

Rochester for All Did Not Send Trump-Baxter Mailer

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Rochester for All did not send a mailer to Democratic voters comparing Democratic Monroe County Sheriff candidate Todd Baxter to President Donald Trump.

The mailer repeats content from a post on our website calling on voters to write in Gary Pudup for Sheriff. The mailer, which uses some of our writing word for word, urges Democrats to do the same.

In violation of state election law, there's no disclosure of who paid for the mailer. Instead, there's a link to RochesterforAll.com, leaving the impression that we paid for the literature.

Rochester for All's treasurer Eric Stevens filed an online complaint with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. He will file a complaint in person on Monday. It's our belief this mailer could constitute the crime of mail fraud, as it is a deceptive ad and it uses our identity.

Rochester for All is encouraging voters to write in Pudup to send the Monroe County Democratic Committee a message that ideology should matter when endorsing candidates. But we did not send out this mailer, and it was wrong for anyone to lead voters to believe otherwise.

We are confident the U.S. Postal Service will quickly discover who sent this mailer. We have no knowledge who is responsible.

"We encourage the media to ask Monroe County Republicans if they sent out an anti-Trump mailer. It would be hilarious, if only they didn't hide behind our progressive group to deliver the punch," said Rochester for All Director Rachel Barnhart.