Tom DeWeese Threatened by Con Con Proponents

By Tom DeWeese  Monday, January 12, 2009

On Sunday, January 11, 2009, Tom DeWeese, President of the American Policy Center (APC) received a letter from a Bill Walker, purporting to be co-founder of an organization called “Friends of the Article V Convention,” a group supporting a called for a Constitutional Convention. DeWeese and his APC activist group have recently stopped a “Con Con” call in Ohio.

Walker’s letter contends that information DeWeese used for his arguments against a Con Con were fraudulent. Specifically, Walker cited a letter from former Supreme Court Justice Warren Burger written in 1983 to Eagle Forum President Phyllis Schlafly, which states in part, “I have also repeatedly given my opinion that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda.” DeWeese has cited the letter as expert opinion on the dangers of calling a Con Con for a specific purpose, such as the Ohio Resolution which simply wanted to discuss a balanced budget amendment for the Constitution.

Without offering any evidence to the contrary, Walker said the letter was a fraud and that, if DeWeese didn’t refute the letter publically, “I intend to state you knew the letter was a fake all along.”

The entire exchange, including Tom DeWeese’s response is below.

Mr. Walker’s E-Mail:

In a message dated 1/11/2009 2:45 PM EST, writes:

Dear Mr. DeWeese,

As we both know you oppose the calling of an Article V Convention. I am not here to persuade you to change your mind.

However, I must inform you, in all fairness, that I have irrefutable, documented evidence to refute your main reference you use in your presentations—the so-called Burger letter. I can prove it’s a fake.

I’m giving this opportunity to publicly refute the letter and declare it to be a fake on all blogs which you have used it as supposedly a valid reference. Take my word for it Mr. DeWeese, I am not bluffing on this.

I will be releasing a video this week on You Tube detailing all facts, documents and so forth to prove the letter is indeed a fake. Unless I have heard from you that you are publicly refuting the letter and thus the assertions in it, I intend to state you knew the letter was a fake all along. And sir, given the documentation I will present, you will not be able to convince anyone otherwise.

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The choice is yours. I don’t like destroying someone’s public credibility without giving them the chance to correct the error themselves.

Thank you for your time.

Bill Walker
FOAVC co-founder
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