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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: "Walk Away"

Dear Mr. Walsh:

We represent Joe Walsh—not you, but the musician who plays guitar with the Eagles. Joe wrote a song called "Walk Away." A lot of people know this song. That's why when they heard your campaign song, "Lead The Way," they noticed it was the same song as "Walk Away," but with peculiar lyrics.

As a candidate for Congress, you probably have a passing familiarity with many of the laws of this great country of ours. It's possible, though, that laws governing intellectual property are a little too arcane and insufficiently populist for you to really have spent much time on. We're writing because we think these laws are important, and it might be beneficial to your potential future career as a congressman if you were more aware of them.

First, there's the United States Copyright Act. It says a lot of things, but one of the things it says is that you can't use someone else's song for your political campaign promotions unless you get permission from the owner of the copyright in the song. As far as we can tell, you didn't do that. Maybe you got so busy with the campaign that you just forgot. But that's not OK.

Second, under that same United States Copyright Act, you're not allowed to take someone's song and change the lyrics. This is not to say you're not allowed to write silly lyrics, you just have to write them to your own music. Now, I know why you used Joe's music—it's undoubtedly because it's a lot better than any music you or your staff could have written. But that's the point. Since Joe writes better songs than you do, the Copyright Act rewards him by letting him decide who gets to use the songs he writes.

You might also want to check out the trademark laws. They're there to protect the

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public from being confused as to the source of goods or services or as to whether someone endorses particular goods or services. Given that your name is Joe Walsh, I'd think you'd want to be extra careful about using Joe's music in case the public might think that Joe is endorsing your campaign or, God forbid, is you. Or maybe you intended that. But you shouldn't have.

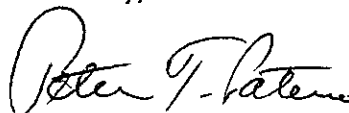
I'm sure that when you take this letter to a lawyer with a passing knowledge of copyright and trademark law, he'll give you some good lawyer words to put in a letter back to us—things like "First Amendment," "fair use," "parody" and "so's your old man." Having dealt with situations like this in past, we know that the first refuge of political scoundrels is the First Amendment. Just know that this is an area in which I've practiced my entire career and I can promise you that none of those buzzwords (or the law that they represent) works for you here.

In fact, if you check with your own Republican National Committee (the "RNC"), they can confirm this for you. You may recall that, during his 2008 campaign, Senator John McCain used Jackson Browne's song "Running On Empty" without permission. A lawsuit ensued, following which Senator McCain, the Ohio Republican Party and the RNC apologized for misusing the song. They "pledge[d] in future election campaigns to respect and uphold the rights of artists and to obtain permissions and/or licenses for copyrighted works where appropriate." It's appropriate here, so we'd appreciate it if you'd get on board with your party.

As a former Presidential candidate, Joe Walsh knows how tough it is to get elected. But he always played by the rules. And so should you. Therefore, we must insist that you discontinue using in your campaign any material that infringes the copyright in "Walk Away" (or any of Joe's other songs).

We trust that you will promptly comply with this request so that we don't have to go all Jackson Browne on you. Further to that thought, please note that nothing contained in this letter should be construed as a waiver of any rights, remedies or claims that Joe Walsh (again, the musician, not you) may have. Accordingly, all those rights, remedies and claims are expressly reserved.

Sincerely,



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