



LAWLER EXPLAINS PHILLIPS STALEY PETITION SITUATION

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Fraud has been running rampant across the country for a while now. This has taken place in the private sector as well as the public and governmental sectors in states like Minnesota and California. Unfortunately for the American taxpayers, this has been involving taxpayer dollars.

Now there is an accusation by Congressman Mike Lawler Democrat primary candidate Effie Phillips Staley has joined this fraud. This has not caused taxpayers to lose any money. The fraud being alleged here is forged and fraudulent signatures on her petitions to get on the ballot.

This case was in court on Wednesday April 22, in front of Judge Fried and is returning to court Friday April 24.

Lawler went on his X account to tell the constituents what started this case. "Let me walk you through what's happening with one of my opponent's petitions because it's serious and Hudson Valley voters deserve the facts."

As Tony Aiello reported, Republican incumbent Mike Lawler is asking a judge to kick a Democrat off the ballot over alleged fraud. Virtually all campaign petitions have some number of invalid signatures. Lawler argues Phillips Staley submitted so many bad ones it amounts to a form of fraud.

"Let me now take you through the timeline. To get on the ballot for Congress in New York, a candidate has to collect at least 1250 ballot signatures from real voters. Effie Phillips Staley filed her petitions on April 6th. Within days, we spotted something that stopped us in our tracks. My staff noticed the signature of one of my own campaign interns, a kid who's away at college in Ithaca and never signed that petition.

"So, our team started going through her petition line by line, and a pattern emerged widespread fraud, forged signatures, real voters whose names were used without their consent."

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"So, here's what Hudson Valley voters deserve to know. How deep does this fraud operation go? Did Effie or her campaign know what was happening, or did they look the other way? And does she even have the ballot signatures to be on the ballot in the first place? Look, my only interest here is in the truth."

In an interview, Joann Stach said she was shocked to learn her name was on a primary petition filed by Effie Phillips-

Staley, one of five Democrats running in the June primary for the right to challenge Lawler in the general election. "I'm very unnerved by the fact that someone can just put my name down. I didn't even know her name."

"And you did not sign her petition."

"No, sir, I did not."

"Does your signature on the petition look anything like your signature?"

"No."

Lawler sent out 30 signed affidavits from Rockland County voters who said they never signed petitions collected by Phillips-Staley's campaign.

It's unusual for a Republican to intervene in a Democratic primary. But Lawler's campaign said the other Democratic candidates running in the primary should condemn the alleged fraud.

"The real question now is for Cait Conley and Beth Davidson: will you denounce Effie when this fraud is proven in court?," asked Lawler campaign spokesman Chris Russell.

Russell noted that Conley worked for the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the National Security Council.

"Her silence on forged signatures in her own primary is especially damning. If Democrats actually believe in election integrity, here's their chance to prove it. We're not holding our breath," the Lawler campaign rep said.

"Victims of forgery, real voters like Joanne Stach, deserve better than having their names stolen for a congressional campaign. And that leaves one moral question for someone running for United States Congress, how much fraud is acceptable to stay on the ballot? Thanks everyone. We'll have an update tomorrow. And as always, I'll always keep fighting for the Hudson Valley."

Just remember, **Forging a signature on a primary petition is a crime:**

Forging a signature on a primary petition is indeed a crime. It is considered a fraudulent act that can lead to criminal charges. The act of forging a signature on a petition is not only illegal but can also result in significant legal consequences, including imprisonment and civil liability. The intent to deceive or defraud is a key element in the crime of forgery and even minor alterations can be charged as forgery if the intent is to defraud or deceive