

On January 25, 2018, a formal recall petition was filed by Michael Cugnini, Ty Hawkins, and David Peters. Since then, slander and rumors have swirled fervently into a fever pitch. The language in the Petition was not crafted by “Oil Lawyers in Denver” It was not circulated by the AFP and it was not “paid for by the Koch Brothers.” The exact complaint is as follows:

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*We need commissioners who represent our interests above their own, and who govern with accountability and transparency. Commissioner Lachelt has not done that. She has repeatedly leveraged our public office for her private gain by appearing before the U.S. Congress and other federal government entities to advocate and advance her and her employer's political and policy agendas under the guise of her role as our commissioner. Her county commissioner meeting attendance record further demonstrates where her allegiance lies. Her 2017 attendance record was much lower than any other commissioner. We can and should expect our commissioners to act ethically and not to take actions that undermine the public's trust in our local government. As a result of Commissioner Lachelt's actions, the county has been required to investigate ethics complaints filed against her and to seek out ethics advice from at least one other county. For all of these reasons, and more, we believe Commissioner Lachelt has acted in ways that have undermined the public's trust and is therefore deserving of answering to us-her constituents-through the question of a recall so that we can restore trust, accountability and transparency to that elected office.*