A Letter To the Republican Party of Iowa:

What were you thinking? I received a mailer this week labeling me Liberal (which is not quite the insult you think it is) and containing ridiculous lies – the same lies being told about many Democrat candidates across the nation – and vague statements with no details. I support new voting laws which open Iowa elections up to fraud? What are these laws and in what way do the open our elections up to fraud? Taking a perfectly acceptable picture of me and darkening it in an attempt to make me appear scary, and following with inaccurate, vague, fact-free statements in attempt to scare voters is petty and desperate. Apparently you have a playbook without integrity. You might think this is ‘business as usual’ but it isn’t acceptable in the world of real people like me. I’m taking it personally and I want an apology **and** a retraction.

The first statement on the flyer, “Penny Vossler supports teaching kids as young as five Critical Race Theory”, is nothing short of moronic. I didn’t know what Critical Race Theory was when I first heard the term in the last year or two, so I googled it. I discovered that it is a **college** course taught in **law school**. I’ve seen some bright 5-year-olds in my years as a teacher, but not once have I suggested one was ready for law school. At the risk of being repetitive – moronic.

I understand why you would make up positions for me. Using my **actual** positions wouldn’t do your candidate (the one you do not name or promote in the flyer) any favors as most people in Iowa agree with my stances.

* Women and their doctors can be trusted to make healthcare decisions without your intervention. Check.
* Our voting system has been secure and well-managed and was not improved in any way by shortening the timeframe for voting. Check. You’ve only made it less convenient which, I might point out, should **not** be in the job description of a legislator.
* Funding our schools with increases **below the rate of inflation** (as you have done for many years) is causing schools to close and those that remain open to struggle to provide the quality education our children deserve. Check. Give the kids a fighting chance!

Each of these **actual** positions that I hold are what sets me apart from your candidate. Again, I understand why you didn’t want to use the truth. And I don’t know who wrote the piece of garbage I received, but I do know who paid to print and distribute it. Thus my letter to you, Republican Party of Iowa. I’ll be waiting for that apology.

With utmost sincerity,

Penny Vossler, Candidate Iowa HD 48