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Dear Delegate Rosenberg:

I am appalled that the then New York candidate Mr. Santos's background was not vetted during the electoral process. But, for whatever reason, it was not. Now he is in Congress.

Lets' not let that happen in Maryland.

I suggest legislation be considered providing penalties, including removal from office, for falsely stating material FACTS. But, not including beliefs or opinions from holding elective office.

But, to include material facts such as having contributed money too, or having been a member of a particular religious organization or facility, employment, unexpunged criminal or civil history, etc.

This does not mean a candidate must voluntarily divulge the information; but the candidate not lie or materially misrepresent the facts if such information is requested as part of the registration process.

When I became employed by the State, in my position, I swore an oath as an Officer of the Court. I took that very seriously, and still do. A person officially registered to be on a ballot should also take an oath and be held accountable. I understand this does not include editorializing, or embellishing, but material facts must not be misrepresented.

Sincerely,

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Good first draft. I would suggest that you review what Santos was claiming about education and perhaps put that in as well. I think this is a good attempt. I am going to see if I can get DEA DALY our ethics attorney to review and see what she suggests for any additions/subtractions or modifications, etc. Santos was sooo out there that it would be good to capture the worst stuff since he is the poster boy for a false biography. We have a guaranteed date from drafting of January 20th to request them to draft. So you have some time to revise. Delegate Rosenberg wants to co-sponsor and I think this is what he was talking about.

Susan McComas
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Agree.

I put the wording, including but not limited to, in the draft. I also used the term "material facts".

But, specifically using the term "Education" is very broad and may not be able to be enforced, causing debate and delay.

Perhaps the statement on a separate line:

MISREPRESENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE ACADEMIC AND OR VOCATIONAL
COMPLETION OF COURSES AND OR EARNED OR HONORARY DEGREES AND OR TITLES.

Thank You

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GOOD....WILL GET TO DRAFTING.

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i MIGHT LET SANDY REVIEW BEFORE I PUT TO DRAFTING IF i SEE HIM ON THE FLOOR TONIGHT.

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