

April 2, 2010

Senator Patty Murray  
173 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

In recent weeks there have been several polls asking voters in Washington state whether they would vote for me or you if we were candidates for the U.S. Senate. This has prompted media speculation as to whether I will become a candidate. I have not decided whether I will make the race or not.

Still, your Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee launched a website called "Dirty Deals Dino". It says that I had improper connections with two discredited Seattle businessmen, Melvin Heide and Michael Mastro. It also states that I am engaged in "shady transactions" with my current commercial real estate purchases.

You are the fourth ranking member of the leadership of the Democratic Caucus in the U.S. Senate. You have even chaired the Democratic Senatorial Committee in recent years. The Democratic Senatorial Committee will do whatever they think you want them to do to support your re-election. You can put an end to these scurrilous attacks immediately.

Attached is a letter from James Rigby who was the lead lawyer in the civil investigations of Mel Heide and Michael Mastro and the trustee in both bankruptcies. As you can see, he spent years investigating the allegations of misdeeds by these two men and he says that there isn't a single shred of evidence to connect me to any of their wrongdoings. Do you have any evidence that Mr. Rigby and his investigation didn't uncover? Do you have any evidence that I'm currently engaged in "shady" transactions?

If you have any evidence, I will certainly be surprised to hear it, because I have conducted myself ethically and legally in my business dealings. If you have evidence that Mr. Rigby's investigation didn't uncover showing that I have done something "dirty" in connection with Heide or Mastro, or that my current real estate efforts are "dirty" then let's see it -

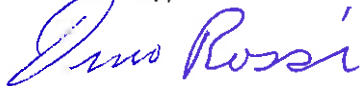
**Right now. Today.**

Will you continue to allow your Senatorial Committee to publish false and libelous materials about me, a private citizen, without evidence? This is sleazy politics. This is what turns people off to the political system.

This is the same routine your party used against me from 2004-2008. I was attacked with these very same lies by Christine Gregoire's political thugs and now it looks like your DC political friends are of the same character. In fact, your former Chief of Staff, Rick Desimone, is in court right now for defamation of character for lies he told in his 2008 ads against me.

Eighteen years ago this is exactly the kind of politics you were against. The "mom in tennis shoes" hated this kind of sleazy personal attack. You said then that candidates should debate the issues. Apparently 18 years in the Senate has changed you completely.

Sincerely,



Dino Rossi

Emailed to Chief of Staff Jeff Bjornstad on April 2, 2010

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