

STATEMENT FROM FRANKLYN GIMBEL, ATTORNEY FOR DENNIS TROHA  
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"I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND IN COURT TO THE LEGAL ACTION INITIATED AGAINST MR. DENNIS TROHA. WHEN THE FACTS ARE PRESENTED, BASED UPON MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS A TRIAL LAWYER FOR 46 YEARS – 5 OF WHICH WERE AS A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, I BELIEVE MR. TROHA WILL BE EXONERATED.

"THERE ARE NO SECRETS HERE. MR. TROHA'S POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED AND ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. HIS ACTIONS ARE LEGAL AND RESPONSIBLE. ALL THE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS CITED IN THE INDICTMENT WERE MADE FREELY, VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY PERSONAL OR BUSINESS EXPECTATION, NOR DID HE OR HIS BUSINESSES RECEIVE ANY FAVORS.

DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS, THE TROHA FAMILY HAS CONTRIBUTED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND CAUSES WITH WHICH THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THE ONES IDENTIFIED IN THE CURRENT FEDERAL CHARGES. THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE TO DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS AND OTHER CAUSES.

"DURING A RELATIVELY SHORT INVESTIGATION, THIS OFFICE AND THE TROHA FAMILY HAVE PROVIDED EVERYTHING THE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED. THE GRAND JURY, WHICH RETURNED THIS INDICTMENT, DID NOT HEAR MR. TROHA'S VERSION OF EVENTS BEFORE IT RETURNED ITS CHARGES. THAT OPPORTUNITY WILL COME AT A LATER STAGE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

"MR TROHA IS AN HONORABLE MAN; HIS WORDS AND DEEDS HAVE BEEN MISCHARACTERIZED, AND HE WELCOMES THE CHANCE TO CLARIFY THE RECORD IN COURT."