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Shannon presses Cuccinelli on remarks



Comments cause political spat

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The Democratic candidate for Virginia attorney general called on his Republican opponent to reject what he called "incendiary" comments by a GOP House of Representatives candidate in the Northern Neck.

Del. Steve Shannon of Fairfax said he was asking state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli to say publicly whether he denounces the comments of Catherine Crabill.

Crabill spoke at a "tea party" Wednesday to complain about President Barack Obama's policies.

She said Americans should fight against Obama's direction for the country.

"We have a chance to fight this battle at the ballot box before we have to resort to the bullet box," Crabill said.

The quote made it into several blogs and The Washington Post reported it yesterday.

Shannon held a conference call yesterday afternoon and called Cuccinelli Crabill's "running mate." He called on the Fairfax senator to answer several questions.

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Among them are whether Cuccinelli believes that Obama and his administration are "domestic terrorists," as Crabill called them, whether he knows Crabill and supports her, and what his relationship is with the organizers of the tea parties.

Chris LaCivita, Cuccinelli's spokes-man, said that "our campaign has a policy of not answering stupid questions."

He then sent a response from Cuccinelli that said he has asked Shannon to debate him:

"As of today, I have yet to receive a response. I will not debate you via fax, nor by 'telephone conference.' Pick a day, any day this weekend, or this week, and you can ask me your four questions, and I will ask mine. The people of Virginia deserve real substantive debates on issues they are concerned about. You've ducked two debate invitations already will you duck this one?"

Crabill, a real estate agent trying to unseat incumbent Del. Albert Pollard, D-Northumberland, wrote on her Web site that she was not advocating violence.

"The point of my comments was that we do have an election, we do have the ability to take hold of our freedoms with the ballot box so we don't have to refer to the bullet box as our Founding Fathers did," she wrote.

The Web site then added a quotation from Thomas Jefferson:

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in Government."

"I agree with Jefferson," she wrote.

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shannon must be scared (posted by [cassandra&sarasdaddy](#) , July 19, 2009 8:01 pm)

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