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Also mailed this date regular mail and also certified mail # 7000 1670 0002 0332 9686

RE: March 25, 2003 published article entitled "Ethics Panel Receives Complaint Against Lindner"-internet copy faxed and mailed herewith

Dear Mr. Moyer:

This letter is notice that we believe significant portions of the above to be libelous and/or defamatory and/or otherwise actionable and we are herewith respectfully requesting RETRACTION pursuant to the provisions of M.S. 548.06.

Within this article unnamed sources labeled Representative Lindner as "anti-Semitic and racist". There is no basis for either label if in fact they were made. Even more worrisome is the statement "We think denying the Holocaust is so outrageous and so ahistorical that we'll have no difficulty showing he brought the House into disrepute,".

Representative Lindner is known to be a Christian who believes the Bible to be true. The Bible commands the Christian to show not only respect, but even special respect for the Jew. This is and has been Representative Lindner's position and life for many years. It is thus most hurtful to Representative Lindner to be so labeled in your wide circulation newspaper.

Mr. Moyer, I am sure you are astute enough to know that a person who denies the Holocaust is properly thought of as either (1) woefully ignorant or (2) anti-Semitic or (3) a lunatic.

The factual background is that at my state capitol March 24 press conference, an event I believe attended by your representative, I advised everyone covering the story to read the ethics complaint. There is nothing in that complaint, which quotes Representative Lindner's supposedly offensive remarks, that even comes close to supporting the aforementioned allegations. Furthermore, at my March 25 press conference, also

attended by your representative I believe, I advised everyone that I had then had a chance to review the official House tape of the remarks and therein learned that the complaint itself was a "cut and paste" job, skillfully omitting remarks by Representative Lindner specifically acknowledging the Holocaust and even going so far as to specifically acknowledge "Jewish suffering and death". This specific refutation was ignored by your newspaper. Considering this perhaps an oversight, I faxed a press release to your newspaper March 26 also addressing the issue. The statement was so outrageous that it had to be met with equal vigor. This too was ignored. I can only conclude that, but for this RETRACTION request, your newspaper would allow this hurtful untruth to rest in the minds of your readers. I am of the frame of mind that matters of this sort are best resolved by each side addressing the other through a free press, with the truth to be best revealed in that fashion. I do not prefer to resort to the libel law. However, I am sure you can see that if your newspaper will not cover the refutation, then there is no other recourse available to Representative Lindner.

Accordingly, if we are to avoid retaining counsel experienced in First Amendment law, the requested RETRACTION must run in accord with the specifications of 548.06 and to run not later than March 28.

Mr. Moyer, I'm sure you are a professional at your job and that you will appreciate this communication as a help to you in correcting a wrong that I am certain you would not like to see stand. If some newspaper had the audacity to label you as an anti-Semite and to state that you believed the Holocaust never occurred, without any proof thereof, I know you would want to see the wrong corrected. Representative Lindner may be a Christian and he may take political positions that your newspaper does not agree with but I trust that this will not interfere with your good judgment on the matter.

Sincerely yours,



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