



WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Oct. 22, 2008

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Ms. McCarthy,

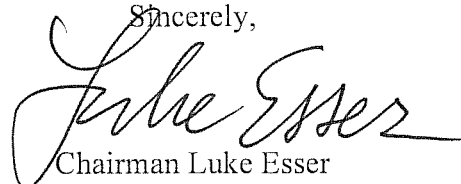
On behalf of the voters and taxpayers that I represent in Washington state and Pierce County, I cannot express the depth of my disappointment at the betrayal of the public trust which occurred when you included a survey promoting yourself in all Pierce County mail ballots. The unnecessary use of your name and signature on an insert that was included in absentee ballot envelopes sent to all Pierce County voters clearly could have and should have been avoided.

The ballot and an individual's vote is a personal and essential part of American democracy. No elections official should be allowed to taint that democratic right by trying to wrongly influence or manipulate an individual at their voting place, whether it is in the voting booth or through the mail.

It is an inexcusable abuse of your power to misuse your position and misuse taxpayers' hard-earned money for your own campaign purposes.

At the very least you owe voters a public apology. If a public apology is made by 3:00 p.m. today, I am prepared to forgo any formal legal complaints. If this doesn't happen by 3:00 p.m. today, I will be forced to pursue further action.

Sincerely,



Chairman Luke Esser