

COURAGE CAMPAIGN

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Mr. Schmidt:

Yesterday, California Watch published an investigate article about a former State Senate staffer, Andy Pugno: <http://www.californiawatch.org/watchblog/prop-8-lawyer-vetted-first-gay-marriage-initiative-mormon-leaders>. According to that article and the documents provided in it (see the above link), Mr. Pugno violated state law by performing political work while on the staff of Senator Pete Knight. This misuse of public funds included using State Senate stationery, phone, and fax lines.

The article notes: "As for Pugno using Senate letterhead for a political issue – and asking Wardle to use the government fax machine and phone lines – the law is fairly strict. One regulation does allow for "incidental" campaign use, but Roman Porter, executive director of the state Fair Political Practices Commission, said about cases like this in general: "The use of public funds for campaign purposes is unlawful."

Under the provisions of the Legislative Record Act, I write to request the following for the time during which Mr. Pugno worked for the California state senate.

1. All travel records for Senator Pete Knight that required reimbursement from the Senate, including any out-of-state travel, during 1997 and 1998.
2. All travel records for Mr. Andy Pugno that required reimbursement from the Senate, including any out-of-state travel, during his entire tenure in the State Senate.
3. Any documents archived from Andy Pugno on this topic, including legislation and initiatives, during his entire tenure in the State Senate.
4. Any documents archived from the Mormon Church, the Clark Law School, the Capitol Resources Institute, Brigham Young University, or any other organization to or from Senator Knight or Mr. Pugno.

When these documents are gathered, we request the access to them as provided under LURA to review them.

Thank you for your review of this request.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Jacobs, Chair