

From: Deborah Davis [mailto:debDavis68@live.com]
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 11:24 AM
To:
Cc: Lauren Stephens
Subject: Signer of Letter Sponsored by Campus Progress - Bad Move

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Stephanie Meyers

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Briget Wdowiak

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From: Courtney Cohan [mailto:ccohan2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 7:53 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 9:20 AM

Subject: vmwusa.org: Signer of Letter Sponsored by Campus Progress - Bad Move

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Sent: Mon Jan 31 11:51:21 2011

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Sent: Monday, January 31, 2011 10:02 AM

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Please check out their website called Screw U. It features Swift Boat campaign ads attacking for-profit colleges and dangerous rhetoric. We know that words can have tragic consequences.

<http://www.campusprogress.org/screwu>

The organization also has no problem with Wall Street short sellers making a profit out of manipulating policy. David Halperin, the director of Campus Progress, writes:

“We couldn’t care less whether he (Eisman) makes or loses money in the market. Nor are we concerned, at least based on the information available publicly that government officials have accepted Eisman’s offers to receive information from him on the for-profit education industry.”

Well, Campus Progress may have no problem with short sellers making money off important policy changes impacting the education of America’s youth. However, do you really want your organization to be perceived as in bed with short sellers?

John Podesta and the Center for American Progress (CAP) are behind this. This whole approach is very uncharacteristic of John’s normally good work. Of course, with millions being spent on negative advertising against for-profit colleges by Campus Progress, it does beg the question of where this money is coming from.

In a column in the Daily Caller, Natasha Mayar writes:

“On this issue, one needn’t look far; in fact, we can just watch cable news — for the commercials. What are all those sickly-looking ads against college choice?

Why it's our old friends at the Center for American Progress (CAP), working under the auspices of their "sister" organization, Campus Progress, and running a million-dollar campaign on the exact same side of the issue as the wealthy short-sellers. That can't be right. Don't they have communities to organize, stores to picket, whales to save and murderers to pardon? Why are they hunting with this dog, and why now (Daily Caller, 1-27-10)?"

<http://dailycaller.com/2011/01/27/why-is-cap-funding-a-television-campaign-against-for-profit-colleges/>

Many believe that short sellers are funneling the money through non-profits to CAP. Others suggest the unions who want to organize for-profit colleges are funding Podesta's Campus Progress.

I would advise you to remove the Center for Law and Social Policy from the letter put together by Campus Progress and end future affiliations. Wall Street short sellers should not be making policy at the Department of Education. As the President has said, let us move forward with a new discourse. "Screw U" is unbecoming of our nation and your organization. Please take a stand against Wall Street corruption and Campus Progress's dirty tactics.

Sincerely,

David Kenilworth