

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing today regarding the Rhode Island AFL-CIO's recent endorsement of General Treasurer Seth Magaziner in Rhode Island's Second Congressional District.

As one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination in the Second Congressional District, and contrary to public statements about the endorsement process, we were not ever contacted for an interview and we have not been able to confirm if all of our fellow candidates were contacted for one.

We reached out to the national AFL-CIO and within 20 minutes they notified us that these endorsements are made independently at the state-level.

Based on the information we have learned over the last week since we first read in the WPRI 12 News report about the endorsement of Mr. Magaziner, we are seeking answers to the following questions in the interests of accountability, transparency and equality on behalf of all voters and candidates, within our political process in Rhode Island:

1. Why were we not contacted for an interview, and were any other candidates also not contacted, despite a public claim that all candidates who have declared so far, were contacted for one?
2. Why was the family relationship between your organization President, Mr. George Nee, and Mr. Magaziner's campaign manager, Ms. Kathleen Nee Zambrano, not disclosed to the candidates who did interview for the endorsement, as publicly stated by fellow candidate Dr. Omar Bah?

Why was it also not disclosed in the public press release, and did your approximately 80,000 members receive any kind of additional communication about the endorsement?

If so, did that include a disclosure about the family relationship between Mr. Nee and Mr. Magaziner's campaign manager?

3. Since we did not receive any information about the endorsement process, we would also like to know what the decision-making process was, and if all decision-makers were given a disclosure about the family relationship between Mr. Nee and Mr. Magaziner's campaign manager as well.

As we have stated publicly on social media platforms, while we support your members and will be an advocate for the PRO Act, the recent wage theft prevention efforts in Rhode Island and other efforts to

strengthen our right to organize, we would not have wanted to participate in your process for the Second Congressional District endorsement knowing what we know now.

Your organization did not make an effort to reach out to all of the candidates, which includes others who have publicly stated they have not made a final decision yet on if they will run or not in the September primary.

Your organization also did not properly disclose up front the family relationship between Mr. Nee and Mr. Magaziner's campaign manager to the other candidates, nor was it included in the public press release that went out announcing his eventual endorsement.

We will refuse to participate in any endorsement interview from any organization that does not include an invite to all candidates running or that does not make basic transparent disclosures we believe everyone should know about.

We respectfully request your prompt response about the questions we have presented as soon as possible. Rhode Islanders deserve an open and inclusive political process, and all of us must strive for that.

We also look forward to properly introducing ourselves to your thousands of members in the coming weeks and months, and sharing our plans to empower hardworking Rhode Islanders, if we have the honor of serving in the People's House on behalf of our Second District.

Sincerely,

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