16/2018	Vermont Democrat Party	73 Main Street, Suite 400, Montpelier, VT 05602	IT Campaign Software	\$100.00
<b>Comments:</b>	VoteBuilder			
07/23/2018	Staples	Route 12A, West Lebanon, NH 03784	Office Supplies	\$10.49
<b>Comments:</b>	Card stock			
07/28/2018	Staples	Route 12A, West Lebanon, NH 03784	Office Supplies	\$8.79
<b>Comments:</b>	Rubber bands			
Total Monetary :				\$119.28
Total Expenditures :				\$119.28



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**REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

Registrant Name:	<b>Paul S. Belaski</b>	
Address:	<b>56 Belaski Rd.</b>	
City, State, and Zip:	<b>Windsor, VT 05089</b>	
Election Cycle:	Party Affiliation :	Office :
<b>2018 General</b>	<b>Democratic</b>	<b>State Representative - Windsor 1</b>
Phone:	Email:	Website :
<b>(802)674-2713</b>	<b>pbvtvt@hotmail.com</b>	
Treasurer Name:	<b>Paul S. Belaski</b>	
Treasurer Address:	<b>56 Belaski Rd. , Windsor, VT 05089</b>	
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D. Number of Contributions \$100 or less	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
E. Subtotal of non monetary (in kind) contributions	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
G. Total Expenditures (excluding Mass Media \$500 or more)	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
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Total Monetary :				\$100.00
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<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (E +F):</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
G. Total Expenditures (excluding Mass Media \$500 or more)	<b>\$355.02</b>	<b>\$480.02</b>
H. Total Mass Media Expenditure \$500 or more	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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07/19/2018	Third Generation Design	1 Day St, Windsor, VT 05089	Media Brochures	\$192.00
<b>Comments:</b>	Belaski palm cards			
08/06/2018	VT Dem. Party	73 Main St., Montpelier, VT 05602	Postage	\$163.02
<b>Comments:</b>	for campaign mailing 1st Belaski/Bartholomew postcard			
Total Monetary :				\$355.02
Total Expenditures :				\$355.02

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**From:** zachariah ralph >  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** West, Nicole  
**Subject:** Re: Political Campaign Finance Complaint  
**Attachments:** image002.jpg

Nicole,

Please disregard the complaint. I did not mean to send this to you. It was supposed to go to someone else to send out Monday, but I spoke with the VDP and there was just a delay in the filing of expense reports.

Sorry for the confusion. Did you already notify the VDP?

Feel free to call me.

Zach

On Thu, Aug 23, 2018, 10:45 AM West, Nicole <[Nicole.West@vermont.gov](mailto:Nicole.West@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ralph:

We understand you have submitted the below complaint regarding possible campaign finance violations by the Vermont Democratic Party and individual candidates John Bartholomew and Paul Belaski relating to disclosures on postcards and contribution and expenditure reports concerning the postcards. We will provide the party and individuals you have identified with a copy of your complaint.

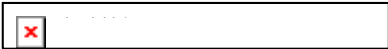
You will be notified when the review is complete. Please note, however, that 17 V.S.A. § 2904 limits our ability to publicly disclose information obtained in the course of an investigation, absent a court order or the consent of the person who provides the information.

Thank you.

**Nicole West** | Paralegal

Office of the Attorney General | Civil Division





**From:** zachariah ralph < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** AGO - Info <[AGO.Info@vermont.gov](mailto:AGO.Info@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Political Campaign Finance Complaint

Laurel!

Thank you for sending this out on Monday August 27th. You should send the email to; [ago.info@vermont.gov](mailto:ago.info@vermont.gov)

Feel free to edit to put into your own words.

Zach

Hello,

I am writing to you to file a complaint about a potential violation of campaign finance laws in Vermont. The complaint is in regards to the Vermont Democratic Party, and candidates John Bartholomew and Paul Belaski.

A postcard was sent out before the primary elections encouraging voters to vote for Paul and John in the Windsor-1 district. The postcard was distributed widely throughout the district. I have attached the postcard for you to review. The postcard says that it is paid for by the Paul Belaski and John Bartholomew campaigns for House of representatives. However after reviewing July and August campaign expense reports from both John and Paul (Attached), there is no indication that John paid for the postcard at all, and Paul's expense report only attributed \$163 for postage, which would not have covered the full expense of printing and mailing the postcards across the district. Furthermore in an email chain which I have copied and pasted below John states " I actually have not seen the postcard to which you refer. I believe it was sent out by the Democratic House Campaign."

I am filing a complaint because I believe the Vermont Democratic Party violated campaign finance laws by sending out a postcard on the behalf of both candidates and saying that it was paid for by the candidate's campaign even though it was paid for and prepared by the Vermont Democratic Party. There is a serious lack of transparency here and a lack of accountability of where the funds came from to pay

for this. My complaint is against the Vermont Democratic Party and not against the candidates as I believe, as was indicated in John's email, that they had no involvement in its creation or mailing.

**The email chain is below;**

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Thanks very much, Carol, for sharing.

Laurel

----- Forwarded message -----

From: carolmowry >  
Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018  
Subject: Fwd: vote  
To: [.laurel.stevenson](mailto:laurel.stevenson)

This casts a different light.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: vote  
Date: 2018-08-12 21:58  
From: carolmowry <>  
To: John Bartholomew <[JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us)>

John. You have gone a long way in changing my mind. The fact that your campaign has been taken out of your hands casts an entirely different light on the issue. The cards - especially the family one are what the public should be seeing. The list of accomplishments is very impressive. This strikes me as similar to what Bernie faced with the Democratic party. The Progressives just aren't welcome and because of that, the Democrats may be digging their own grave. I never questioned but what you were excellent at what you do. Thank you for taking the time to answer. I'm sure that you have other things to do.  
Carol

On 2018-08-12 20:03, John Bartholomew wrote:

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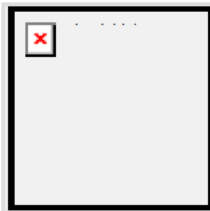
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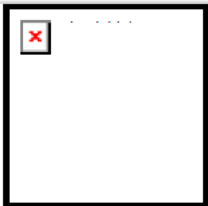
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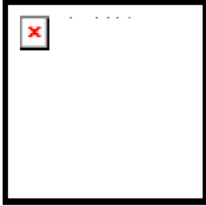


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Laurel Stevenson

to sabrina, Josh, Nick, me



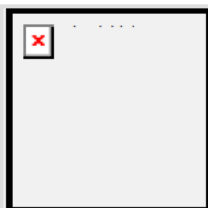
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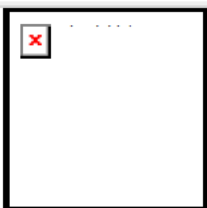
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Full context, in constituent exchange, below.

Thought this may be of interest to you...



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to carolmowry , me



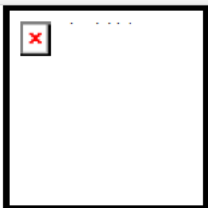
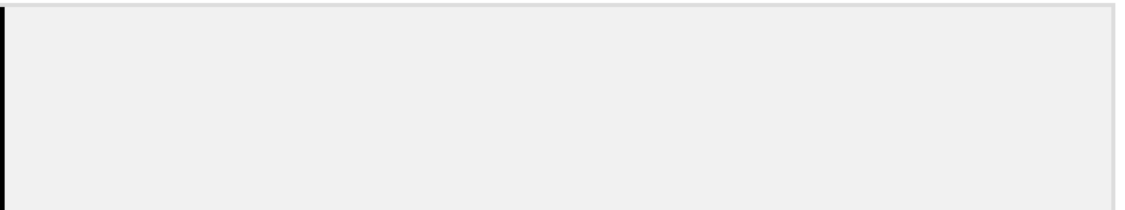
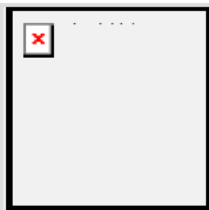
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I'm very glad you've given this the airing it needs, Carol. When all is said and done, what is sticking in my mind is John's phrase I quoted up top,

See you at 8 AM Tuesday morning, Damon Hall!

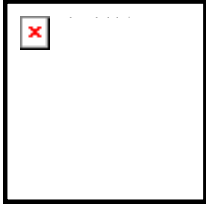
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Laurel



Laurel Stevenson

to carolmowry , me, sabrina



Yes, that would probably be best.

Laurel

On Monday, August 13, 2018, carolmowry < > wrote:

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> Subject: Fwd: Re: vote

> Date: 2018-08-13 08:11

> From: carolmowry < >

> To: [.laural.stevenson](mailto:.laural.stevenson)

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> I do love a war of words but hopefully, this is the end of it. C

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> Subject: Re: vote

> Date: 2018-08-13 08:06

> From: carolmowry < >

> To: John Bartholomew <[JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:JBartholomew@leg.state.vt.us)>

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> Each of you took a vow to drop out of the race if you lost in the primary. You and Zach are both democrats/progressives and if paul wins tomorrow then it will be a Dem and a progressive. Should be no problem running against the Rep. It was for the very reason of not splitting the vote that Zach started with being the first to pledge to drop out. He does, though, have every right to run in the primary. That does not split a vote. If he is a strong candidate and can win in the primary then he has an even better chance of beating the Rep. If the Dems don't start including the progressive values, working with, instead of against them, then I fear we will see the end of the Dem party. It is nice that you and paul have been able to work together, but I think it would be in your best interest to embrace many of Zach's positions. For example. You once said that you would take money from the N.R.A. If I heard that you had, that would be the end of my ever voting for you, regardless of whether it affected your vote or not. I would see the acceptance of the money as unethical. C

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> On 2018-08-12 23:05, John Bartholomew wrote:

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> I don't think it relates to Zach's progressive slant as much as to protecting valued incumbents.

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> One thing I neglected to mention:

> If Zach and I end up being elected as our State Representatives, I certainly will strive to work as an effective team with him too. I wouldn't expect much success in team building if my district mate were Republican. I suspect I can work with Zach.

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> The Vermont Democratic and Progressive Parties are striving to avoid unseating each other's members of the legislature. Running Democrats against Progressives (or vice versa) often results in dividing the vote and allowing Republicans to win. That happened in a district last time around and we lost some good bills without that Progressive/Democratic vote in

the House. The Democratic party is far from perfect, but we try to keep from stupid blunders.

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> One thing I do NOT want to see is a Democrat and a Republican occupying our two Windsor-1 seats, where their votes cancel each other out on important issues.

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> I'll be glad when this primary is over. If I am one of the winners, as I obviously hope to be, I can begin to focus on defeating the Republican challenger.

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> One of my favorite quotes:

> "I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat." - Will Rogers

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> John

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> Rep. John Bartholomew

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