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May 20, 2014

The Honorable K. Michael Conaway, Chairman
The Honorable Linda T. Sanchez, Ranking Member
House Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Sanchez;

I am filing an ethics complaint against Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. She is knowingly violating House rules regarding political activity in the taxpayer funded U.S. Capitol. Tonight she and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are hosting the overtly political “Press Briefing and **Premiere** of Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition with Sen. Harry Reid” in HVC 215.

Yesterday, House Administration Chairman Miller warned Pelosi that:

the “... scheduled film screening of an anti-Koch brothers movie in the Capitol Visitor Center is violating House and Senate rules.

We cannot hold partisan political rallies or fundraisers on the grounds of the Capitol, or within its walls.”

Also, “no audio visual presentations in the CVC may **premiere**, preview, showcase, or publicize a film.”

When I looked into using the Capitol Visitor’s Center for a Christian Inaugural event I was told it was too political. So how is it now ok for Pelosi and Reid to host this “political event?”

Clearly, Pelosi and Reid believe they are above the law and do not need to abide by the same rules as everyone else.

To that point, Pelosi’s spokesperson is quoted by Politico as *saying* “*the rules cited by Miller don’t apply to rooms in the House side of the visitor center.*” So Pelosi and Reid, not only believe they are above the law, they flaunt it!

I have attached:

1. The event invitation I received from People for the American Way
2. The web promo for the "Press Briefing and Premiere of Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition with Sen. Harry Reid
3. Politico Article -- *Nancy Pelosi criticized on Koch film (5-19-14)*

Finally, House Ethics rules state:

House Buildings, and House Rooms and Offices. The House buildings, and House rooms and offices – including district offices – are supported with official funds and hence are considered official resources. Accordingly, as a general rule, they may not be used for the conduct of campaign or political activities...

In addition, **House rooms and offices are not to be used for events that are campaign or political in nature**, such as a meeting on campaign strategy, or a reception for campaign contributors.¹¹ ...

<http://ethics.house.gov/general-prohibition-against-using-official-resources-campaign-or-political-purposes>

I look forward to your immediate response.



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POLITICO

Nancy Pelosi criticized on Koch film

By Lauren French
Updated 10:14:00 AM EDT

The show must go on — unless it breaks congressional rules.

Rep. Candice Miller, the chairwoman of the House Administration Committee, wrote to Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on Monday saying a scheduled film screening of an anti-Koch brothers movie in the Capitol Visitor Center is violating House and Senate rules.

The screening for "Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition" is scheduled for Tuesday evening and both Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) will participate in a question and answer session for the film.

(QUIZ: Do you know Nancy Pelosi?)

But, in letter obtained by POLITICO, Miller (R-Mich.) wrote that she has "several serious concerns" that using the Capitol Visitor Center for the film "may cross the line into partisan politics."

Rules created by the House and Senate committees charged with administration of the Capitol complex state that "no audio visual presentations in the CVC may premiere, preview, showcase, or publicize a film."

"We cannot hold partisan political rallies or fundraisers on the grounds of the Capitol, or within its walls. Our work in this hallowed building must solely be in the interests of the American people and not in the interests of any political cause," Miller wrote.

(Also on POLITICO: POLITICO poll: Mounting danger for Dems)

Billionaire conservatives David and Charles Koch have been in the cross hairs of congressional Democrats for months, with Reid often invoking their name on the Senate floor to rail against the influence of outside money in politics.

A spokesperson for Pelosi said the rules cited by Miller don't apply to rooms in the House side of the visitor center.

"As Chairwoman Miller acknowledges in her letter, the room in question is not governed by the rules she cites. Regardless, this film was created by a 501c3 nonprofit organization, and this event is neither a fundraiser or a screening, but a press conference in which clips from the film will be shown," Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill said.

He added: "The fact the Chairwoman Miller wrote this letter demonstrates the reach of the Koch Brothers into our government and why there is a need for the public to be more fully informed of their activities, which is the goal of this film."

Brave New Films, the developer of the film, later removed the RSVP for the premiere from their website.

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From: Overturning Citizens United & McCutcheon <alerts@pfaw.org>
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 12:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Attend a DC screening with Leaders Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi Tuesday

Make sure to add alerts@pfaw.org to your list of "safe senders" or contacts.



PFAW.ORG

Dear [REDACTED]

This Tuesday May 20, join People For the American Way, Brave New Films, Majority Leader Harry Reid and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi for a press briefing about the effects and dangers of money in politics, followed by a film premiere of Brave New Films' upcoming documentary "Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition." 

Excerpts of the films will be shown intermixed with comments from Senate and House members looking to overturn the Supreme Court's egregious decisions like *Citizens United* and *McCutcheon* that have enabled ultra-wealthy donors like the Koch Brothers to pour overwhelming amounts of money into our elections.

The premiere will kick off at the House Visitors Center at 5:45 pm (seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to come early for a good seat).

Please RSVP for this event now!

Hope to see you on Tuesday,

Sincerely,

Calvin Sloan, Legislative Representative

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SENATE MAJORITY LEADER
HARRY REID,
HOUSE MINORITY LEADER
NANCY PELOSI,
AND FILMMAKER ROBERT GREENWALD
FOR A CONGRESSIONAL PRESS BRIEFING

WITH CLIPS FROM
**KOCH BROTHERS EXPOSED:
2014 EDITION**



Tuesday May 20th @ 5:45 pm
Capitol Visitors Center,
South Entrance Room HVC-215

RSVP: BraveNewFilms.org/koch_event

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Press Briefing and Premiere of Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition with Sen. Harry Reid

Posted by Brave New Films on May 09, 2014

On May 20th, 2014, Brave New Films will host a press briefing and premiere* of our upcoming documentary *Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition* with Senator Reid and several other congressional leaders. Senator Reid will be opening the event with statements about the Koch Brothers and the effect of money in politics. This will be followed by segments of our upcoming documentary and statements from several members of Congress who will share their plans to overturn Citizens United.



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RSVP:BraveNewFilms.org/koch_event

Can't attend? Tune-in to our live stream of the event at BraveNewFilms.org/koch2014

**Only people who RSVP below will be permitted to attend the event.*

For questions, please e-mail timothy@bravenewfilms.org.

WHEN

May 20, 2014 at 5:45pm - 7pm EST

WHERE

Capitol Visitors Center

First Street SE

HVC 215

Washington, DC 20515

United States

[Google map and directions](#)