

Rep. Kooyenga: Statement on sign incident

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Madison - State Representative Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield) released the following statement regarding an incident that occurred last year.

Last year in May, I removed what I believed to be an inappropriate and unattended sign from a vestibule near one of the entrances to the Capitol. It was not my intention to cause harm to the owner of the sign, Mr. Johnson, and I returned it immediately when I was asked for its return.

Mr. Johnson filed a civil lawsuit against me, suing me for removing his sign and after months of negotiations, earlier this afternoon we reached a settlement agreement. I feel that it is best for all parties to settle the lawsuit rather than incur the costs of a prolonged legal battle, or further divert time or energy from the actual public policy priorities facing our state.