

WASHINGTON, DC-Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today sent a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez requesting an investigation into potential voting irregularities in the recent *Springfield Challenge*, a contest to select a Springfield for the home of The Simpsons. The competition was conducted by 20th Century Fox. Thirteen towns named Springfield competed, and Springfield, Vermont was recently announced the winner. A copy of DeFazio's letter is below

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Heidely Ho Attorney General Gonzales:

I write to you to express the outrage that I, and all Oregonians, feel regarding a recent event. I know there is a strong possibility that you may come back and say that you "don't recall" to what I am referring, so let me refresh your memory. Recently, 20th Century Fox launched *The Simpson's Movie Springfield Challenge* where people could vote on the real-life location of the home of The Simpsons. Naturally, most Oregonians felt confident that we would win, since it is obvious to everyone that Simpson's creator Matt Groening, who was raised in Oregon, modeled Springfield after his childhood

home. Oregon has over 363 miles of the most beautiful coastline in America, the Cascade Mountains, and is the grass seed capital of the world. What does Vermont have? Maple syrup.

This travesty must not stand. Springfield, Vermont is a town of only nine thousand people; yet this community received over *fifteen thousand* votes. Unless they passed a law giving cows the right to vote, this smacks of election fraud. It also once again highlights the need for electronic voting with a valid paper trail. Was Diebold in any way involved in tabulating the results?

Additionally, it's my understanding that Springfield, Vermont entered the competition after the deadline. That's clearly an election violation since they should not have been listed on the ballot in the first place.

Some people will say that we were rolled by the giant pink doughnut, but I believe there were significant voting irregularities. Knowing how passionately the Bush Administration feels about counting every vote, I'm sure you will want to investigate this matter. Additionally, I urge you to petition the Supreme Court to review the facts and consider whether or not this election should be set aside. Given the Court's recent rulings on election proceedings, I'm sure they will be eager to review the case. I demand that you investigate this miscarriage of justice and restore Oregon as the definitive home of The Simpsons.

Okilydokily,

PETER DeFAZIO
Member of Congress

P.S. Also, to see proof beyond a shadow of a doubt where the real Simpsons are live, go to <http://www.defazio.house.gov/images/zoom/LGKSWV/simpsonspad.jpg> and see for yourself. Photos don't lie.

P.P.S. Vote Quimby!