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JAEGER APPLIES LAW INCONSISTENTLY

(BISMARCK, N.D.) – Secretary of State Al Jaeger continues to show an inconsistency when it comes to applying the laws of North Dakota.

Yesterday it was revealed that Jaeger did not follow North Dakota Century Code by refusing to issue a certificate of nomination for Libertarian PSC candidate Joshua Voytek, who Jaeger left off the primary ballot.

North Dakota Century Code states that “Upon completion of the canvass, the secretary of state shall mail to each candidate nominated a notice of the candidate's nomination stating that the candidate's name will be placed upon the official ballot to be voted for at the ensuing general election.” [NDCC § 16.1-15-40](#).

“Some people may ask, why is this important? It’s important because running elections that follow the law of North Dakota is the most important job of the Secretary of State, and Al Jaeger has once again shown inconsistency in following the Century Code. With this disregard for the law and inattention to North Dakota procedure, how can we trust that he is running fair elections?” said Dem-NPL Executive Director Joe Aronson.

When rejecting the recent pharmacy measure from being placed on the ballot, Jaeger followed the law and dismissed it because of a procedural error in collecting the signatures. In the case of Voytek, however, because Jaeger was at fault, he decided to ignore the Century Code to remedy his mistake.

When asked for the certificate, Jaeger said, “The document you requested does not exist. Mr. Voytek's name was administratively placed on the November ballot based on legal counsel received from the Attorney General's office on May 24, 2010.”

“How can you draw the line and say, one law does matter but this other one does not? Jaeger’s main selling point for re-election is his experience. But that experience has done nothing but give us mistake after mistake this election cycle, and an inconsistent application of the law.” said Aronson.

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