

MUR 8065 - Supplement

M.U.R. 8065 – Supplemental complaint from 2022 U.S. Senate candidate Ms. Cris Ericson, [REDACTED] Chester, VT 05143 [REDACTED]
<http://crisericson.com>

To: Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 1050 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20463

ADDITIONAL COMPLAINTS: There have only been two U.S. Senate candidate public debates scheduled and Ms. Cris Ericson has been denied participation in both the Sept. 8, 2022 debate and the upcoming October 13, 2022 debate on VermontPublic.org

The two debates only included two men candidates, Democrat U.S. Congressman Peter Welch and Republican Gerald Malloy.

Another complaint Ms. Cris Ericson has is that the names for U.S. Senate candidates listed on the official election ballot in Vermont were reduced by using a different font with a different width as compared to candidates for all other offices and therefore are harder to read. Because U.S. Congressman Peter Welch's name is listed last there is more white space under his name making it easier to read than the other names. The excuse given in the email by the Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos is that they had to accomodate the length of the name of a young woman candidate, Natasha Diamondstone-Kohout, but Vermont statistics birth records show she is only 23 years old and too young by the U.S. Constitution to be a candidate.

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OFFICIAL VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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OFFICIAL STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT NOVEMBER 8, 2022

PROPOSAL 2

To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by amending Article 1 of Chapter 1 to read:

"Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited] That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a

FOR U.S. SENATOR Vote for not more than ONE

MARK COESTER WESTMINSTER	INDEPENDENT
NATASHA DIAMONDSTONE-KOHO DUMMERSTON	GREEN MOUNTAIN
STEPHEN DUKE CALAIS	INDEPENDENT
DAWN MARIE ELLIS BURLINGTON	INDEPENDENT
MS. CRIS ERICSON CHESTER	INDEPENDENT
GERALD MALLOY WEATHERHEAD	REPUBLICAN
KERRY PATRICK RAHEB BENNINGTON	INDEPENDENT
PETER WELCH NORWICH	DEMOCRATIC
(Write-in)	

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS Vote for not more than ONE

BECCA BALINT BRATTLEBORO	DEMOCRATIC
MATT DRUZBA BURLINGTON	INDEPENDENT
LIAM MADDEN ROCKINGHAM	REPUBLICAN
ADAM ORTIZ BURLINGTON	INDEPENDENT

FOR STATE TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE

H. BROOKE PAIGE WASHINGTON	REPUBLICAN
MIKE PIECIAK WINDSOR	DEMOCRATIC
(Write-in)	

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than ONE

SARAH COPELAND HANZAS BRATTLEBORO	DEMOCRATIC
H. BROOKE PAIGE WASHINGTON	REPUBLICAN
(Write-in)	

FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE

DOUG HOFFER BURLINGTON	DEMOCRATIC
RICHARD "RICK" MORTON BRATTLEBORO	REPUBLICAN
(Write-in)	

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for not more than ONE

CHARITY R. CLARK WILLISTON	DEMOCRATIC
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servant; slave or apprentice; after arriving to the age of twenty-one years; unless bound by the person's own consent; after arriving to such age; or bound by law for the payment of debts; damages; fines; costs; or the like slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited."	ERICKA REDIC <small>SURBINGTON</small> LIBERTARIAN	MICHAEL TAGLIAVIA <small>CORINTH</small> REPUBLICAN
	LUKE TALBOT <small>SURBINGTON</small> INDEPENDENT	(Write-in)
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	
PROPOSAL 5 To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 22 to read: <u>"Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."</u>	PETER DUVAL <small>UNDERBILL</small> INDEPENDENT	THOMAS CHITTENDEN <small>SOUTH BURLINGTON</small> DEMOCRATIC
	KEVIN HOYT <small>BENNINGTON</small> INDEPENDENT	VIRGINIA "GINNY" LYONS <small>WILLISTON</small> DEMOCRATIC
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	BERNARD PETERS <small>RASBURG</small> INDEPENDENT	KESHA RAM HINSDALE <small>ESSEX</small> DEMOCRATIC
	PHIL SCOTT <small>DEER</small> REPUBLICAN	DEAN ROLLAND <small>HINESBURG</small> REPUBLICAN
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	BRENDA SIEGEL <small>NEWFANE</small> DEMOCRATIC	ROHAN ST. MARTHE <small>VERMONT</small> REPUBLICAN
	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
	FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	
	JOE BENNING <small>LYNDON</small> REPUBLICAN	FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Vote for not more than TWO
	IAN G. DIAMONDSTONE <small>PUTNEY</small> GREEN MOUNTAIN	TIFF BLUEMLE <small>BURLINGTON</small> DEMOCRATIC
	DAVID ZUCKERMAN <small>WIND COUNTRY</small> PROGRESSIVE	TOM LICATA <small>BURLINGTON</small> INDEPENDENT
	(Write-in)	GABRIELLE STEBBINS <small>BURLINGTON</small> DEMOCRATIC
		(Write-in)

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Condos, Jim <jim.condos@vermont.gov>

To: Cris Ericson, Roxanne Shelton, Emily Peyton, H. Brooke Paige, Senning, Willand 13 more...

Tue, Sep 27 at 8:22 PM

Ms Ericson

Neither Ms Peyton nor I said it was the same as the rest of the ballot.

We both were saying that ALL the US Senate candidates names font were the same.

And you are correct that the reason is that the name "Natasha Diamondstone-Kohout" is so long.

So we reduced the font slightly for all to insure no one is advantaged.

And BTW, state statutes require us to use at least a 10pt font and list candidates alphabetically by last name – we have met these 2 requirements.

As to her eligibility, we only need a candidates petition with required # of signatures, and her consent form.

We do not ask her age. If she were to win, then the US Senate would have the opportunity to question her qualifications and whether she should be sworn in..

Jim Condos
Secretary of State
State of Vermont

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Cris Ericson 

To:cdennis@fec.gov,cela@fec.gov,Jim Condos,Will Senning,ethicscommission@vermont.govand 1 more...

Sat, Sep 24 at 12:26 PM

To: Vermont Public/PBS:

Please explain your criteria for including or excluding candidates from debates.

I find online that you have announced a political

candidate debate for U.S. Senate candidates

that I have been excluded from on Thursday October 13, 2022.

Voter Information (vermont.gov)

Click on the above link and click on 2022 Candidates for the General Election, see Cris Ericson for U.S. Senator.

What is your criteria for debate exclusion;

or inclusion?

Please note that in 2020 I was a statewide candidate and received

about 15% of the vote for Auditor for a major party in Vermont,

the Progressive Party. I am a valid candidate.

You have included only two candidates, a male Republican and a male Democrat. I am a woman. Vermont has never voted to send a woman to the U.S. Senate before. How does your criteria for inclusion or exclusion from debates promote inclusiveness?

I can see only one email on your website:

vote@vermontpublic.org

cc: Christal Dennis cdennis@fec.gov

Roy Q. Lockett cela@fec.gov

Cris Ericson

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From: Matthew Smith msmith@vermontpublic.org

To: Cris Ericson

Wed, Sep 28 at 3:52 PM

Dear Cris Ericson and the Ericson campaign –

Thank you for inquiring about our 2022 general election debates, and for your request to include Cris Ericson in our debate coverage as an independent candidate for Vermont's U.S. Senate seat.

As the executive producer of the debates, and on behalf of the Vermont Public

team working on our 2022 election coverage, I want to begin by saying we recognize Ericson's campaign and appreciate her contribution to the political discussions in our electoral process.

After reviewing both the letter and spirit of our debate guidelines, we've decided that Ericson does not meet our criteria to be included in our debate with the other U.S. Senate candidates.

Our general election criteria states we will consider "independent or minor party candidates who received 5% or more of the vote in the previous statewide general election for state or federal office." Our editorial staff understands this to mean a candidate who received 5% or more of the vote as an independent or minor party candidate.

Ericson has sought office multiple times over the last decade as an independent or minor-party candidate, and as an independent or minor-party candidate, she has never gotten more than 5% of the vote.

Because Ericson is running as an independent for U.S. Senate, we must evaluate her potential inclusion in our debate by looking to her past performance as an independent candidate. Given that she has failed to clear our 5% threshold as an independent or minor-party candidate, we have decided to not include her in our October debate.

I want to note here Ericson's performance in the 2020 general election, where she received some 15% of the vote as a Progressive candidate in the race for Auditor of Accounts. However, given that accomplishment was as a Progressive candidate, it does not enter into our consideration of her inclusion as an independent candidate in this year's debate.

I want to close by reiterating that our debates are just one part of Vermont Public's election coverage. In the weeks ahead, we plan to cover many independent and third-party candidates seeking office this year, and other important issues critical to informing our audience ahead of the Nov. 8 election.

Respectfully,

Matthew F. Smith

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From: **Cris Ericson** [REDACTED]

To:msmith@vermontpublic.org

Wed, Sep 28 at 7:07 PM

Dear Matthew Smith,

I think your debate exclusion criteria is in error as you have explained it.

By "error", I mean that it might possibly violate Federal Election Commission guidelines for "debate criteria exclusion".

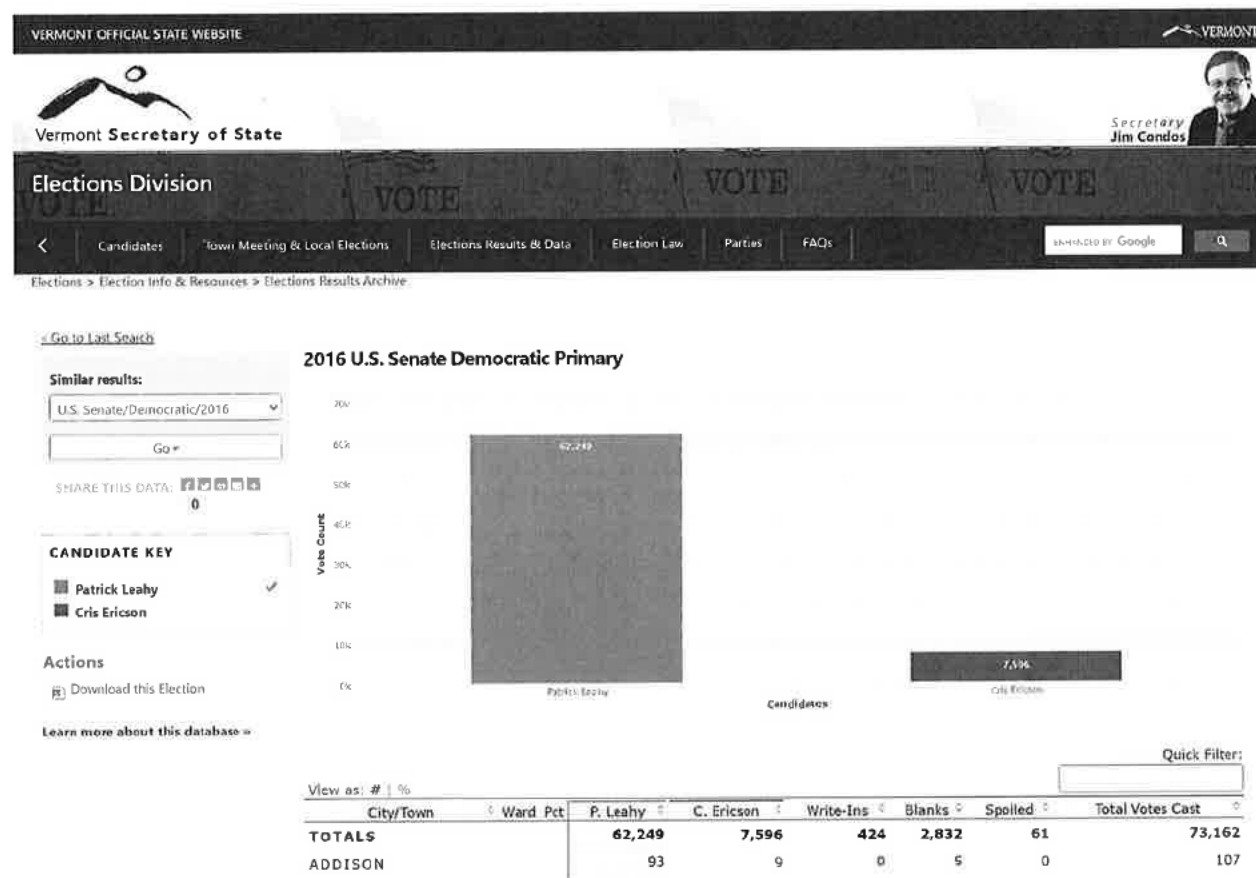
I would have to file an official complaint to find out.

Also, please note that in 2016 in the Democratic Party primary I received over 10% of the vote running against U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, who is retiring and whose seat I hope to win. See attached.

Cris Ericson for U.S. Senator

Chester, Vermont 05143
<http://crisericson.com>

STATE OF VERMONT
 WINDSOR COUNTY
 SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND IN MY
 presence this 30 day of Sept. 2022
Ann O'Brien
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires 11/31/2023



Signed under penalty of perjury Sept. 30, 2022 by Ms. Cris Ericson

Notarized:

Cris Ericson Sept. 30, 2022



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	NATASHA DIAMONDSTONE-KOHOUT DUMMERSTON GREEN MOUNTAIN <input type="radio"/>	MIKE PIECIAK WINDSOR DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>
	STEPHEN DUKE CALAIS INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	DAWN MARIE ELLIS BURLINGTON INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than ONE
	MS. CRIS ERICSON CHESTER INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	SARAH COPELAND HANZAS BRADFORD DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>
	GERALD MALLOY WEATHERSFIELD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	H. BROOKE PAIGE WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
	KERRY PATRICK RAHEB BENNINGTON INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	PETER WELCH NORWICH DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	DOUG HOFFER BURLINGTON DEM/PROG <input type="radio"/>
	FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS Vote for not more than ONE	RICHARD "RICK" MORTON BRATTLEBORO REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
BECCA BALINT BRATTLEBORO DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
MATT DRUZBA BURLINGTON INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL Vote for not more than ONE	
LIAM MADDEN ROCKINGHAM REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	CHARITY R. CLARK WILLISTON DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	
ADAM ORTIZ RUTLAND CITY INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	MICHAEL TAGLIAVIA CORINTH REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	
ERICKA REDIC BURLINGTON LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
LUKE TALBOT BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	FOR STATE SENATOR Vote for not more than THREE	
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	ALISON H. CLARKSON WOODSTOCK DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	
FOR GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	DANA COLSON JR. SHARON REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	
PETER DUVAL UNDERHILL INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	ALICE FLANDERS HARTFORD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	
KEVIN HOYT BENNINGTON INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	BILL T. HUFF THETFORD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	
BERNARD PETERS IRASBURG INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	RICHARD "DICK" MCCORMACK BETHEL DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	
PHIL SCOTT BERLIN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	REBECCA WHITE HARTFORD DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	
BRENDA SIEGEL NEWFANE DEM/PROG <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
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IAN G. DIAMONDSTONE PUTNEY GREEN MOUNTAIN <input type="radio"/>	HEATHER CHASE CHESTER DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	
DAVID ZUCKERMAN HINESBURG PROG/DEM <input type="radio"/>	EVA RYAN CHESTER REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	
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FOR PROBATE JUDGE Vote for not more than ONE	FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Vote for not more than TWELVE
FREDERICK M. GLOVER LUDLOW DEM/REP <input type="radio"/>	KENNETH D. BARRETT REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PATRICIA BUDNICK DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSISTANT JUDGE Vote for not more than TWO	HEATHER CHASE DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>
ALISON JOHANNENSEN WOODSTOCK DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	ROBERT CRAWFORD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
MICHAEL A. RICCI WOODSTOCK INDEPENDENT <input type="radio"/>	GERALD GLEASON REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
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FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY Vote for not more than ONE	MARILYN MAHUSKY DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>
WARD HUNT GOODENOUGH WOODSTOCK DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	RUSSELL MONIER REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>
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FOR SHERIFF Vote for not more than ONE	TUCKERMAN WUNDERLE <input type="radio"/>
MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN WOODSTOCK REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
RYAN PALMER WINDSOR DEMOCRATIC <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
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FOR HIGH BAILIFF Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
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