



June 21, 2022

The Honorable Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher
Senator, District 18, Maryland
Delivered via email to jeff.waldstreicher@senate.state.md.us

Dear Senator Waldstreicher,

The ACLU of Maryland is writing to you to express concern about an inaccuracy you voiced at a virtual candidate forum for District 18 on June 13, 2022, during which you seemed to suggest that the ACLU has endorsed your candidacy for re-election. We have reviewed a Zoom recoding¹ from that forum where you said, "I have been endorsed by Montgomery County's teachers, League of Conservation Voters, ACLU, our hero firefighters." To ensure the record is correct, please note: Neither National ACLU nor the ACLU of Maryland have endorsed your candidacy, just as we have not endorsed the candidacy of any other person running for elective office in Maryland.

The ACLU of Maryland is a non-partisan organization that has never endorsed or opposed any candidate for election in our state. The national ACLU does not endorse political candidates, and our Montgomery County Chapter of the ACLU also does not make candidate endorsements.

By this letter we request that you issue a public communication to your constituency that provides clarity about this error, so that voters are not misled or confused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Vickers Shelley". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dana Vickers Shelley
Executive Director
ACLU of Maryland

Cc: Meg Rohlfing, Corporate Counsel for Political Law
American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.

¹ Zoom link to June 13 District 18 Candidate Forum:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/wPA1qT6ZeGreDk9_95ca19qcYNcgbcXECBm8UtcERDbD OyWR2bSiAV9GMMyE8hDjh4QmhCQtRkpcQzNB.AdXsFky4nGSevnHv?continueMode=true&x_zm_rtaid=x2q3BTiYTCGgmzwhZx1PNw.1655376657456.4b4aeb7afa47815d160063c805e06d72&x_zm_rtaid=89

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