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Dear Mike:

As usual you attempt to kill the messenger instead of addressing the message. You state that you gave my letter a "cursory reading." Cursory is defined as going rapidly over something, without noticing details, hasty, superficial. This proves the real attitude that you have for ACRE members and their concerns.

If ACRE officers are insulted since I have exercised my right to freedom of speech, then I guess that they should strike it from our Constitution. I have only asked for financial documents and information which I am entitled to both under the law and as a ACRE member. As far as their quotes, they were taken from letters which they themselves signed and sent out to the membership. Now that they have been asked to be held accountable for what they put into print they are insulted?

For your information the copy of the Constitution that I quoted from was borrowed from another senior engineer. Since the booklet had no date on it, I do not even know if it is ACRE's current edition. I would have liked to have quoted from our By Laws, unfortunately everyone I asked, no one had a copy of them.

As far as your ludicrous assertion that I beat my wife, the answer is NO. Now, if you are not happy with this answer you can take it into a court of law. Then I would prove beyond a reasonable doubt that in fact I do not. Then I could hold you personally accountable for your ludicrous assertion. This is the real reason why you do not want to answer this letter. You are afraid that you would be held responsible and accountable for your answers.

To question you about a job guarantee from the MTA, let's look at MTA history. Currently where are the four union officers who were in TWU Local 100 and were voted out of office when New Direction came in and took over the leadership? They are all currently employed by the MTA. So, is this really a ludicrous question? I'll dig out the article.

Concerning your petty insults about never going to the Union Office, calling you or attending monthly meetings. ACRE has asked this membership to write letters to The President of the United States, our State Senators and local Congressmen concerning various issues. Before Acre, when letters were written to the BLE International in Cleveland, all letters came back answered. A background check to see if I was a Democrat or Republican, if I ever visited their office, called them, or attended Congressional hearings, never became an issue. If it did, do you personally think that these officials would be in office for very long. I have personally written to you over the years and you have NEVER written back to me. You have attacked me before and I have asked you for an apology which you never sent. Why don't I post these letters which I have sent to you over the years up on the bulletin boards and you can explain to this membership why you personally did not answer a single one of them. Now you try to discredit me for not stopping by to see you, for failing to call you or for not attending a monthly meeting? You have yourself stated how you treat the mail from this membership. Let's put out the facts and let the membership decide who is delinquent in their duties

Finally Mike, I would like to give you some advice. Before you use the word never in a letter you should look up it's definition in the dictionary. You want to honestly tell me that I have never called you, never came to a monthly meeting. I have and will prove it. If you ever bothered to check the attendance records for the informative meetings held on ACRE, I was there. I was at the first ACRE meeting where Fred Kelly and Tom McGraft were relieved of their duties. When Jack Gaines was voted on to take Fred's place. I was there when ACRE's historic DUES REDUCTION was voted upon. I will pull out some of my old phone bills and I will find your home number listed.

I will also find Ronald DeAndrus and Richard Gundermans phone numbers. Would you like me to post these up on the bulletin boards?

I have not been back to these meetings since what I saw at this first ACRE meeting disgusted me. Good people cast aside not because of job incompetence but because they did not come out and endorse ACRE. They held onto their beliefs and got burned at the stake. That's what your letter is all about. To deflect attention away from the issues which I have raised and to burn me personally. If the ACRE officers could not provide this membership with the dues reduction which was their main campaign promise, then how do they expect me to sit down at their monthly meetings and believe anything else which they have to say. It all comes down to credibility.

If you release the attendance records from these meetings we will find out if my attendance record is the exception or the norm for ACRE meetings.

Perhaps instead of going to the movies all the time, you should walk downstairs to the engineers locker room and spend some time with the engineers to find out what our concerns really are.

Sincerely,

James W. Ekberg