

ADR 1998-22
COMMENTS
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Subject: Re: Leo Smith website
Date: Tue, 22 Sep 1998 12:31:14 -0400 (EDT)
From: Im4koskoff@aol.com
To: brlitch@FEC.GOV

Dear Mr. Litchfield,

We are more than happy to respond to your inquiries. We are also attaching a letter forwarded to Mr. Smith on 9/22 and will be faxing you a copy of this e-mail, the letter sent to Mr. Smith and an article published on 9/19 by the Journal Inquirer of Manchester, CT on this matter.

1) Yes, the e-mail that you sent on 9/21 was received by the Koskoff for Congress '98 campaign headquarters. It was specifically received by myself, Kelley O. Beucar, press spokesperson for the campaign.

2) We have absolutely no relationship to Leo Smith, other than the fact that he approached us on 9/15 seeking to help us out with our official Web Site. Without authorization, he proceeded to post his own Web Site and has refused to take it off the Web as we have requested. There is no official connection to this man, he is not considered a volunteer for the campaign and he is certainly not a staff member.

Thank you,
Kelley O. Beucar
Koskoff for Congress '98
(860) 747-4077

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Koskoff



Congress '98

September 22, 1998

Leo Smith
1060 Mapleton Ave.
Suffield, CT. 06078

Dear Mr. Smith:

After the Koskoff campaign received your electronic mail of 9/17/98, I called you at home and asked you to remove the Web Site that you had developed on the Internet. This was requested because you have no connection to our campaign and we disapprove of the content and implication that your site is affiliated with the Koskoff Official Web Site and 1998 campaign.

After checking the Web Site today, I see that it has not been removed.

We are reiterating our request that the Web Site be removed. In addition we want to clearly state that the Koskoff campaign will not take contributions or any other information in any form that are sent to us via your Web Site.

Sincerely,



Gloria Aslanidis
Campaign Manager

Journal
Inquirer
Sept 19, 1998

They say it's not Charlotte's Web

By Journal Inquirer Staff

A Saffield man asks voters on an Internet Web site to "Support President Clinton — Help Defeat Nancy Johnson" — a request not authorized by Charlotte Koskoff's campaign, said the Plainville Democrat who opposes Johnson again this November in the 6th Congressional District.

Leo Smith said he created the page because he feels Republicans are "fixated on impeachment" and that Congress "full attention should be focused on other important issues."

The page also includes a link to an article by the on-line Salon Magazine that exposes an adulterous affair committed 20 years ago by U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde, the Illinois Republican who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

When asked about the Web site Friday, Koskoff stressed that her office has had no hand in its creation or maintenance. "I don't know anything about this," she said.

Koskoff then referred additional questions to a campaign spokeswoman, who also emphasized that the site is not endorsed or supported by the campaign. "It is just an overzealous supporter," the woman said. "It is something we did not authorize."

The woman also said the campaign had contacted Smith and had asked that he remove the site.

Smith, when contacted later Friday, said his only contact with Koskoff's office came Thursday night when a representative from her campaign called him to correct the spelling of Koskoff's name on the page, and to request that information about donations using a credit card be removed.

Smith said he complied.

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