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### Poor tactics sub out rational debate

If you want to look into a dark pit, a place where truth fears to tread you need to go no further than the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. This is the party of swamp creatures like Nancy Pelosi and Maxine Waters, a place where anything goes in the pursuit of absolute power.

Character assassination, ambush tactics, and intimidation have become a substitute for rational political debate. With more resemblance to "brownshirts," the youth-wing of these Soros funded basement dwellers resort to the stalking and bullying of anyone who stands in their way, and then pretend they are engaging in "freedom of speech."

### Gregory H. Bontrager

Hutchinson

### Vote Waggoner

As a member of the Kansas House since 2014, it's my pleasure to support Paul Waggoner for Kansas House District 104. I am convinced he is the right person for this job. His command of the issues is impressive, and his background provides a skill-set that will be beneficial to the 104th.

I've had an opportunity to observe the qualities that make good legislators. Simply stated, the job of a representative is to represent constituents of a respective district. To do this effectively, the individual must legitimately share common values that are prevalent to the district. His values are consistent with the central-Kansas, hometown values of District 104.

I very much look forward to working with Paul, in the new term. He is the right person to represent District 104, and I would encourage you to vote in support of Paul of Nov. 6.

Les Mason

Kansas House District 73 representative, McPherson

Vote Becker

I am writing to urge those living in the 104th legislative district to write in Steven Becker, and to darken the bubble next to his name.

My respect for Rep. Becker runs very deep. He graciously conceded to Mr. Waggoner after the election, but was inundated on a regular basis with constituents who urged him to run as a write-in candidate. Steve is a leader, he listens. The people have spoken, and he is responding.

Steve is good for Kansas, and for Hutchinson. He is a staunch supporter of our children and their education, access to quality healthcare for all our citizens, and fair taxation. I urge you to write in Steve Becker on Nov. 6, and be sure to darken the bubble.

Steve Snook

Hutchinson

Vote Hannon

This coming election is very important on many levels. We don't always know the down ballot candidates. One of those is Jim Hannon who is running for the State Board of Education, District 7. I feel people from both parties can support him because he is so qualified and his opponent is not.

For example, he has three advanced degrees, his opponent never graduated from college. He has 39 years of teaching experience while his opponent has never been in charge of a class. He has also been an adjunct professor of education at Emporia State.

We need the most qualified people on the State Board of Education and Jim is that person.

If you would like to meet Jim, he will be at a meet-and-greet from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Sandhills Event Center, 4601 N. Plum, Hutchinson. Hope you can come.

James Taylor

Hutchison

Consider our children

We recognize our children as a valuable resource in our state. Examine the background and agenda of candidates in this upcoming election. Select those who will work with us and for us to provide a healthy foundation for the growth of children.

Today, many of our children are in state custody; they are not receiving proper care or treatment under the agency's current guidelines. Both abuse and neglect exist, often greater than they have ever known. Many children are removed from their homes and placed in distant communities, harsh and even violent environments. There must be not only re-structuring of the current system, but adherence to existing guidelines under which it functions.

Our economy is struggling. In the agriculture sector of Kansas, it just plain isn't working.

Kansans pay their share of the obligations to our state and nation. Candidates must feel the weight of this challenge as they seek to represent us.

We have a voice at the ballot box. Consider candidates' positions and commitments to our children when voting.

Rosalee Tibbits

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