



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 10, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CH Huckelberry", is written over the printed name and title.

Re: **Goldwater Institute Accepts Government Federal Paycheck Protection Funding**

Definition of a hypocrite: A person who pretends to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principals etc. that he or she does not actually possess, especially a person whose actions belie stated beliefs.

The Goldwater Institute applied for and received a forgivable loan under the Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The government money provided to the Goldwater Institute ranged between \$350,000 and \$1 million. They truly fit the definition of hypocrite.

The hypocrisy is stunning but not surprising. Goldwater portrays itself as dedicated to free market ideals. They hate government subsidies. They have engaged in frivolous, and thus far failed, lawsuit against Pima County that has lasted more than four years and caused Pima County to spend taxpayer dollars to defend their meritless lawsuit.

Goldwater Institute has railed against the very concept of public money being provided to private companies. In an *Arizona Capitol Times* article, Goldwater Institute attorney Timothy Sandefur who serves as the lead trial lawyer in the World View lawsuit, is quoted as saying:

"When the government is in the business of taking money from some people and giving it to other people with the excuse of creating jobs, what it really is doing is wasting taxpayer money in a political game that rewards politically well-connected businesses and the politicians who favor them at the expense of taxpayers."

Goldwater learned how to play the game extremely well based on their accepting government funding. The politically well-connected Goldwater Institute commissioned a "whitepaper" from a libertarian California State University whose major finding was:

"This paper identifies serious problems with giving public subsidies to individual firms"

Sounds exactly like their accepting PPP federal government funding.

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The Goldwater Institute blog "In Defense of Liberty" provides one particularly hypocritical post from Mr. Sandefur who goes so far as to draw a correlation between the successful Depression-era New Deal programing and the current COVID-19-economic aid, essentially saying both were a waste. Exactly what they took advantage of by accepting taxpayer funding to bail them out.

Goldwater plays the part of a hypocrite well as they feed from the government trough. Victor Riches, President and CEO of the Goldwater Institute, tried to tap dance around the obvious public subsidy of his institution by saying "Just like a tax cut, the PPP loan was made available to everyone". Try telling that to the hundreds of small businesses that never got any federal money from the very same program that funded the Goldwater Institute.

The title of hypocrite describes the Goldwater Institute well.

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