

The A.I. Industry is Backing Celeste

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Friends,

At Monday's debate, Celeste Maloy did what she's been doing throughout this campaign. She told Utahns that Utah is great for data centers.

She said it when residents in Box Elder County were raising alarms about the Stratos project. She said it when people asked hard questions about water, about power, about who approved a 40,000-acre development in five months without a completed environmental review.

She said it again Monday, standing at a PBS Utah debate podium, while I told Utahns the truth: I oppose that project until there is full transparency.

Now we know why she keeps saying it.

In the five days before that debate, an Anthropic A.I.-backed super PAC called Defending Our Values PAC dropped \$837,452 in television, digital, and mail ads supporting Celeste. That is more than three times the median home price in rural CD3. Since the debate, additional expenditures from the AI company's PAC have brought that number to nearly \$900,000.

The PAC is run by Chris Stewart, the man who recruited Celeste into his office, handed her his congressional seat, and now leads the out-of-state A.I. industry group spending nearly a million dollars in a single week to keep her there.

The TV buy alone was \$564,435. It was placed four days before the debate. The mailers hit doorsteps the morning Celeste walked onto that stage.

Here's the thing: Celeste never disclosed any of this. Not before the debate. Not during it. Not after.

This is documented in federal FEC filings, which you can read yourself:

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You don't spend \$837,452 on a congressional race if your candidate is ahead in the polls. You spend it when you're worried.

I am running because Utahns deserve a congressman who answers to them, not to an AI company's super PAC. That is what this campaign has always been about.

If you're with us, now is the time to show it.

Sincerely,

Phil

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