

**From:** Karen Finney  
**To:** Miranda, Luis, LaVera, Damien, Paxton, Stacie  
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Try pitching brian - but it will piss her off not to get dean so be careful.

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From: Stacie Paxton  
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agree

>>> Luis Miranda 2/12/2007 6:05 pm >>>

I'd be all for Brian and others. Not sure putting HD out there does anything other than opening us up for hits.

>>> Damien LaVera 2/12/2007 5:48:27 pm >>>

Deb Price from the Detroit News would like to interview Gov. Dean sometime in the next couple of weeks for a column about where the party is going with respect to the LGBT community, lingering concerns in the community about Dean's commitment (renewed by Donald's letter), and what he thinks about LGBT issues.

I'm not completely sure one way or the other, but my sense is this carries too much risk to do at this point. Too many of her columns (see attached) tend toward the X party or X state needs to do more variety, and it'll probably just result in more pushback from the other side.

I'm not sure if she'd go for it, but maybe I can try to pitch her on an interview with Brian and suggest she talk to Tammy Baldwin (or his chief of staff) and speaker pelosi's office about what's to come.

Any thoughts?

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