

September 22, 1998

To: N. Bradley Litchfield, Federal Election Commission

From: Leo Smith

Re: AOR 1998-22

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[Signed letter with  
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**Statement of Fact**

In reference to the above matter, this letter is to certify that the website at <http://www.e-source.com/koskoff>, which advocates the support of President Clinton through the defeat of Nancy Johnson and the election of Charlotte Koskoff to Congress was created independently and entirely by me, without any collusion or help from any campaign, political action committee, or any other third party. I created this website entirely by myself as an individual form of political protest over the way in which the Republican controlled Congress has treated President Clinton. I consulted with no person whatever prior to establishing the web site.

The Journal Inquirer newspaper (Manchester, CT) ran a story on Saturday September 19, 1998 focused on the fact that this website was not affiliated with the Koskoff campaign. A copy of the newspaper article is attached.


As far as costs are concerned, there were no costs, other than 2 hours of my time, associated with the establishment of the web site. An explanation below deals with each cost element:

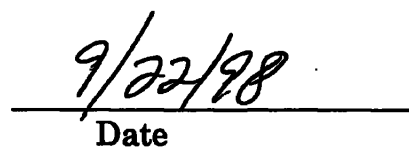
**Computer Hardware and Software:** Already owned

**Computer Electricity Costs:** I leave the computer on 24 hours a day. As such no extra expense for electricity is incurred by using the computer to create the web site.

**Internet Connection:** No Cost. North American Internet, (now JavaNet), did a deal two years ago wherein in exchange for my promotion of their company as the officially recommended Internet Service provider for the Connecticut State Dental Association and the Connecticut Chiropractic Association, I receive free Internet hook up. I receive no bill or invoice, and have not for over two years, for Internet dial up service.

**Web Site Development:** I possess the personal skill to develop web pages using HTML and Forms. I have developed web sites for associations and companies, including my own business. (See <http://www.e-source.com>). I developed the web site entirely on my own time using my own skills.

  
Leo Smith

  
Date

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## They say it's not Charlotte's Web

By Journal Inquirer Staff

A Suffield man asks voters on an Internet Web site to "Support President Clinton — Help Defeat Nancy Johnson" — a request not authorized by Charlotte Koskoff's campaign, said the Plainville Democrat who opposes Johnson again this November in the 6th Congressional District.

Leo Smith said he created the page because he feels Republicans are "fixated on impeachment" and that Congress' "full attention should be focused on other important issues."

The page also includes a link to an article by the on-line Salon Magazine that exposes an adulterous affair committed 20 years ago by U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde, the Illinois Republican who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

When asked about the Web site Friday, Koskoff stressed that her office has had no hand in its creation or maintenance. "I don't know anything about this," she said.

Koskoff then referred additional questions to a campaign spokeswoman, who also emphasized that the site is not endorsed or supported by the campaign. "It is just an overzealous supporter," the woman said. "It is something we did not authorize."

The woman also said the campaign had contacted Smith, and had asked that he remove the site.

Smith, when contacted later Friday, said his only contact with Koskoff's office came Thursday night when a representative from her campaign called him to correct the spelling of Koskoff's name on the page, and to request that information about donations using a credit card be removed.

Smith said he complied.