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RE: Letter Dated 4/13/2011

Dear Ms. Jonen:

I have received your letter dated 4/13/2011, accusing me of false statements and defamatory remarks or other false statements about the Racine Education Association (REA), Mr. Jack Bernfeld, and Mr. Pete Knotek made to the public and press.

As to the examples you give, I categorically stand by any statements made to their regards and ask that you cease and desist the harassing letters.

As to the first example; I have every right to come to the conclusion that REA members, along with members of the Milwaukee Teachers Education Association, were involved in the draft as there were union members, which has been publicly reported elsewhere, involved as "advisors". I also draw that conclusion because the "Student Bill of Rights" was presented and voted on for approval by the REA and MTEA Executive Committees prior to being presented to the respective school boards. Further, the Racine march, held 4/16/2012 started at the Racine Labor Center and was attended by a number of teachers (union members). Further, the language "students have the right to have teachers and administrators who have the right to collectively bargain..." would also draw the same conclusions by reasonable people.

As to your second example; I suggest you review the aforementioned website, taken from the Racine Journal Time, February 17, 2011, [http://www.journaltimes.com/news/local/article\\_c36a5eae-3a8f-11e0-af07-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.journaltimes.com/news/local/article_c36a5eae-3a8f-11e0-af07-001cc4c03286.html), which clearly shows the unions involvement admitted by some of its own members.

As to your third example; I again suggest that you refer to a local media source, where Executive Director of the REA Jack Bernfeld admitted that the union distributed campaign material the day prior to the spring primary during working hours on school grounds, <http://caledonia.patch.com/articles/racine-unified-candidate-says-union-campaigned-at-schools>. I am still awaiting word from an internal investigation being conducted by Racine Unified administrators, but I do have a named witness that I will not disclose to protect my source from union bullying. Also, I have an opinion from the Government Accountability Board Ethics staff, and depending on the outcome of the

internal investigation, may proceed to ask for a John Doe investigation with our local District Attorney's office for criminal charges to be brought forth.

I can certainly understand that the REA or WEAC would not want these actions to be made public to further damage their already tarnished reputation throughout the State of Wisconsin, but you have no justification to send me threatening letters and any further action on your part could be construed as harassment.

I have publicly stood by our Governor's and legislature's actions as being the best reform to education we could have asked for, and I am truly disappointed by the lack of professionalism that the REA and WEAC have demonstrated. As a reformer, I will not back down from the facts, and will continue through fact to shine light on the thuggery tactics employed by the unions.

This letter is to notify you to cease and desist any further harassment of myself, my children or my family or I will seek appropriate legal action against the REA, WEAC, its staff or members and seek all applicable damages, including attorney fees and costs, up to and including criminal charges where applicable.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

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