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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 as a utility business with business groups and had work at 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 local state of government?

2. If you aren't allowed to have anything to do with state lawmakers, why does our state senator need your new business phone number?

3. Last week, you told the Muncie Star that you were not an influence peddler for the gas company. Yet in this letter you state that you are "representing" Indiana Gas. Do you think 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 own job work 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 an "Indiana Gas Director of Community Affairs"? Why did you use your official name instead of when asking if 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? For the matter, 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)?

Last week, Mr. Carmichael, you said you were "timid" by questions about whether your new job conflicts with your elected position. "Assurances and disclaimers" you cited. Mr. Carmichael, we'd like to believe you. But, frankly, you're not making it easy.

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Dear Senator [Name]:

I am sorry to inform you of my new position with the Indiana Department of Community Affairs. I am now the Director of Community Affairs. My new position is in the Indiana Department of Community Affairs, 211 South 4th Street, Muncie, Indiana 47303. My new business phone number is 317-281-1111.

My responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: to provide information and assistance to state legislators and their staffs; to coordinate the legislative process; to provide information and assistance to state legislators and their staffs; to provide information and assistance to state legislators and their staffs.

I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance. I would be glad to assist you in any way I can.

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

Sincerely,
Marc Carmichael
State Representative

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1990-10-12 Marc Carmichael answers questions about Conflict of Interest