

Responses to Nikolakakos

In the gritty world of Montana politics, some play dirty to cling to power—and George Nikolakakos just proved he’s willing to stoop as low as it gets.

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George Nikolakakos has finally crawled out from under whatever rock he’s been hiding his high school behavior and hypocrisy beneath. Armed with nothing more than a handful of ancient, context-stripped social-media screenshots and the desperate hope that nobody remembers what a fraud he is.

Desperate to shield his preferred Democrat-RINO establishment crew and sabotage a true conservative challenger, George resorted to trolling through Kevin Leatherbarrow’s old social media posts, cherry-picking and twisting words out of context to smear him as “not a real Republican.” This isn’t debate; it’s the kind of sleazy, dishonest hit-job you’d expect from someone more interested in protecting his insider status than serving the people.

But let’s talk about George’s own record of betrayal. As the sponsor of HB 433—a strong pro-Second Amendment bill designed to protect the presumption of innocence and prevent the government from stripping firearm rights based on mere accusations—he begged for the chance to carry it. Then, when it came time to stand up for it, he turned on his own legislation: offering gutting amendments in committee that would have weakened its core protections, pushing those same destructive changes on the House floor, and when even those failed to derail it, he hypocritically asked that the bill he introduced be killed outright rather than let it pass in its intended form. That’s not leadership; that’s sabotage from within, the kind of backstabbing that keeps the swamp thriving.

Kevin Leatherbarrow, by contrast, is a straight-shooting warrior for truth, justice, and constitutional principles. He doesn’t twist words or hide behind selective outrage—he calls out corruption, abuse of power, and establishment sellouts wherever he sees them, no matter who it offends. In an era of spineless politicians who bend to the status quo, Kevin stands tall, unafraid to challenge bloated government, protect individual rights, and demand real accountability.

What follows is Kevin’s clear, unfiltered response to George’s desperate attacks. Read it for yourself and see the difference: one man fights for the people; the other fights to keep the corrupt system intact.

And the story doesn’t end there. Kevin Leatherbarrow stepped up and filed to run directly against George Nikolakakos in a bold challenge to the status quo. Rather than face

that fight head-on, George dropped out of that race and pivoted to challenge Randy Pinocci in Senate District 12. Randy Pinocci is a proven champion of Second Amendment rights in Montana—a lifetime member of the Montana Shooting Sports Association, a Benefactor Member of the NRA, and a tireless defender of our constitutional freedoms who has helped pass more pro-gun legislation than almost anyone else in the state. Unlike George, Randy doesn’t talk out of both sides of his mouth—he delivers results for gun owners, families, and freedom-loving Montanans.

If you value real conservative principles, strong Second Amendment protections, and leaders who actually fight for you instead of the establishment, support Randy Pinocci now. Donate to his campaign today, spread the word, and make sure to vote for him in the primary against George Nikolakakos. Randy deserves—and has earned—your vote and your support to keep Montana free!

Now, turning directly to the heart of the matter: Below are Kevin Leatherbarrow’s own powerful, straightforward answers to George Nikolakakos’s attacks and distortions. These responses lay bare the truth without spin or apology—exactly the kind of honesty Montana needs more of.

Kevin Leatherbarrow is proudly running for Montana House District 22 (HD 22) in the Republican primary on June 2, 2026, bringing that same fearless commitment to fighting corruption, defending our freedoms, championing school choice, eliminating property taxes where possible, and putting everyday Montanans over career politicians. He’s the real conservative warrior we need in Helena—educated, principled, and unafraid to take on the establishment.

If you’re in HD 22 (or want to back a true fighter from anywhere in the state), step up now: Visit his campaign website at kevinleatherbarrow.com to learn more, donate directly to fuel his run, and follow him on Facebook at facebook.com/LeatherbarrowMTEd for updates. Every dollar and every vote counts—make yours count for Kevin Leatherbarrow. Vote for him in the primary and help send a message that Montana is done with the swamp games!

Below is HD 22 Candidate **Kevin Leatherbarrow’s** response to the sniveling, self-sabotaging bill killer, bottom-feeder George Nikolakakos.

George, I appreciate the follow-up. It is always a healthy sign for a republic when citizens stop accepting government narratives at face value and start asking difficult questions. To suggest that questioning authority is “anti-American” is to fundamentally misunderstand the founding of this country. True patriotism is not blind obedience; it is the courage to challenge a bloated and corrupt status quo. Here are the answers to your questions: On Law Enforcement and Sheriff

Slaughter I have never “attacked” the concept of law enforcement; I have attacked the abuse of power. Comparing certain modern practices to tyranny isn’t an insult to the badge—it’s a warning to those who wear it. When we see a “good old boy club” protecting corruption in Cascade County, including serious scandals like feeding inmates contaminated food and overseeing preventable, unlawful deaths, silence is complicit. A sheriff who looks the other way is a crooked sheriff, and I will not “disavow” the sentiment that corruption must be purged. On Public Safety and the FBI It is a documented legal reality (and a common-sense one) that the government has no constitutional duty to protect you at an individual level. Self-governance starts with the individual’s right to self-defense. Regarding the FBI: when an agency becomes more interested in political optics and bureaucratic bloat than in objective justice, it has outlived its merit. Abolishing corrupt, federalized entities in favor of localized, accountable systems is a return to constitutional principles. On Donald Trump I judge a leader by their actions and the company they keep. Donald Trump has frequently worked behind the scenes to endorse incumbents who do not have the people’s best interests at heart. He appears infatuated with “good-looking” figures and optics-driven narcissists rather than surrounding himself with the talented, humble, and truly competent people required to actually drain the swamp. If a leader consistently empowers the very government “overlords” we are trying to reign in, questioning that leader’s effectiveness is the only logical response. On Montana Leadership (Gianforte, Jacobsen, Sheehy) My opposition to these individuals is rooted in their records: · Governor Gianforte: He has grown the state budget faster than previous Democratic administrations without the population growth to justify it. Fiscal conservatism isn’t a slogan; it’s a practice he has failed to uphold. · Christi Jacobsen: It is a statistical anomaly that she received more votes than Trump in both 2020 and 2024. Either the electoral system is being “setup” to make her look like the most strategic candidate for a future run, or the GOP is foolishly voting for someone whose support from the other side of the aisle suggests she is a Democrat in Republican clothing. · Senator Sheehy: He fits the mold of the hand-picked “incumbent-style” candidate who serves the establishment’s interests over the grassroots. On Military Service and “Mercenaries” This is perhaps the most patriotic point of all. Our service members are often treated like “enlisted pawns” who are forbidden from challenging orders, even when our government uses the military for dubious activities that lack merit. When we pay enlistment bonuses to send our youth into conflicts that serve “overlords” rather than the defense of the homeland, they are being treated as mercenaries. Challenging the military-industrial complex and the “use and abuse” of our soldiers is the highest form of respect for their lives and their service.

I hope this clarifies where I stand. I am here to represent the people who are tired of the “business as usual” politics in Cascade County and beyond. 🇺🇸