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## Adams County GOP files federal complaint concerning fraudulent mailings

**Gettysburg** -- The Adams County Republican Committee has filed a complaint with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service concerning evidence it has received regarding the mailing of objectionable political material fraudulently claiming to be from the ACRC.

The mailed material, which targets local residents who have signs supporting former President Trump on their property, uses the ACRC post office box as its return address and falsely claims that the mailing originated from the ACRC.

"The mailings have been brought to our attention by several residents and we take the fraudulent use of our mailing address very seriously," Adams County Republican Chair Charlotte Shaffer said. The ACRC reported the mailings to Gettysburg postal officials, who directed the ACRC to file a formal complaint with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

According to U.S. Code Title 18, Chapter 63, Section 1342, using a fictitious or false name or address for any fraudulent intent or scheme can lead to fines and up to five years in jail.

Two of the mailings brought to the attention of the ACRC were addressed not to the resident living at the address but to "Trump Supporter." Shaffer urged residents who receive similar mailings to leave the envelope unopened and contact the ACRC.

"Any attempt to sow confusion and discord among county Republicans and conservative Independents is a futile task," Shaffer noted. "Residents need to be on their guard against these agent provocateurs and their deceptions, especially as the elections approach this year."