

FROM THE DESK OF MIKE FARRIS

Dear Republican friends,

I am writing to set the record straight about David LaRock.

Dave LaRock is trustworthy, 100% prolife and is the person we need in the legislature to change hearts, minds, and laws. After years of faithful service in the House of Delegates, he is running for an open seat for the Virginia Senate.

His challenger, John Massoud, has raised the preposterous claim that Dave LaRock is a liberal—particularly on the right to life issue.

I have been around a long time in Virginia politics (I was the GOP nominee for Lt Governor in 1993) and many in the conservative movement know me and my reputation as a conservative and for being 100% prolife.

But, to my newer friends, let me give you just a brief introduction.

I was the founding President of the Home School Legal Defense Association—a national group located in Purcellville, and Patrick Henry College, also in Purcellville.

For approximately the last six years, I was the President and CEO of Alliance Defending Freedom.

I have retired from employment from all of these groups (although I maintain relationships in other ways) and this letter is written entirely for myself alone and not for these organizations or any other.

A brief word about ADF is in order. While I was CEO of ADF, our team drafted the law in Mississippi that was the subject of the Dobbs case. And we served quietly and in the background as a part of the legal team for the Mississippi Attorney General's office in the Supreme Court of the United States for that case—which, as you know, resulted in the reversal of Roe v. Wade.

Yes, I led the legal team that helped to reverse Roe.

Moreover, I personally argued and won another U.S. Supreme Court case involving free speech for prolife pregnancy centers in 2018. California attacked the rights of these clinics and I successfully defended them in the Supreme Court.

I think my prolife credentials are beyond question.

I have known Dave LaRock since 1987. He built the home my family lives in. We have gone to church together for many years. I was his pastor for part of that time. Our children are very close friends. And more.

Dave is 100% prolife. And Dave will introduce prolife measures, and support every prolife bill that comes to the floor of the Virginia Senate, without question.

His opponent has attacked Dave for failing to co-sponsor a particular bill on this issue banning all abortions.

Not one person in the Virginia General Assembly believed that such a bill had any chance of passage at this time. It was about political posturing and not a realistic attempt to get something to pass.

Dave wisely kept his powder dry on that issue instead filed his own prolife measure that would require all sex education programs in the Commonwealth to show a video of a sonogram. Such a viewing has been proven to give pregnant moms the most important possible to properly understand the humanity of the unborn child. And he supported other prolife measures sponsored by other good people in the General Assembly that had a realistic chance of passage.

The bills he supported were intended to pass and would really save lives.

Dave shares my views that we should take as much ground as we can and keep working until life is fully protected.

Now, I want to contrast that with the history of his opponent.

Mr. Massoud has run unsuccessfully for the Virginia House of Delegates from Arlington more than once. As reported in a variety of sources, including the Washington Post, Massoud previously ran as a pro-abortion (aka pro-choice) Republican.

Mr. Massoud now claims that he is prolife. I truly hope Massoud has changed his views. It certainly looks like a chameleon who is trying to match the views of a new district, but conversions of all kinds are always welcome.

But, I doubt the veracity of his current prolife claims because he has chosen to falsely claim that Dave LaRock is pro-abortion and a liberal.

These charges are simply scurrilous and reveal a person who is willing to say anything to try to win an office after several failed attempts.

The comparison of the prolife record of these two men is not even close.

I have little reason to believe his opponent believes much of anything with true sincerity.

I endorsed Dave's original campaign for the House of Delegates in 2013 in a similar situation. Even though I knew him and admired him for years, I had also known his GOP opponent who was the incumbent. I intended to stay out of the primary.

But, because of a decision to listen to his campaign consultants, his opponent in that race decided to twist facts and take a shred of truth and bake it with a number of falsehoods to concoct an irresponsible attack on Dave.

I couldn't stand by and watch that happen then and I refuse to stand by and watch another desperate candidate try this tactic again.

Dave has never disappointed me. He has been a true blue conservative about everything: Life, The Second Amendment, Parental Rights, Taxes, Spending and more.

Dave LaRock has sterling character and is proven beyond any doubt to be a very consistent conservative.

Please ignore the dishonorable attacks on a good man. I urge you to vote for Dave LaRock.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie Fain". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "W".