



## Office of the Governor

September 12, 2007

Jim Sims, President  
Policy Communications  
350 Indiana Street, Suite 640  
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Mr. Sims,

In light of highly inappropriate assertions made by Americans for American Energy, I am withdrawing my support for the organization and ending any relationship between the State of Wyoming and AAE.

The September 10<sup>th</sup> communication from AAE President Greg Schnacke to unspecified recipients contains a description of initiatives which I wholeheartedly disagree with on a number of levels.

First, I was not consulted on these initiatives, which are in no way connected to the public education efforts which were the basis of my earlier support for the organization. That you were aware of this communication yet did not communicate with my office reflects a serious lack of judgment on your part.

Second, I do not agree with the initiatives.

Third, I do not profess to tell other governors how to run their states. For your organization to tie this office with the policy initiatives listed in the communication from AAE is offensive, at best.

I also have serious reservations about my continued support of NextGen, given this experience. I will be evaluating my position in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Freudenthal", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Dave Freudenthal  
Governor

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c: Governor Bill Ritter  
State Senator Bill Vasey  
Greg Schnacke, Americans for American Energy