From: BELLING, MARK C. Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 1 To: Annmarie Topel

Subject: To Annmarie Topel

Ms. Topel,

If Carole wasn't terminated because of her age, what was the reason? I'd be happy to clarify why you replaced a 60-year old woman with one half her age if it isn't age.

It is remarkable that you keep saying Sandy doesn't answer to me. No kidding. I am suggesting she explain to the tens of thousands of my listeners why she won't condemn John Cleese's statement and him personally. For the life of me, I don't know why she still hasn't done it. I have made numerous mistakes over the years and have always tried to acknowledge them, although a few times it took too long. It's actually simple to do.

To again clarify:

- 1. I did not criticize Sandy Maxx for what happened on stage. I said she has no experience in situations like that and probably didn't know what to do. Instead of being thanked by her for that after the program Tuesday, she continued to remain silent about the revolting comment made by Cleese.
- 2. I suggested on Tuesday's show that Ms. Maxx explain NOW what she thinks about the 72-hour old comment and condemn it and Cleese.
- 3. Instead, she kept a social media post up with the vulgar Cleese's arm around her.
- 4. My stance since Wednesday has been that Sandy should condemn Cleese's remark and apologize for not being quicker to after the fact condemn it (not on stage; NOW).
- 5. Instead, she has made a Facebook post in which she says she does not condone the comment. She still has not condemned it or Cleese.
- 6. Other WKLH hosts have chosen to defend the person who has been mute about her participation in an event in which a comedian joked about the assassination of the President.
- 7. You have stated I have lied about aspects of this but have failed to say what lie i have told. As my commentary has used your transcription of the event as my SOLE source, I am mystified about what you believe I have said that is untruthful.
- 8. You have stated repeatedly that Sandy did not joke about Cleese's comment, In fact, your version of the events was that she responded by joking: "I was going to ask you what you wanted for your birthday but I guess I already know."
- 9. You have some odd belief that my role shouldn't be to comment on events that happen in Milwaukee like jackasses joking about presidential assassinations.
- 10. I have been interviewed by both an FBI and Secret Service agent. i have told both that I do not believe anybody threatened the President's life but that someone joked about it. I have made clear to them that the joke was made by John Cleese, not Sandy Maxx. I assume they will not take further action as there wasn't a direct threat made.

- 11. I cannot stress to you how angry millions of Americans are over this constant assault at people who support the President or are simply patriotic Americans (anthem protests, late night comedians, award shows, joking about assassination). You and Ms. Maxx apparently are tone deaf to this or don't care.
- 12. On Tuesday afternoon of last week I repeatedly asked you to ask Sandy Maxx to contact me to clarify her position on what happened on stage. I also emailed her. She responded to none of this. If she had said to me that she was appalled by Cleese's comment I would have praised her and made Cleese my sole focus. She seems bothered I am criticizing her reaction when I have given her every chance to react in a different fashion. I have been bending over backwards to try to get her side of the story.
- 13. If Sandy Maxx and WKLH won't want me to keep talking about her refusal to condemn the joking about the assassination of the President, it would seem to me she should finally condemn the comment, express regret that she was slow in doing it and her employer should make it clear it does not accept this type of behavior. It's actually pretty simple to do that.
- 14. People who are not truthful about what I have said on the air (like your statement that I have misstated what happened on stage), can expect me to comment on it.

Mark Belling

From: Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:15 AM To: BELLING, MARK C. Subject: Fw: Another 30 year WKLH listener gone

----- Forwarded Message -----From: "Annmarie Topel" <<u>atopel@mkeradiogrp.com</u>> To: Sent: Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 6:12 PM Subject: RE: Another 30 year WKLH listener gone Dear,

Dave is not a Trump basher nor is our programming politically slanted. The only show that might have a lean is Bob & Brian, and they most certainly can't be accused of being Trump bashers. Turning this into a political attack makes no sense.

This is about an AM Talk Show host insisting we and our employee act in a certain way, demanding a certain statement, managing a PR situation the way he would. Well, Sandy does not condone what was said whatsoever. She was shaken by it. But she doesn't answer to Belling.

Interesting that Belling moved on from insulting her to attacking us for terminating an employee based on age. Another unfounded, unfair attack. Yes... and a lie.

Dave and WKLH continue to raise millions for CHW. And the hard work and funds raised have nothing to do with politics. Our efforts are about caring... not jumping on some hate wagon.

FYI... we do the right things all the time.

Annmarie Topel

-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:38 PM To: Annmarie Topel <<u>atopel@mkeradiogrp.com</u>> Cc: <u>markbelling@iheartmedia.com</u> Subject: Another 30 year WKLH listener gone

I live in Brookfield. My kids went to school with Dave's. I was a supporter of CHS and the miracle marathon fund raiser for many years. I have listened to Daves stupid comments regarding Trump for a year now. I suspect a good portion of your market listens to both shows as well, I'm done, .

Yes, I did listen to Marks show yesterday/today, as well as Daves comments today. I was looking forward to marks comments this afternoon.

There is an easy solution for wklh, do the right thing?

Good luck!

Trump supporter and forner listener