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Contrast between Leonard, Story was clear at forum

Editor:

Thank you for the informative candidate forum the Courier sponsored on Sept. 27.

I was surprised to see more similarities among the county commission candidates than between the House District 25 candidates. Tammy Story must have thought she was running for the school board, as that was all she chose to talk about. I recall that the Jeffco school board recall effort was all about out-of-state teacher unions overturning our local board while pretending to be a grassroots effort. I was equally surprised that Story did not distance herself from that bamboozling of our residents but instead calculated that there was power in victory.

Most evident of the contrast between the two candidates was their answer to “What criteria would you use to determine your support or opposition to proposed legislation in the House chamber?” Story responded that she would seek her constituents for their views and vote accordingly. Really?! With nearly 700 bills proposed in 120 days, that is an impossible statement. Rep. Tim Leonard’s response was right on: First he would check to see if it was constitutional; then, if it made citizens more or less dependent upon the government, then if it was good for businesses and families.

Luckily, your forum helped me see the difference in our state House candidates: one who is about more money pouring into government education to funnel to special interests, and the other who wants government for the people, by the people and of the people. Tim Leonard earned my vote that night.

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