

Recently my opponent posted a rant from one of her Freedom Caucus friends who insisted I was tied to the Chinese Communist Party because I am a board member of the [State Legislative Leaders Foundation](#). What is the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF)? Established in 1972, it is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the effectiveness of state legislative leadership across the United States.

Founded on the principles of impartiality and integrity, the SLLF brings together U.S. legislative leaders from all political backgrounds to foster collaboration, share best practices, and enhance governance. SLLF's mission is to support and strengthen the leadership skills of state legislators, ensuring they can serve their constituents effectively.

The State Legislative Leaders Foundation, much like the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG), is designed to provide information on the most pressing issues facing state legislatures, and to provide networking of ideas among state legislators. All of these organizations seek funding from American businesses to host conferences.

This spring, I attended an SLLF conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Stanford University. This conference hosted a myriad of speakers who talked about what AI is, auditing of AI, ethics of AI, bias in AI, and finally state and international policy around regulation of AI. Interestingly, the researcher on bias in AI concluded in his study that AI had a left leaning bias. I learned a tremendous amount about Artificial Intelligence. The 2023 National Speakers Conference was also focused on Artificial Intelligence.

The SLLF fosters leadership through civility and mutual respect, which are the keys to solving the hardest problems facing a state. Recently, I learned that a Wyoming State Senator had said that civility was a liberal concept. I totally disagree. Civility is neither liberal nor conservative, but engages the better part of our humanity to work with each other, which is essential on a daily basis.

I was asked to serve on the SLLF board of directors because I believe that civility and respect are critical for solving problems, and that our state legislative institutions are far more important

than any single issue or our own individual moment in the sun. I believe in becoming educated about the most difficult issues facing states. I was voted onto the board last fall.

Any suggestions that the SLLF is influenced by foreign governments, including the People's Republic of China, are categorically false and in fact laughable. The SLLF operates with complete independence, guided solely by the goal of advancing democratic governance and public service excellence. This humbug about Communist China is just the latest desperate fabrication that the Freedom Caucus and its surrogates have cooked up, much like my opponent's belief in the "Chem Trail" conspiracy. When a campaign has nothing substantive to offer citizens, it relies on innuendo, fear-mongering, and bald-faced lies in an attempt to pull the opposition down. The Freedom Caucus churns out lies because it has nothing to offer Wyoming.