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Jason,

As you might imagine, we are very sensitive to even a suggestion, innuendo, or inference that Speaker Hastert's work on the Praire Parkway was improper or illegal. As counsel to Speaker Hastert, I note your 'teaser' which states that it "exposes lawmakers -- including former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert -- who spent millions of dollars of your money on projects that fattened their personal bank accounts." The purpose of this communication is to be clear with you that any suggestion, direct or indirect, that there was any connection between Speaker Hastert's longstanding support (which pre-dates his service in Congress) for the Praire Parkway project and his purchase of property adjoining his home (indeed, his residence) would be false and improper.

I am sure you can appreciate our position of low tolerance for any such suggestion or inferences. If you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

J. Randy Evans