

## **To A Primary**

To The Editor:

I, along with Al Gotsch, am running for a position to serve on the St. Lawrence County Democratic Committee representing District 2 in Colton.

Chris Murphy and Roger Dusharm are running in Colton District 1.

This is a historic time in the town of Colton for the members of our Democratic Party to make a move from the archaic caucus to a primary, where there would be more participation in the political process.

In March of 2008, I approached the current town chairperson to ask about the possibility of moving to the primary as a means to field candidates for upcoming elections. It took me two months later to get a response from

Ms. Kilroy, who stated that the committee had met and they had talked to a lot of people who said they liked it "the way it is."

I find that hard to believe since about 53 people who signed petitions for those candidates running against the current committee members all were in favor of the change. I am not sure who was consulted or asked of their opinion.

The time has come for a Democratic Committee who will work to find viable candidates for town office and to insure more participation by our party members who reside in the town of Colton.

It is for this reason that I ask for your support on Sept. 9 for the slate of Dennis Eickhoff and Al Gotsch in District 2 and Roger Dusharm and Christine Murphy in District 1.

Dennis Eickhoff