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Boycott Minneapolis St Paul Airport – Must Apologize To Larry Craig

The Minneapolis St Paul Airport ambushed Senator Larry Craig.

By ambushing Senator Larry Craig, the Minneapolis St Paul Airport Police have effectively declared war on the West. They are primarily responsible for greatly weakening private property rights and Federal land use advocates in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and in Congress.

We are urging you to make all your flight arrangements avoiding the Minneapolis-St Paul Airport for at least the next year and probably longer. We'll keep you posted as the boycott develops.

Urge your friends, neighbors and fellow workers to try to avoid any flights that take them through Minneapolis St Paul Airport.

We must inflict economic pain on the airport authorities to get them to change their behavior.

-----And they must apologize to Senator Larry Craig.

Here is the e-mail of the executive director of the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport. Jeff Hamiel. Jhamiel@mspmac.org
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-----Send them an e-mail letting them know you will be joining the boycott.

American Land Rights has 600,000 e-mail addresses, 900,000 fax numbers and over 2,000,000 names.

If each recipient of this e-mail forwards it to as many people as possible, we are likely to reach several million people.

So please, forward this message as widely as possible.

The Police department at the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport is out of control. They are arresting people without clear guilt using profiling. Senator Craig actually didn't do anything.

But he fell into a trap where several things he did met the Airport's profile for someone looking for sex. So they arrested him even though he never did anything wrong.

-----1. He took his roller bag into the stall with him. (profile)

-----2. He looked into the stall. (profile)

-----3. He tapped his foot. (profile)

-----4. His foot accidentally touched the foot of an undercover policeman in the stall next door. (profile)

Frankly, I've been in that Minnesota airport many times. Virtually everything Senator Craig did, I have done. I have a medical problem that means I must find a usable stall quickly. I've looked in stalls. I always take my roller bag in the stall with me. I've actually made noise outside a stall to encourage the person inside to move along as fast as possible.

Imagine if you did several things by accident that met the Minneapolis St Paul Sex profile. They could arrest you.

There is an old saying that applies to politicians and policemen: "If the only tool they had was a hammer, everything they saw would begin to look like a nail."

This policeman looks overzealous to us.

The arresting officer's name is Sergeant Dave Karsnia. He along with Detective Noel Nelson interrogated Senator Craig using very aggressive tactics.

The Minneapolis St Paul Airport does not seem to care that just arresting someone can ruin his or her lives.

Provided below is the URL for the arrest report. You will see quickly how flimsy the arrest was.

The policeman, in a snide remark during his abusive interrogation of Larry Craig, accused Senator Craig of lying to him and implied that Senator Craig joined others in mismanaging the country. He showed bias in his interview.

I doubt the Minneapolis St Paul Airport will do anything to try to correct this mistake in the near term. So we must assume that a Boycott of the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport will take at least a year, perhaps more before the airport authorities come to their senses.

It just means we all must change our habits.

Northwest Airlines uses Minneapolis St Paul as their main hub. They are also headquartered in Minneapolis. So we would suggest that you also avoid using Northwest Airlines. That will put additional pressure on the airport authorities and police to change their behavior.

Send Northwest Airlines an e-mail letting them know you are boycotting the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport. That also means that Northwest has to be part of this boycott

-----Northwest Airlines E-mail: [Northwest.Airlines@nwa.com]

Here's more about Northwest Airlines. They are having a terrific problem being on time, particularly late at the end of each month.

The reasons are that in negotiations with their pilots some time ago the pilots gave Northwest some financial concessions to help Northwest out when they were in serious financial trouble.

The Northwest pilots were surprised to learn that their CEO then got a huge bonus at the time when they were all suffering. They believe the two issues are connected.

So the Northwest Airlines pilots are engaged in a sickout to reduce the number of pilots available at any given time. In addition, they are refusing to work overtime. So any weather event can and does cause huge delays.

The Northwest pilots are refusing to work overtime. Which means at the end of each month, many of them will not fly.

As a result, Northwest Airlines is in chaos. They have every economic incentive to put pressure on the Minneapolis St Paul Airport to resolve the Senator Larry Craig issue and avoid a boycott.

One more thing. The Minneapolis St Paul International Airport is in the middle of a huge runway construction project. So they have limited runway space and are extremely vulnerable to weather issues not only in Minneapolis St Paul but also at other airports that throw off their schedule. They are very weak.

To make a boycott effective, there must be large numbers of people participating. You need to get as many of your friends, allies and business associates as possible to join in the boycott.

-----It does not take long before a boycott can take on a life of its own. So don't think you avoiding Minneapolis St Paul Airport does not matter. It does.

American Land Rights has led several successful boycotts in the past. The New York Times and the LA Times gave us credit for knocking the Audubon Society off television through our successful boycott of sponsors GE and Ford. We've carried out several other boycotts that have been successful.

For background on American Land Rights go to Google and look up:

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League of Private Property Voters

Here are some suggestions to make the boycott more effective.

-----1. Call the Minneapolis St Paul Airport authorities to let them know you support the boycott. (612) 726-8100.

-----2. Send an e-mail to the Metropolitan Airports Commission – publicaffairs@mspmac.org Ask that it be forwarded to each of the Airport Commissioners. Also send to: . Jeff Hamiel. Jhamiel@mspmac.org Public Affairs. Pat Hogan phogan@mspmac.org

-----3. Send an e-mail to Northwest Airlines: [Northwest.Airlines@nwa.com] Let them know you will not fly into Minneapolis St Paul International Airport.

-----4. If you are familiar with any hotels adjacent to the airport in Minneapolis St Paul, make sure you call and forward this e-mail to them.

-----5. Call your local newspaper. Send them a copy of this e-mail.

-----6. Forward this message as widely as possible.

-----7. Make up a sign on your computer to tape on your roller bag or carry on luggage that says, "I support the boycott of Minneapolis St Paul Airport." Tape in on your carryon whenever you fly.

-----8. Call friends or business associates in Minnesota to let them know what you are doing and why.

-----Larry Craig Police Report:

You should read the two page police report. Pretty flimsy evidence it seems to me. Others who have read it agree.

<http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/years/2007/0828071craig1.html>

By going to the same URL you can also read a interrogation transcript as well as the audio version of the interrogation by the two police officers.

Nothing in the police report or interview says Larry Craig actually did anything unlawful. The policeman was reading Senator Craig's body language and the tea leaves to divine what he was thinking about doing or trying to do.

In other words, the policeman was profiling visitors to the restroom at the Minneapolis St Paul International Airport.

It was the policeman's perception that Senator Craig was trying to do something. In other words, he was following a profile. Larry Craig deserves our support and action on his behalf.

The whole arrest report is flimsy and the profiling may make it illegal.

Profiling by police is an issue all across the country. You should contact the American Civil Liberties Union in Minnesota unless you know someone in that organization locally. For some reason they have been very quiet on the whole Larry Craig affair.

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Should Senator Craig have signed a paper saying he was guilty of disorderly conduct? We believe that was a mistake. According to him he was just trying to put this whole arrest thing behind him and not create controversy after being constantly harassed by the Idaho Statesman newspaper.

He has always denied his guilt and I believe him.

He's been in the trenches with us for so many years that I'm going to stand up for him. The opportunity may still exist to save him. But if not, at least we can save his reputation and make sure he gets proper credit for 26 years of wonderful work in the Congress.

No Senator in recent years has done more to protect private property and the use of Federal land than Larry Craig. He has been a stand up guy time after time. He's raised money for many Republicans who now are running out of Dodge when the going gets tough.

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Ben Stein: Gestapo Tactics Got Larry Craig

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Former Sen. Larry Craig didn't do anything illegal and was railroaded with "Gestapo tactics," says actor and commentator Ben Stein.

Appearing recently on Your World With Neil Cavuto program, Stein remarked: "I don't like the idea that people are sitting in the next stall from you at a public bathroom listening to whether or not you tap your foot. This is, as I said, Gestapo tactics. Gestapo, Gestapo, Gestapo. It's not America."

Stein says Craig, who was arrested June 11 by Minneapolis police and pled guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct, is a victim of "pure police entrapment and thuggery."

"The police have real work to do at the airport," Stein says. "It's an airport, hello. There are security problems at airports. Al-qaida: Are you listening? Our security people are entrapping perfectly honest U.S. senators in lavatory stalls instead of looking for you terrorists."

Stein charges that police intimidated Craig into pleading guilty to disorderly conduct after he was arrested for tapping his foot in a bathroom stall at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.

Police say foot tapping is a common overture used to signal interest in a sexual encounter. Minneapolis police had reportedly made several arrests in recent months for lewd conduct in restrooms at the airport.

"A policeman drags him off, or verbally drags him off, starts browbeating him, essentially threatens he's going to ruin his career if the guy doesn't plead guilty right away," Stein tells Cavuto. "This is Gestapo tactics in Minneapolis-St. Paul. It's not nice."

Stein adds that it was wrong for GOP stalwarts to join the drumbeat for Craig's resignation: "This is some way to treat the people who have been loyal members of your part for many years. What did he do wrong? Suppose

he was soliciting for gay sex. Gay sex is not illegal in the United States, the Supreme Court has said that. If it were illegal, it would be a different story. It's not illegal. He didn't do anything illegal, they're just bludgeoning him into a confession."

The Craig scandal points out a fundamental question about the balance of political power, according to Stein.

"On trumped up charges, they bring down the legislator and change the balance of power within the United States generally," he says. "This is a really serious case of police overreaching and the victim here is Larry Craig and the Constitution of the United States."

Craig has represented Idaho in Congress for over a quarter of a century and was up for re-election next year.

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