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*News and Views: Negative Campaigning and Conflicts of Interest*

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Dear Neighbor,

As some of you may know, I am the former Chair of the Democratic Party in Denver. I am also an attorney, your neighbor in Park Hill with my husband Adam, and, perhaps most importantly, Brayden's mom. My son will one day be a student in the Denver Public School system. I am supporting Roger Kilgore for Denver School Board in District 4 because I believe that Roger is committed to ensuring that all children are able to go to a great school right in their neighborhood. I also support Roger because he has shown a commitment to transparency and unwavering support of our **public** school system. I know Roger won't let our public schools be attacked or our tax dollars stolen by outside corporate interests.

Unfortunately, Roger's opponent has likened Roger's position on transparency to negative campaigning. As many of you are aware, Roger has recently highlighted Mr. Taylor's quote in the Rocky Mountain PBS report "Losing Ground" released in January of this year where he is quoted as being "200% in favor of vouchers."

I've read the report and I know that Roger did not release this information lightly or in an attempt to start a negative campaign war. According to the Rocky Mountain PBS, the quote and article were based on a telephone recording of an interview given by Mr. Taylor. Further, if you take the time to read the full report like I did, you will know that it was not taken out of context. Mr. Taylor has not refuted these statements; he only continues to accuse Roger of negative campaigning.

Now, Mr. Taylor is again accusing Roger of negative campaigning, ironically, around concerns about a conflict of interest of Mr. Taylor's own making. It was reported in the Colorado Statesman last week that Mr. Taylor is head of the Denver Urban League, an organization that receives \$143,000 per year from DPS for services it provides. The Colorado Statesman, who has not been accused of negative campaigning, questions whether it is a conflict of interest to receive payment from DPS for services provided while at the same time serving on the DPS School Board.

Every communication I have seen from Roger Kilgore's campaign has been rooted in facts with supporting documentation. These facts and issues are important because they shed light on the true differences between the candidates in this race. You should be confident that your representative is doing what's best for our children, not wondering if your representative is financially benefiting from their role.

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Roger Kilgore is running his campaign in an open and transparent way and that is how he will represent you on the Denver School Board. Can you say the same about Roger's opponent? Please join me in supporting Roger Kilgore for Denver School Board in District 4.

Your neighbor,

Cindy Lowery-Graber