



Moench for Mayor
Kirsh & Ring for Council

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Dear Chairman Gaburo,

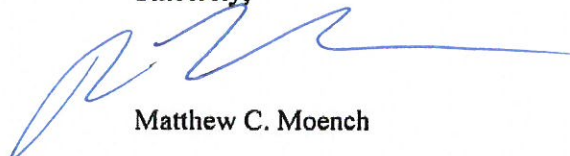
I write to you on behalf of myself and my running mates, Michael Kirsh and Tim Ring, the duly nominated candidates for Bridgewater mayor and council selected by the Bridgewater Republican Municipal Committee at screenings conducted on February 6, 2019 and March 6, 2019. As you are well aware, the Somerset County Republican Organization typically honors the endorsement of the municipal Republican organizations. As you have taken the unprecedented step of endorsing a candidate who failed to even participate in the municipal screening process, our campaign declines to appear on the Somerset County Republican Organization's line for the June 4, 2019 primary.

You and I both know what your endorsement of the incumbent is about – your ability to direct development projects to cater to the needs of your donors and lobbying clients, and your ability to direct Bridgewater's taxpayer dollars to contractors you favor. It has nothing to do with good government in Bridgewater or growing the Republican Party in Somerset County, the former of which has never been your concern, and the latter of which is an effort you have long abandoned. You know that Dan will be your willing accomplice in this scheme, and that I will stand with Bridgewater taxpayers and oppose you. That is the choice that Bridgewater voters face in June, and Michael, Tim and I are comfortable with the side we are on in this debate.

To achieve this end, you have promised to fund an unprecedented negative campaign against me, which I wear as a badge of honor and I take as a sign that you know the weakness of your candidate's standing with Bridgewater's Republican electorate. The dark money currently pouring into our town would certainly be better spent defending a Freeholder majority on the brink of collapse and reversing the downward spiral in our county at the municipal level that has seen our party at its lowest level of support in decades, but, as noted above, you long ago abandoned any pretense of actually caring about the state of the Republican Party in Somerset County.

Rather than stand idly by as our Party's fortunes sink even lower, we in Bridgewater will build on our prior successes and continue to foster an active, modern Republican Party in our town, with the hope that our work here will provide a blueprint for other Somerset County towns and fill the leadership void left by the Somerset County Republican Organization. Instead of running on the Somerset County Republican Organization's line, we will run on the line of the Bridgewater Republican Organization, a group that more closely matches our vision and hope for the future of this community.

Sincerely,



Matthew C. Moench