

Can I Have a Refund Please?

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While I felt uncomfortable with the idea of the page, I felt comfortable giving money to the NSD. That trust was shattered on September 2nd, 2008. Ethan St. Pierre reported here of an e-mail from Steve Driscoll, the Co-Chair of the Stonewall Democrats, saying:

I might also add, that after beginning discussions with HRC in OCTOBER about collaborating on events for the Democratic National Convention (to avoid the the anger and resentment they engendered by their high-handedness in Boston four years ago) as well as requests for sponsorship of the NSD Denver convention, AND following up with phone calls every two months with no return calls, I finally heard from them TODAY that no sponsorship would be forthcoming. When I pointed out to Marty Rouse last week that they sponsored the Logs Convention, his response was "Oh right, we did, didn't we".

How can the National Stonewall Democrats try and squeeze cash from the Human Rights Campaign on one hand, and profess to be part of a "United ENDA" on the other? Since the very month that we were written out of ENDA and the so called "United ENDA" campaign/coalition started, they've been courting HRC money.

In the last few days both HRC and the NSD have denied these allegations (but NSD has NEVER denied that the email was sent from Steve Driscoll) but Michael Petrelis has shown that HRC isn't above giving money to Republicans. Frankly I'm more upset with the National Stonewall Democrats, an organization that I respect and was a proud member of. I'm not going to lie, this one stings. I didn't see this one coming. The fact that the NSD needs the money is almost as disturbing as them asking for the it.

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