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Hey justtheunionkoolaid, what are YOU thinking. In spite of what your union leaders feed you, Laffey has never bashed the unions. He has only bashed the politicians who have given away the store (like Linc Chafee with his lucrative crossing guard deals) at the expense of the taxpayer. Any sensible non-union homeowner in Cranston knows that it was the back room deals between crooked politicians and unions that resulted in the city nearly going broke. Every non-union taxpayer also knows that when the city was in trouble, Laffey cut the budget and he approached the unions for concessions. The greedy SOB's wouldn't entertain a co-pay, wouldn't give up even one of 18 paid holidays. For all you non Rhode Islanders...yes you read that right, Laffey's predecessors gave away 18 paid holidays per year at taxpayer expense. Did you know that in Cranston, retirees receive HOLIDAY PAY! How do you get a Holiday when you are no longer working? The Unions would not give up a single one of these egregious benefits to help the city and THAT is the reason taxes had to be raised. Had the unions helped out a little, the burden would not have been so heavy for the taxpayers. But something had to be done, the city was about to go into default because of the corruption and incompetencies of prior administrations. Laffey raised taxes because he had to. Chafee raised taxes because the calendar changed. Chafee has a record of raising taxes every year he was Mayor and never made any attempt to reign in spending. In fact he negotiated one of RI's most egregious crossing-guard contracts where people who work 1 hour a day get free health insurance with no co-pays. Laffey did not raise taxes last year and because of his fiscal responsibility, may not need to this year. Chafee has never let an opportunity to raise taxes pass. You mention the Cranston City SUV, but you do not mention that the Laffey administration negotiated the lease for less than half of what the Democrat mayor was paying for his Grand-Marquis. You are petty. But you fail to mention the numerous economic development projects taking place in Cranston due to Mayor Laffey's leadership. Laffey is going to kick Chafee's butt in the primary (that is if Chafee stays in, which is becoming less and less likely since he seems to like to go against republicans on every issue). The NRSC will regret backing Chafee to the degree that Jumpin' Jim will be forgotten for all the talk about Leapin' Linc'.

M JusttheFacts | Sunday, February 05, 2006

What are you people thinking? Laffey is as much a Democrat as Chafee, if not more. Everyone keeps saying "Look what Laffey has done". Um...what has he done? Raise taxes, over and over, and over. Give no-bid contracts to friends? How about destroying the moral of the police and fire departments, and spending countless taxpayer dollars on everything from his SUV to numerous lawsuits against almost every city office to soundproofing his office, to hiring and appointing "friends of his campaign" to spending most of his workweek not even being in his office? Businesses and homeowners are leaving in droves because they can't afford his tax policies. He has done everything possible to not only slander anyone who stands up to him, but to do everything to vilify those people in the media. He has improperly used his office as means of promoting his campaign. There's too much to list about this guy. It's funny how people assume that Laffey has a chance, because he doesn't. Rhode Islanders are very afraid of this guy, and what he'll do with even more power. The only thing coming out of most Cranston voters mouth's is "At least we won't have to deal with him anymore.". I agree Chafee needs a replacement, but Laffey is not that person. The other problem is that Chafee has tenure, I think the RNC could do worse with a junior senator, who doesn't have as much influence. And , at least as far as Alito goes, Chafee didn't join the filibuster, hence, not stopping the process of his confirmation. Find a decent RNC candidate, and I'm sure RI voters will elect him. Someone who is honest would be a great start and a nice change from the current scene of RI politics. Oh, and by the way, it's the Cranston taxpayers who deserve credit for what has happened in Cranston, willingly paying some of the highest taxes in the one of the highest taxed states in the US, while the city builds a larger and larger surplus for a "rainy day". If only we were all that lucky.

M Sol | Saturday, February 04, 2006

slash:

Why can't Laffey win?

And don't say because of "insert generalization here".

Take fifteen minutes on the guys web site (www.electlaffey.com) and see what he has done in blue RI.

Read the post above yours. This guy is the real thing.

SV

M petefitz | Saturday, February 04, 2006

No Chafee, or no money. electlaffey.com

M tiercel76 | Saturday, February 04, 2006

Greetings NRSC.

Glad to see the support you grant to party "members" like Lincoln Chafee. I'm sure you'll really love it when he leaves the party after you apply your pressure to see him reelected. But, hey you're not about ideology anyway, right?

M Mario | Saturday, February 04, 2006

What bothers me most about the NRSC's actions is that I had never seen their presence in RI until they decided to attack Mayor Laffey. I can understand why they want to protect incumbents, but if that was their goal they should have promoted Chafee. Republican money shouldn't be going to attack other Republicans. Every ad I saw or received made voting for Laffey more likely.

That said, until Chafee's most recent actions I was torn. Now I don't see how I could ever vote for him. Laffey will certainly be the Republican nominee, the only question is what the national party will do for Laffey to make up for their mistake. If the NRSC's negative ads cost him the general election they will only have themselves to blame.

I believe that the NRSC only sees RI as a "blue state" and doesn't really care about us. If they can't be bothered to spend any time or effort in promoting RI Republicans I say they should stay out of the state altogether. We'll just take care of ourselves.

M DGW | Saturday, February 04, 2006

I don't believe the stupidity of my party. You (the RNC and the NRSC) report liberal fools like Lincoln Chafee and Arlen (Howard Sprague) Specter in Republican primaries and then you are surprised when they spit on you when it comes to conservative policy and judicial nominees. Furthermore, you act surprised that true conservative Republicans stop supporting you when you support such nominees. I am sick of your pathetic pandering to RINOs and I am sick of being taken for granted. To be honest, Republicans deserve to lose this fall (and I say that as a very conservative Republican). You probably will hold on to both houses not because you are doing things right, but only because in the Democrats, you have utterly contemptible, evil, and incompetent opponents. If the RNC and NSRC starts to support true conservatives and if the already-elected Republican politicians were to go back to their conservative principles (true cuts in spending, tax reform, privatization of Social Security, etc.), you would be amazed at the support you would get. There would be no stopping the Republican party !

M Stretch | Saturday, February 04, 2006

Those who say Laffey can't win in the general don't know Laffey and don't know RI. Rhode Islanders are fed up with politics as usual and are looking for a leader. Chafee is weak, Whitehouse is weak, the other dems are weak. Laffey is a proven leader, stalwart in fighting special interests, accomplished in reform. Laffey connects with people, Chafee is afraid of people. Laffey is a great debater, Chafee stinks! Laffey is a true Reagan Republican. Chafee is a weak Democrat...Chafee has doomed himself...Chafee will not win in the general!

M Sol | Saturday, February 04, 2006

Our passion about this would have been your strength but is now worst nightmare.

What are you going to do when Laffey comes to Washington?

Game over!

SV

M RINOfree | Friday, February 03, 2006

NRSC, you are reprehensible.

Chafee the RINO is doomed, but like a victim with battered woman syndrome, you just keep supporting the man who thrashes you about. You keep telling yourself "He Loves Me!" even though he didn't vote for Bush, voted for the bridge to nowhere, and voted against Alito.

Did those 100+ PRO-LAFFEY comments disturb you? How about your boy going on the local NBC affiliate this weekend to talk about how he doesn't care about the Republican voters but rather needs to court the Independents. How do you think that will play with the thousands of true conservatives in RI?

Keep deleting this comment section, and we'll keep coming back and filling it up.

M ballotra | Friday, February 03, 2006

So your reaction to the flap was to delete the article and the comments without remark? Smooooth. You guys do realize all of us who linked to this page or kept this window open in a tab can still come out and play, don't you? No, what am I saying? Of course you don't! Having biffed the page, I'm guessing nobody at the NRSC has the slightest idea this open backwater is still here. You have a lot to learn about the interweb, ladies and gentlemen. And I don't just mean technically.

Bring me the Stick of Learning...!

M FlaCon | Friday, February 03, 2006

One disappointment after another. You may take conservatives like me for granted, but we are not fools. Betraying the ideals of those who work tirelessly to support the president and the conservative agenda will not serve you well in November. Laffey and Santorum will get my \$, but I'll pass on you.

M alrez | Friday, February 03, 2006

The way to keep this seat in Republican control is to vote for Laffey.

The City of Cranston is 4:1 Democrat. In the 2004 mayoral election, Laffey beat the Democrat by 65%-35%.

Since they have no positives for their candidate, all the Chafee camp is left with is this silly notion that Chafee has a better shot in a general election than Laffey. That is pure nonsense! Laffey is a proven winner in this Democratic state.

M slash | Tuesday, December 13, 2005

It is definitely time to reign in our government spending. In order to do that, we must keep our majority in the Senate, right? Whether you agree with Chafee's votes or not, his seat is one that keeps the GOP majority. Let's face it, Laffey cannot win in this blue state. Am I wrong, here?
