

Utah State Senate

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County Delegates in Senate District 10:

You recently received misinformation from a Janet Jensen attacking Senator Buttars for his work to protect property rights and restore crime fighting tools to local law enforcement. She accuses him of "gutting" Initiative B, a law she claims to have authored.

Ms. Jensen states that Senator Buttars "won't attend public meetings to answer his constituents' questions." That is unfair. At Senator Buttars' request, Senate Bill 175 received over seven hours of public committee hearings, followed by a lengthy floor debate in both the House and the Senate. That kind of attention is remarkable, as a typical bill only receives 30 minutes to one hour of open public committee hearing time.

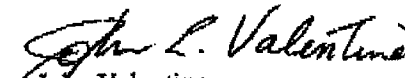
In addition, Senator Buttars recently debated the merits of SB 175 at BYU's J. Ruben Clark Law School, opposing Mr. A. J. Gaunt. The only other public hearing of which I am aware took place at the West Jordan City Library and was hosted by Initiative B supporters. No one supporting SB 175 was allowed to speak. Senator Buttars has been extremely available to his constituents to discuss legislative issues - anyone who questions that should give him a call and see just how responsive he is. For Ms. Jensen to say that Senator Buttars dodged public debate on SB 175 seriously harms her credibility.


Ms. Jensen's letter contains several other fabrications. One is that that SB 175 erodes your due process protection. It is true that federal forfeitures lack appropriate safeguards. However, SB 175 reaffirms and establishes vital due process protection for property owners. State forfeitures will ensure that you are protected while they stem the flow of forfeiture proceedings (and forfeiture dollars) to federal agencies. SB 175 is essential legal weaponry in Utah's fight against crime and drugs in our neighborhoods.

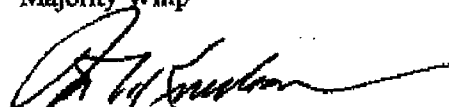
If candidates wish to oppose Senator Buttars, fine -- that is part of the process that keeps us free. However, they should do so honestly, without resorting to a misinformation campaign.

Best of luck in the decisions you will make this Saturday.


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