



Greg Walden: Your Supporters Are Making You Look Like Dirt

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By Eric Dubin

Mr. Walden, it saddens me to inform you that your supporters are taking down Dennis Linthicum campaign signs. This is not in your best interest. It makes you look petty and unethical. While it's not possible to prove who actually took these signs, on a going forward basis placed signs will be watched and the perpetrators will be identified.

When Dennis Linthicum attended the Dorchester Conference, his campaign literature was removed from the tabling area and trashed. Again, it's not possible to prove who was behind this incident.

I am NOT accusing you nor your staff regarding either of these events. But the problem you have is that as these sort of incidents become known to a wider audience, they cast an ugly shadow on you, justified or not. You would be wise to spread the word that you condemn any infringement of the speech rights of any candidate. You're a good man of moral character. Give Walden supporters proof of just that and make a public statement condemning this activity.

Sometimes, doing the right thing can benefit competitors equally. You now have the opportunity to inspire Oregonians of the 2nd Congressional district. Capitalize. Failure to do so will cast an ugly shadow, justified or not, and proactively getting in front of a PR problem is usually best.

Now, about a public debate between you and Dennis... Oh, never mind.

With respect,

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