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Mr. Carmichael, You've Got Some Explaining to Do.

Democrat Marc Carmichael told the Muncie Star that his job with Indiana Gas isn't a conflict. He said the law prohibits him from dealing with state legislators on behalf of the gas company. OK, so what's this?

1. Last week, you told the Muncie Star that you work for a utility. You're with business groups and head up all government. But not with state lawmakers. So, in this letter—in which you offer your assistance on behalf of Indiana Gas Company to a state senator—a letter to business groups or to head up all government?
2. If you aren't allowed to have anything to do with state lawmakers, why does any state senator need your new business phone number?
3. Last week, you told the Muncie Star that you were not an influence-walker for the gas company. Yet in this letter you state that you are "representing" Indiana Gas. If you don't use your position to seek positive influence for the interests of Indiana Gas, what exactly do they pay you for? What is supposed to be the result of your "representation"?
4. On behalf of Indiana Gas, you invite a state senator to contact you (even though you say your new job won't allow you to have anything to do with state legislators) and tell him you'll assist him in any way you can. Why did you sign the letter as a State Representative, instead of as "Indiana Gas Director of Community Affairs"? Why did you use your official name instead of using a name that Indiana Gas can be of assistance to a state legislator?
5. Who typed this letter? Was it someone on the state's payroll, or the gas company's payroll? But that makes who bought the stamp for this letter Indiana Gas or Indiana taxpayers?
6. Isn't it true that these "letters of assistance" were sent to all state legislators (those people whom you told the Muncie Star you can't have anything to do with)?

STATE OF INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
MUNCIE, INDIANA 47302

April 16, 1990

Representative, R. Hays
1111 North 4th St.
Muncie, IN 47302

Dear Representative Hays:

I am writing you today to inform you of my new position with Indiana Gas Company. I am now the Director of Community Affairs for Indiana Gas.

My new business address is: 1111 North 4th St., Muncie, Indiana 47302. My new business phone number is: 317-742-1111.

My responsibilities include: Indiana Gas is in business with business groups, state legislators, and the public. I will seek the assistance of state legislators to resolve with local business, civic and service organizations.

I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need my assistance. I will be glad to help you.

Thank you for your consideration, and I will hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Marc Carmichael
State Representative

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