

Moylan Continues To Fight

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(Ed. Note: State Rep. Marty Moylan (D-55th) mailed the following letter to many of his constituents this week.):

Dear Friend,

As state representative, nothing is more important to me than fighting for your voice to be heard.

Recently I have seen a respected Republican elected official, Maine Township Trustee Kimberly Jones' voice dismissed and disowned by her own party after coming forward to share her story of allegedly being sexually harassed on three separate occasions by fellow trustee and Republican, Dave Carrabotta.

I believe Kim, as should everyone else. However, local leadership in her own party like Republican Township Committeewoman Char Foss-Eggemann and Trustee Susan Sweeney took steps to sweep her credible story under the rug, potentially enabling future sexual harassment.

Throughout my career I have continuously stood with survivors and fought for their right to be heard.

Throughout the summer, we've watched as members of the local Republican Party in Maine Township, led by Char Foss-Eggemann refused to call for Trustee David Carrabotta's immediate ouster from the board.

In addition, Trustee Susan Sweeney, Democratic Trustee Claire McKenzie, Trustee Carrabotta and their cohorts have dismissed Trustee Kim Jones' accusations of three separate instances of alleged sexual harassment by Carrabotta. What's more is that they've engaged in character accusations against Ms. Jones in an effort to silence her.

The Republican committeewoman, Char Foss-Eggemann, says she knows about standing up for women's rights, but I agree with the Republican governor, when he decided not to re-appoint her to her taxpayer-funded job on the state's Human Rights Commission. One of the reasons could be because she is an outspoken supporter of President Trump who has systematically mocked and ridiculed many women with credible accusations of sexual harassment against him dating back decades. In all of these cases, Char Foss-Eggemann has not used her voice to speak up at all.

As a fellow Republican, Maine Township clerk and Kim Jones supporter Peter Gialamas wrote in a letter to the editor of the Journal & Topics, "Since when does an inconclusive report finding clear anyone of anything? I have known Kim Jones for over 10 years. I have never known her to be anything but honest, genuine and a person with great integrity."

As a co-sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment, which passed in Springfield this year, I'll continue to fight for Kim and every woman's right to be heard despite their political ideology.

Sexual harassment is not partisan, silence and inaction is. Join me in calling on Committeewoman Char Foss-Eggemann, Trustee Susan Sweeney, Democratic Trustee Claire McKenzie and Trustee David Carrabotta to resign immediately to send the message that sexual harassment is a serious issue in our community and our residents will refuse to be represented by those who remain silent and tolerate it.

Marty Moylan

State Representative

55th District