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**Statement from Westchester GOP Chairman Douglas A. Colety
on Domenic Volpe's Assault on our Electoral Process**

"I was shocked and disturbed to learn of the allegations against Domenic Volpe, Democratic candidate for Westchester County Legislator in the 1st District. Mr. Volpe is accused of recruiting his friend, Thomas DeVaul, to run for the very same office on the Independence Party line."

"By having Mr. Volpe's family members carry petitions for Mr. DeVaul, both men have shown their desire to manipulate the voters of Peekskill, Cortlandt and Yorktown. Further, their actions represent a clear attack on our democracy and electoral process. Mr. Volpe has resorted to the only way he feels he could compete with Mayor Testa: deceit and underhandedness. This ill-conceived plan will only further show the voting public the stark differences between the candidates."

"Mr. Volpe has a well-documented association with scandal-plagued Board of Legislators' Chairman Bill 'Boss' Ryan. Thanks to a widely reported Journal News investigation in connection with the Gary Kriss/Bill Ryan scandal, it was uncovered that Mr. Volpe was the recipient of much of the improper activity performed by Mr. Kriss. During the 2007 election Ryan and Kriss were intimately involved with Mr. Volpe's campaign for county legislator against incumbent George Oros. Records showed how Kriss had 39 conversations with Volpe during hours when Kriss was receiving Board of Legislators compensation, a direct violation of the Board of Legislators' policy. Ryan himself was in constant phone contact with Volpe from 9:37 AM until 11:47 PM on Election Day."

"Dominic Volpe is perfectly willing to do whatever it takes to undermine proper and legal procedure for his own benefit. Perhaps his records of losing four elections to date tell the story. As a registered Conservative, he lost two bids for Town of Cortlandt Board. He then switched registration to the Democratic Party and ran two more unsuccessful campaigns to unseat George Oros as County Legislator. Now, in his fifth campaign, Mr. Volpe seems determined to win at any cost."

"This disturbing illegal activity smacks of desperation. The voters in the 1st District will not be fooled by this scheme, and I am confident they will respond by electing John G. Testa as their next county legislator. Mayor Testa is a well-respected, highly qualified candidate for County Legislator. His record of experience, leadership and accomplishment is respected throughout Westchester, and I know he will make the voters of the 1st District proud when he is elected to serve on the County Board.

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