



Congressman
John Kline

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Coleen Rowley
305 Water Street
Northfield, MN 55057

Dear Mrs. Rowley,

It is with much regret that I must inform you of another item on your official campaign webpage which is a breach of common campaign decency, civility and decorum.

Earlier this year, after you approved the placement of an altered photo of me dressed as a Nazi on your official campaign website, you were forced to apologize. In your apology letter you pledged to do your best not to repeat your error in judgment and unprofessional conduct.

That is why I am especially dismayed to learn that in a May 25, 2006 press release which now appears on your official campaign website, you falsely accuse me of saying something I never said. The fact is I did not call for "allowing troops to help secure our borders." To say that I did is a lie.

Once again, I find myself insisting that you immediately remove an unethical item – a lie – from your web site. You clearly owe another apology to the voters of our district as you have broken your word yet again by crossing the line of acceptable campaign tactics. You have progressed from bad taste that insults the intelligence of the voters to outright falsehood.

The voters of our district deserve to know if this is your standard of an ethical campaign. Is lying about my words how you run a "campaign about ideas and substance?" Does lying lead to "civility and serious debate?" Can you honestly say you did everything in your power to "ensure this type of material (did) not emanate from your campaign?"

By placing this lie on your web page you raise serious questions about your fitness for public office, upon which the voters will have to pass final judgment in November.

Sincerely,

John Kline
Member of Congress – Minnesota's 2nd District

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