

August 4, 2023

Dear Republican Party leaders,

I am writing to draw your attention to a serious matter involving Timmy French, the Republican nominee for Senate District 1. Timmy French, through various actions and inaction, demonstrates an apparent disregard for principles governing conduct of Republicans in Virginia. I ask you to take immediate action to remedy the ongoing problem he has created for Republican candidates, especially in Frederick County.

Leading up to, at, and after the state-run Republican Primary on Jun 20th, Timmy French is openly campaigning with "Frederick First" candidates who are opposing Republican nominees. The attached letters to the Winchester Star written by Gary Oates, a candidate opposing a Republican nominee for office, thank Timmy French for working with them. The pictures below show Timmy French signs intermixed with "Frederick First" signs at the polls on Primary Day and large sign arrays erected after the Primary in numerous locations in Frederick County.

[Frederick First is a Virginia PAC](#) formed to support candidates running against Republican nominees in Frederick County, one of the counties located wholly in the new Senate District 1. These letters, signs, and Timmy French's attendance at and participation in Frederick First meetings and coordination between French, his staff, and Frederick First candidates at the June 20, 2023 Republican Primary, all make Timmy's alliance with non-Republicans working against current Republican candidates for office, undeniable.

It is worth noting that the Winchester-Frederick County Democratic Committee did not nominate any 2023 candidates for Constitutional officers or Board of Supervisors, presumably intending to support the Frederick First slate in November.

Prior to the June 20 Republican Primary, Timmy French, along with Frederick First, Democrat Party officials from Shenandoah and Frederick Counties and Winchester, and various anti-Republican organizations openly invited "everyone" to vote in the Republican Primary for Timmy French. According to Department of Elections and i-360 voter data, over 1,800 left-of-center voters did so, including at least 1,285 with hard-left political affinity scores of 33 or lower on a 0-100 scale (see attached pdf file).

Timmy French spoke at a Frederick County Republican Committee meeting on June 27, 2023, seven days after the June 20th Republican Primary, to ask the Frederick committee members in attendance for their support. Present in the meeting were some of the same Republican candidates Timmy French has been actively opposing through by allowing his name to be used as part of the candidate roster of Frederick First. Republican Nominee for Chairman of the Frederick County Board of Supervisors, Josh Ludwig, currently the Shawnee District Supervisor, was direct in his remarks calling Timmy French out for ongoing support of non-Republican candidates.

On July 19, I sent an open letter (attached) to Timmy French which was published that day in the Winchester Star. The letter asked Timmy French to disclose his positions on important issues, explain to voters and candidates his choice to ask non-Republicans to participate in the Republican Party, and to disassociate with those opposing Republican nominees. To my knowledge Timmy French has ignored my public disclosure of his violation of Republican principles. New Frederick First/ Timmy French sign arrays are being constructed around Frederick County.

Since the letter from me to Timmy French was published, Senator Mark Obenshain, in his own letter to the Winchester Star, publicly attacked me personally with misinformation and defended Timmy French. Sen. Obenshain did not address any of the specific issues I brought forward in my open letter. Sixth Congressional District Chair, John Massoud, wrote a similar Op-ed published in the Northern Virginia Daily, attacking me and defending Timmy French. Mr. Massoud referred to that Democrat interference and the Timmy French alliance against Republican candidates as “winning fair and square.” However, there is one statement in Massoud’s letter that I agree with: “Did enough Democrats come out to vote for Mr. French that made the difference? Most likely yes.”

The Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization and the party plans of the various committees in Senate District 1 (excerpts attached) are all clear in identifying the seriousness of this type of betrayal (one Republican committee or candidate working against another Republican candidate), providing that such action disqualifies a person from Committee membership, future candidacy for Republican nomination, etc.

If compliance with the Republican Party rules are considered optional, the Timmy French model of having Democrats choose our Republican nominees in low turnout open primaries will be followed elsewhere. In the next election, this tactic could be used against others, including Mark Obenshain.

I am sending copies of this letter to both elected officials and party officials who I am trusting to act on this matter. At a very minimum, Timmy French must be required to publicly renounce his affiliation with Frederick First and demand his signs not be used alongside Frederick First signs. Timmy French should also publicly apologize to the Frederick County Republican nominees for his betrayal and the damage he has caused, and donate \$5,000 to each of them, to compensate them for the negative impact of his betrayal.

Sincerely,



Please see photos below, and additional attachments.



Frederick First

June 21 at 11:00 AM · 🌐



Congratulations to [Timmy French](#) for [State Senate](#) on a hard earned victory. We are proud to have campaigned together at the polls yesterday. Like us, Timmy is a down to earth fellow that cares about the community. Timmy has attended and spoken at our events. He has been a great friend to the Frederick First campaign.



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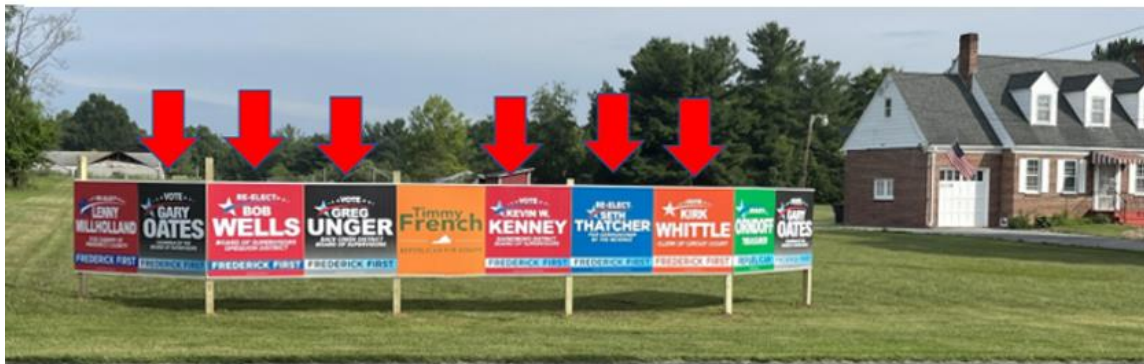
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Displayed at SD1 polling locations on Primary Election Day



The group of signs below appeared shortly after the June 20 primary. The red arrows point to 6 candidates running against Republican candidates. Photo taken 6/24/23







Frederick County Fair July 31- Aug. 5 – “Frederick First” Tent



Frederick First
August 1 at 4:44 PM · Winchester, VA
— at Frederick County Fairgrounds.

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