

Dear Chairwoman McDaniel:

We, the undersigned of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee, beseech you to use your office to intervene with Chairman Jim Lyons and end his efforts to defeat our leading Republican candidate for statewide office, Anthony Amore. Were it not for fear of reprisal, several more members would have signed with us.

Mr. Amore is the endorsed Republican candidate for Massachusetts State Auditor. He is eminently qualified to be Auditor, and his credentials have been lauded by both sides of the political spectrum from conservative Boston Herald columnist Howie Carr to left-leaning columnists at the Boston Globe. Republican Governor Charlie Baker has stated repeatedly that Mr. Amore is the most qualified candidate for Auditor the state has seen in many years. Indeed, Governor Baker made him his only statewide endorsement this year.

Chairman Lyons has for months looked the other way while the party's chair of its Veterans Coalition has conducted a long campaign to encourage Republicans to "blank the ballot" in the Auditor's race. This person, appointed by Chairman Lyons, is currently promoting a write-in campaign among Republican voters to deny Mr. Amore the support of his own party.

Most recently, Chairman Lyons authorized his appointee to use party resources and expense to announce that every statewide candidate except Mr. Amore is being endorsed by the MassGOP Veterans Coalition. The action – and inaction – by Chairman Lyons is an implicit effort to aid the Democrat in this race.

For months, you have heard about the lengths which Chairman Lyons will go to maintain his hold on power. Now he has gone too far. His personal differences with Governor Baker are not cause to use party resources to disenfranchise Mr. Amore solely because he is supported by the Governor.

Both polls and pundits agree that Anthony Amore has the best chance of winning. We seek your assistance now so that the Massachusetts Republican Party may retain at least one statewide office in November.

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