

August 15, 2018

Dear Susan Farrar McCabe,

This is an important letter **about one of your neighbors, Tom McCabe**, who is the CEO for an extremist anti-worker group based in Olympia.

Here in the Northwest, we are leading the nation in protecting the environment, honoring the rights of women and supporting working families. The rest of our nation looks to Washington as a beacon of economic growth and social justice. That's why it's **shocking to learn that your neighbor, Tom McCabe, CEO at the Freedom Foundation, is trying to undermine all of our hard work.**

The Freedom Foundation poses as a non-partisan think tank, but in reality, they are members of a national network of ultra-conservative millionaires and billionaires including the Koch brothers. **They support policies that strip environmental laws and eliminate taxes on the wealthy**...anything in the way of their benefactors' profit margins. They also work closely with white supremacist organizations and groups that seek to undermine LGBTQ rights.

If our neighbor was perpetrating this harm on fellow citizens, we would be alarmed. Are you? **Like wolves in sheep's clothing**, the Freedom Foundation looks friendly enough on the outside, but a clear look at their actions reveals a much darker mission:

Tom McCabe and the Freedom Foundation trying to attack working families:

The Freedom Foundation has repeatedly opposed increases in the minimum wage, paid sick leave for all and fair scheduling. They have attacked striking educators and one staffer even said that a \$15 minimum wage is "an idea so stupid only liberals can believe it."

Tom McCabe and the Freedom Foundation against the environment:

The Freedom Foundation filed a lawsuit to block policies that would combat climate change and protect the environment.

Tom McCabe and the Freedom Foundation against women's rights:

The Freedom Foundation's staff consistently attacks Planned Parenthood, an organization that is dedicated to providing women's health services, calling them a "radical social organization"

Tom McCabe and the Freedom Foundation attacking LGBTQ rights:

They share a funder with anti-LGBTQ hate groups and a group that practiced gay conversion therapy.

Tom McCabe and the Freedom Foundation tolerating bigoted staff:

A key Freedom Foundation staffer regularly posted racist and misogynistic content including jokes about battered women's shelters and called for the deportation of all Muslims. Another staffer compared the emotions of putting down a family dog to what slave owners felt when slaves died, saying: "We all know there were good and bad slave owners, just like there are good and bad dog owners."

Perhaps you know **Tom McCabe**, or maybe you will meet him in the future. Either way, we wanted you to know that he is working very hard with the Freedom Foundation, leading an assault on Washington's working families, the environment and equal rights. Next time you see him, **we hope you'll ask him why.**

Sincerely,

The concerned staff of **The Northwest Accountability Project**

The Northwest Accountability Project is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization dedicated to educating the public on the issues that enhance the well-being of middle-class families and workers while shining a light on extremism and the moneyed special interests that attempt to bring an agenda of hate and division to Washington and Oregon.

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DO YOU REALIZE WHO LIVES DOWN THE STREET?

FACTS FOR NEIGHBORS OF THE FREEDOM FOUNDATION

Undermining the Middle Class

The Freedom Foundation has repeatedly opposed increases in the minimum wage. (1)

The Freedom Foundation has argued against paid sick days. (2)

Against Environmental Protections

The Freedom Foundation filed a lawsuit to block policies that would combat climate change and protect our environment. (3)

Against Women's Rights

The Freedom Foundation's staff consistently attacks Planned Parenthood, calling them a "radical social organization" (4)

Against LGBTQ Community

Freedom Foundation staff publicly opposed the Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage. (5)

Against Immigrant Rights

The Freedom Foundation is allied with the American Legislative Exchange Council, who have promoted anti-immigrant and voter suppression bills across the nation. (6,7)

Has Ties with White Supremacists

The Freedom Foundation is an affiliate of the State Policy Network, a national network of organizations with ties to anti-immigrant and white supremacist groups. (8)

(1) "Rally for \$15 Minimum Wage to Be Held at Yakima McDonald's" Yakima Herald-Republic, April 15, 2015 (2) "Nearly 9,000 Hospitalized for Flu in Ohio: Many Didn't Have Paid Sick Days" Cleveland Plain Dealer, April 30, 2015 (3) "Governor Overstepped Bounds With Climate-Change Executive Order, Says Lawsuit" Washington State Wire, 7/23/2010 (4) "Freedom Foundation Again Assists An Employee Whose Civil Rights Were Violated By SEIU 775," July 31, 2015 (5) Freedom Daily Podcast, June 29, 2015 (6) http://alecexposed.org/w/images/2/2d/7K5-No_Sanctuary_Ci_ties_for_Illegal_Immigrants_Act_Exposed.pdf (7) http://www.prwatch.org/files/spn_national_report_final.pdf Center for Media and Democracy, accessed May 26, 2015 (8) Conservative Transparency, Freedom Foundation, accessed 8/6/2018 and GuideStar, Sarah Scaife Foundation, 2013 Form 990 Received from the IRS, accessed 8/6/2018; Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed 8/6/2018

