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AFT Sends 'Cease and Desist' Letter to Critical Web Site

The American Federation of Teachers, a Washington-based teachers' advocacy group and union, sent a **cease-and-desist letter** to the operators of a Web site that criticizes the organization.

The Education Action Group Foundation of Muskegon, Michigan, was told it infringed the AFT trademark through its use of the acronym and depiction of the federation's logo on the Web site.

The letter, from AFT General Counsel David F. Strom, says the Web site's use of the acronym and logo in conjunction with its opposition to the goals and policies of the union is likely to cause confusion.

The foundation "has no legitimate interests" in using AFT's acronym, and appears to have registered its **AFTExposed.com** domain name "in bad faith" according to Strom's letter.

The **Institute for Justice**, a Libertarian-oriented public interest group based in Arlington, Virginia, is representing the foundation in its dispute with the AFT.

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