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**From:** dailykos@gmail.com [dailykos@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Markos Moulitsas [markos@dailykos.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2010 11:22 AM  
**To:** Peck, Bradley  
**Subject:** Re: [DKos Contact Form] Correction Request

You can't have an honest debate without the facts.

And right now, your side of this "debate" is hiding behind unaccountable front groups that refuse to release donor information, and have a well-documented history of flat out lying.

In other words, I don't believe you, and you have given me nothing but your word, and the word of some guy at AJS that you claim you don't even know, that all the documentation showing a connection between the Chamber and AJS is somehow untrue.

You also deny global warming. It doesn't mean I'm going to believe you just because you said so.

**On Wed, May 5, 2010 at 7:59 AM, Peck, Bradley <[bpeck@uschamber.com](mailto:bpeck@uschamber.com)> wrote:**

It would seem at the moment that interest in an honest debate is lacking more on your side than mine. I do not know DeMaura or have his email address. I spoke with him this morning on the phone at the contact information listed on their website.

Americans for Job Security  
107 South West Street, PMB 551  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-535-3110

<http://www.savejobs.org/contactus.php>

If you want to fundraise for Halter or go on a fishing expedition against AJS go ahead, not sure why you need to drag us into it with this false claim.

**From:** [dailykos@gmail.com](mailto:dailykos@gmail.com) [mailto:[dailykos@gmail.com](mailto:dailykos@gmail.com)] **On Behalf Of** Markos Moulitsas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** Peck, Bradley  
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The Wall Street Journal is as interested in an honest debate as you guys is, which is saying, not interested at all.

How about an email introduction to Stephen DeMaura so I can ask him the source of funding for that ad myself?

**On Wed, May 5, 2010 at 6:47 AM, Peck, Bradley <[bpeck@uschamber.com](mailto:bpeck@uschamber.com)> wrote:**

I am sure that you understand the difficulty, if not impossibility, in proving a negative. I am also sure that despite our many policies differences you share our commitment to an honest debate centered on credible facts. Since you are making the allegation in this case it would seem that the burden of proof lies with you, but in the interest of setting the record straight I have again confirmed with every group at the Chamber who does political work that we are not associated with AJS and/or this ad. I also spoke with Stephen DeMaura at Americans for Job Security who confirmed this as well. Mr. DeMaura has also spoken with reporters about the ad and the WSJ has issued this update to their article on it:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2010/05/04/thank-you-stephen-demaurea/>

*UPDATE, 8.55 PM IST: Mr. DeMaura said his group had paid for stock footage for the ad but could not immediately provide more details about the source of the footage or the locations depicted in it. He also confirmed the ad cost around \$900,000 to air but said the group was “not associated with the US Chamber of Commerce.”*

I would like to again request that your post be updated to reflect this reality.

Sincerely,

Brad Peck

**From:** [dailkos@gmail.com](mailto:dailkos@gmail.com) [mailto:[dailkos@gmail.com](mailto:dailkos@gmail.com)] **On Behalf Of** Markos Moulitsas

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 04, 2010 8:07 PM

**To:** Peck, Bradley

**Subject:** Re: [DKos Contact Form] Correction Request

Prove it.

**On Tue, May 4, 2010 at 2:37 PM, <[bpeck@uschamber.com](mailto:bpeck@uschamber.com)> wrote:**

Regarding this post:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2010/4/30/862436/-AR-Sen:-Hell-to-Pay:-Chamber-backed-group-runs-racist-ad-against-Bill-Halter>

We have no affiliation in any way with the Halter ad you posted on or the group running it.

Thank you,

Brad Peck

U.S. Chamber of Commerce