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Dear Mr. Monroe:

Jaladah Aslam
Vice Chair of Labor Relations

You and I have unique jobs in the Mahoning County.

Sylvester Patton
Vice Chair of Minority Affairs

I know that you know that words matter. When our Governor called a police officer an "idiot" he was quick to issue a retraction to his statement.

Richard Clautti
Treasurer

Likewise, you indicated that police officers, teacher, and firefighters were lazy and selfishness because they oppose SB5. Tom Humphries also categorized teachers, police officers and firefighters and Senate Bill 5 in a similar light.

I don't know if you are aware that 103 Sheriff's Deputies in the Mahoning County make less than 12.00 per hour. With a spouse and children, they are eligible for foods stamps and public assistance. I can't believe that you stated that they wanted to overturn because they are "lazy" and selfish". I would ask you to retract these comments out of respect for our government workers.

"We are Ohio" is a bi-partisan group comprised of members of your party. Even 6 republican state senators voted against SB5

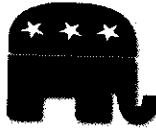
I question why supporters of Senate Bill 5 want to take away rights from employees. I don't know why they want to weaken the middle class and hurt police, firefighters, teachers and others who proudly serve our communities. Senate Bill 5 is an attack on the middle class and that's why "We are Ohio" and others are working to defeat it.

I would hope that you would want to retract your statements and if you do not intend to do so I hope that you would offer your resignation as Chairman from your party.

Sincerely,

David J. Betras
Mahoning County Chairman





MAHONING COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
Mark E. Munroe, Chairman

April 25, 2011

Mr. David Betras, Chairman
Mahoning County Democratic Party
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Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Dear Mr. Betras:

I agree we have unique jobs in Mahoning County; unfortunately yours seems to involve lying to the media.

Your charge that I suggested that police officers, teachers and firefighters are "lazy" is a falsehood. It's even more bizarre since you have the link to the story that aired on channel 21 with the precise language I used.

To be clear, I said that the efforts to repeal SB5 were more about "selfishness and greed", because the money train that runs from unions to Democratic candidates may dry up. I made no reference at all to police officers, teachers or firefighters or their unions.

Also, regarding your reference to a deputy sheriff earning 12.00 per hour: please be advised that SB5 has no effect on the ability of deputies to collectively bargain for wages. Whatever the current wage rate is, it was established before SB5 became law.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Munroe, Chairman
Mahoning County Republican Party

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Dear Governor Kasich:

Life is full of ironies.

I know it seems rather odd that a Chairman of the local party would be writing the Governor of the opposing party over a statement made by a republican county chairman.

However, since the Mahoning County Republican Party Chairman, Mark Monroe, in a recent television interview stated those *opposing Senate Bill 5 were driven by greed and selfishness*, I felt compelled to write.

Regardless of our respective positions on this matter, I know you know how words matter. I would hope that you would ask our local Republican Party Chairman to apologize for his comments. I know you retracted comments when you called a police officer an "idiot" I applaud your retraction.

I don't know if you are aware that 103 Sheriff's Deputies in the Mahoning County make less than 12.00 per hour. With a spouse and two children, they are eligible for foods stamps and other public assistance. I can't believe that he stated that these public workers are lazy. I would ask you to have him retract his comments out of respect for our government workers.

Quote can be found at: <http://www.wfmj.com/category/179433/video-landing-page?clipId=5783561&topVideoCatNo=127770&autoStart=true&redirected=true>

I thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

David J. Betras
Mahoning County Chairman

