

## LETTERS

## Thanks to reps for supporting bills called for by voters

To the editor:

I want to thank Conway's Representatives — Tom Buco, Karen Umberger and Syndi White — for their votes in support of Senate Bills 120 and 307. I also thank Senator Jeb Bradley for sponsoring SB 120 and Representative Bob Perry (Strafford 3) for introducing the companion bill, HB 392.

SB 120, the "Disclosure Bill", by requiring full and timely reporting of campaign expenditures, will illuminate the "dark money" that outside groups spend to influence elections and ballot questions in New Hampshire.

As Representative Perry puts it, "Disclosure may be Democracy's only near-term defense against the unbridled spending of corporations and the individually wealthy."

With both state and federal elections rapidly approaching, we can look forward to knowing just who is trying to influence our votes.

SB 307, introduced by Senator Martha Fuller Clark, would have added New Hampshire to the growing list of states calling for a constitutional amendment to reverse the disastrous effects of the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. This bill explicitly recognized "the need for a constitutional amendment to

overturn the Citizens United ruling and related cases" and created a committee of legislators to "Make recommendations to the New Hampshire congressional delegation as to which approaches, if any, the delegation should support."

An amendment to the bill, offered in committee by Senator Bradley, rendered the bill meaningless by removing the call for a constitutional amendment.

An attempt in the full Senate to restore the original language failed on a near party line vote — only Senator Prescott supported the restored language — and the Senate passed the toothless bill.

The House restored the original language and intent of SB 307, then passed it by a bipartisan margin of more than two to one.

The votes of our Representatives were consistent with the wishes of Conway voters expressed in a resolution (Article 33) passed on April 9, 2013. SB 307 died in a House — Senate conference committee when Senator Bradley would not accept the original language in this bill acknowledging the need for a constitutional amendment.

Joe Bagshaw  
Center Conway

## He might get people to think if he didn't use vile language

To the editor:

Mr. Shakir has once again shown his propensity to defame, defile and dismiss those with whom he does not agree politically by using language that proves he has no character.

There is nothing wrong with honest disagreement with those of opposite views. There is something wrong with using insulting language to do just that.

I will not debate Mr. Shakir. I will

only advise him that he might be more likely to get people to think about his points of view if he did not use such vile language.

He might be interested to know that both Kate and Michael Cauble are Vietnam veterans. Those willing to put their lives on the line for our country do not deserve his venom.

Dorothy Solomon  
Albany

## Shakir's out of line to question Cauble's patriotism

To the editor:

This is in reference to Mr. Shakir's letter in the June 17 Conway Daily Sun.

Ray Shakir is a coarse, nasty, uninformed, ignorant, bigoted man who should never compose another letter since he is unable to write without offending the reading public at large.

I do not take kindly to being called a comrade and having my patriotism questioned.

Shakir is way out of line. He has no idea that I volunteered to serve my country in Vietnam in the Army Nurse Corps, spending one year (1967/68) in-country as it goes and the second year state side.

Ray should apologize for all the hate-ful terms he slings around but he is way too ignorant and uninformed. Let me lay out several examples, which will

strengthen this statement.

Ray Shakir hosted a party and was quoted as referring to the president as a "jungle alien," Hillary Clinton is "Osama's dream girl," and has been known to label disabled children "uneducable."

He suggests that a "line should be drawn where the taxpayer is responsible to educate certain people."

When the members responded with boos and a comparison to Hitler, Ray's response was ... "You people are divorced from reality."

Ray, as a member of the budget committee, was asked to resign.

Dr. Laracy stated that what Shakir was saying was "immoral, unethical, and illegal" further, Dr. Laracy stated ignorance is the worst disability. In my opinion Shakir is the poster boy.

Kathryn Cauble  
Effingham

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