



## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### **Thursday, October 10th, 2024**

HD58 race has two very different candidates running. One, Larry Don Suckla, has stated he does not compromise, and won't compromise if elected. Considering the Democrats in the state legislature outnumber the Republicans 46-19, I don't see how Larry Don will be able to get anything done.

The other candidate, Kathleen Curry, has served in the legislature before, so she knows how the legislature works. She knows how to reach across the aisle and work with the other side. She also is aware that the Front Range outnumbers the Western Slope representatives, so once again, to get things passed for us out here, she can work with the front range legislators . One of her quotes is "You can't work in isolation and get anything done that is meaningful for the folks at home"

Larry Don has commented that he does not think our kids have a mental health issue. He stated he thought the schools. Is were teaching mental health issues, and manipulated into believing there is something wrong with them. What a horrible thing to say. Just because he does not experience mental health issues, or his kids, does not mean it does not exist.

Kathleen will advocate for our kids, and adult's, mental health. She states that Gunnison Hospital had targeted mental health as the number one issue for its community.

Larry Don's website does not list any kind of experience in water management, neither locally, nor on the national level with the Colorado Water Compact. Kathleen has extensive experience with water management, and currently is an advocate for Western Slope Water in Denver. She also serves on numerous water boards locally. According to Jeff Hurd, Republican for CD3, Kathleen is someone he could rely on for Ag and water experience.

Larry Don stated in an interview that he has "proof" that climate change does not exist. While Kathleen states that it is responsible for the reduction of inflows of water on the Colorado systems

There are so many additional differences between the two candidates. When it comes to experience, ability to work with others, and deep concern for ALL the constituents of HD 58 and all of Colorado, there is one solid winner. After watching the debates and reading their interviews, I would wholeheartedly recommend Kathleen Curry as the best candidate for HD58.

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