An effective take down of an ugly attempt by senior workers to openly support senior workers with CSA and SA allegations in the work.

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2x2 Church Updates

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The attached letter was sent by Washington/N Idaho/Alaska ministry leadership to the workers on their staff on June 27, 2025.

This follows a posting from this page on Wednesday, June 25, reporting multiple allegations of CSA & SA against Wayne Bechtol, acting joint overseer of the region.

We firmly believe that history will not look favorably on this dismissal - and when that day comes, we trust that the community will hold the decision-makers responsible for their contribution to further harm.

We won't engage with each point, but a few things are important to note:

1. The ministry and safety team have used the term "red flag behavior" to describe actions that have left traumatized children and adults in their wake - as recently as last year. Even in the extremely unlikely case that they were not performed with malicious intent, perhaps we should reconsider how low we've placed the bar for the ministry.

Are we more concerned with the intent of the minister, or more concerned with the impact on the survivor?

If your child's teacher was reported with multiple instances of "red flag behavior", would it be appropriate for them to continue to work with children? Worse yet - would you allow them to live with you?

- 2. The ministry, safety team, and investigators responsible for vetting allegations were aware, last year, of multiple instances of what they consider to be "red flag behavior." They did not inform the families in whose homes Wayne would be living. "We'll wait until he does something we can prove he did on purpose" is not an effective strategy for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.
- 3. If a "normal" vetting process involves downplaying and doubting the experiences of survivors, we want no part in it. Allowing survivors to speak with their own voice or anonymously, through volunteers like us is what this movement is about. Silencing them when they don't provide enough proof to convince the 2x2 ministry's chosen investigators that they've been hurt is unconscionable.
- 4. Multiple mandated reporters have very strongly felt the need to report these actions to the appropriate agencies as alleged sex crimes. This indicates that the standards for acceptable collateral damage held by the ministry, the safety team, and those trusted with the "normal" vetting process do not match the standards of outside professionals. This calls into question the effectiveness of the entire system and begs the question what other safety concerns are being

kept under a hat?

This shameful dismissal of survivors is actively harming and revictimizing them.

To those who have been hurt - we see you, we believe you, and we are here for you. Many others in the community are also here for you. NOBODY gets to decide that your experience wasn't legitimate or "bad enough."

Please reach out if you feel it would be helpful in any way.

The resent letter

Dear staff,

Darryl, Wayne and I feel that it's needful to get the following information to you in a timely manner.

- 1. As many of you already know there are allegations against Wayne that were posted on internet forums recently accusing him of CSA, SA and multiple red flag behaviors.
- 2. These allegations were NOT posted with the normal vetting process used by trained and licensed private investigators.
- 3. Currently there are no known CSA and SA allegations that Darryl or the Safety Team are aware of regarding Wayne.
- 4. There were two separate "red flag" behaviors reported over the many years Wayne has been in the work and those have been shared directly with Wayne and documented. There are no known allegations that would warrant severe actions at this time.
- 5. Wayne does not want to be a distraction, and so Marvin Smith offered to speak in his slot this morning at Wasilla.
- 6. We wanted you to have accurate and timely information in the event you hear these topics being discussed.
- 7. You are welcome to share any of the information shared in this note with others who might find it helpful or to those who may inquire.

Your brothers, Darryl, Wayne and Brian