

# COALITION FOR AMERICA'S FAMILIES

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## Doyle's Attack on First Amendment Fails

Steve King, President of the Coalition for America's Families issued the following Statement:

"In a blatant attempt to put a limit on our free speech, Governor Doyle's campaign first tried to bully television stations into dropping our legitimate issue ad, and then released a false statement to the press indicating that our ad had been pulled by Milwaukee Television Station WDJT.

The station has publicly indicated that no such action has occurred and they are only reviewing the ad which is common practice. In fact no ads are scheduled to air at WDJT until Saturday.

To indicate otherwise is an obvious attempt to intimidate television stations, and the Coalition, into not airing the spots. We understand Doyle's campaign apologized to WDJT for sending out their misleading press release. At the same time messages were left in the name of Ezra Reese, a lawyer for the Doyle campaign, falsely stating the ad had been pulled by WDJT and indicating other stations should do the same.

CFAF attorney's sent a response to all stations refuting Governor Doyle's false claims about our ad. I'm happy to say that the stations who have responded indicate our ad will air as scheduled. WDJT has not notified the Coalition of any changes regarding the planned schedule so we fully expect our ads to run there as well.

We respectfully suggest that rather than attack our free speech and right to criticize our government and elected officials, Governor Doyle address the many unanswered questions that remain regarding the Adelman scandal.

- Did Marc Marotta speak directly to Adelman travel during the final stage of the bidding process or was someone else using Marotta's private line to make the calls? If someone other than Marotta spoke to Adelman Travel, who was it and what did they discuss?
- It appears that Marotta or someone in his office violated state procurement procedures by having contact with one of the bidders while the bidding process was open and by not making an official record of the contact for the procurement file. How does the Governor intend to address these violations?
- After Georgia Thompson was indicted, Governor Doyle canceled the Adelman contract to avoid an appearance of impropriety. Now that she's been convicted of steering the contract to Adelman, why won't the Governor return the \$20,000 he received from Adelman Travel executives, including \$17,000 given days after the contract went into effect?

The Governors failure to answer these and other questions continues to undermine the faith of Wisconsin citizens and taxpayers in their government."

*Late this afternoon, WisPolitics, an online new publication removed Doyle's misleading news release from their website.*

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