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Transcript of November 5, 2021
Governor Noem Press Conference

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7 SG: Stephan Groves (AP Reporter)

8 JS: State Senator Jim Stalzer

9 GN: Governor Noem

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11 SG: There's been some inquiries about a meeting that you
12 held last year um, how was it appropriate to have that
13 meeting with your daughter and key discission makers in her
14 application at that time?

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16 GN: So, were, will you tell the truth this time?

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18 SG: I'll say what you.

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20 GN: Will you?

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22 SG: Yea. Sure.

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24 GN: Well tell the truth of the story, ah because I've been
25 very clear and spoken to this before and we've communicated
26 with you directly that my daughter at no time received
27 special treatment. In fact she went through the same process
28 several others did as well but we all know that we are short
29 of appraisers here in the State of South Dakota and for years
30 and decades we've had people trying to buy houses or buy
31 property or realtors and bankers and even appraisers
32 themselves that have said that the program in South Dakota
33 needs to be fixed. I came in to fix the program and so we are
34 fixing it but also we recognize that some people that have
35 been involved in the industry for a long time don't like that
36 because the program before required that appraisers train
37 their competition and it limits their ability to put more
38 dollars in their pocket but regardless we need appraisers and
39 we need a fair system and and that's my determined goal. The
40 one thing I'd appreciate is if you'd make sure that when
41 you're quoting people in your stories that you're vetting
42 them, that you're making sure you're not only quoting one
43 individual who's contributed to every single political
44 opponent that I've had in the past and that when we give you
45 facts and give you people to you can speak to print the facts
46 that you will choose to print that as well especially when
47 you've promised and especially, especially when you're

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1 response back to us is completely unacceptable. That it's
2 simply not newsworthy to print the facts. This story is been
3 ah twisted and has been manipulated and there's an agenda
4 behind it and I would appreciate it if our media would make
5 sure that they're going forward and telling the truth and all
6 the facts when they talk about me.

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8 SG: How is it appropriate to have that meeting multiple.

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10 GN: That meeting was about fixing.

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12 SG: Experts have raised concerns.

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14 GN: And my Secretary of Labor answered all these questions,
15 and that meeting was about fixing the Appraiser Program.

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17 SG: But that meeting also touched on your daughter's
18 application for a license.

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20 GN: That meeting was there to talk about fixing the
21 Appraiser Program and what we needed to do to make sure that
22 we were going forward in a way that got us more appraisers in
23 the state of South Dakota.

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25 SG: And that didn't raise any ethical concerns for you?

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27 GN: To talk about fixing a program.

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29 SG: To have your daughter in a meeting.

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31 GN: That needed to be fixed?

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33 SG: Key decision makers?

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35 GN: She was there speaking to the program.

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37 SG: And her license was pending before the program.

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39 GN: No. The decision was already made on her path forward
40 and let me be clear Stephan, and print this, she went through
41 the exact same process that other appraisers did in the state
42 of South Dakota. She at no time received special treatment.

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44 SG: So, were you aware that an agreement had been reached
45 before the meeting?

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47 GN: I, we didn't even talk about that so.

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2 SG: Your Secretary of Labor said that you talked about it.

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4 GN: Talked about her, my daughter?

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6 SG: Her application during the meeting.

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8 GN: We, we could, but the program was talked about at that
9 day, how we were going to reform the program. The meeting was
10 not to discuss her.

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12 SG: But your Secretary of Labor.

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14 GN: She gave her personal experiences through the program of
15 course she gave her prospective at how long it took to go
16 through the program and how difficult it was. But I would
17 also challenge you to go talk to other people in the state
18 that have indicated for years we have letter of the entire
19 congressional delegation that have said that this Appraiser
20 Program here in the State of South Dakota was a problem but
21 also in the country and that it needed to be fixed. So for
22 years, even when I was in Congress people would travel to
23 Washington DC to ask me if there's anything I could do to
24 help fix the Appraiser Program here in the State of South
25 Dakota. So it's been a program that's long been broken and it
26 has limited the amount of appraisers which drives up costs
27 for families here and makes it very difficult to do day to
28 day business.

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30 SG: Why.

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32 GN: And Steve, make sure you focus on the fact that my
33 daughter was not treated differently. She at no time received
34 special treatment. She went through the same process that
35 several other individuals in the State went through.

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37 SG: So if any of those other individuals had requested a
38 meeting with your Labor Secretary, yourself and the head of
39 the department, you would.

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41 GN: I meet with people every single day in fact I bet I've
42 had seven or eight meetings with individuals in the State of
43 South Dakota just today.

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45 SG: Have you had any regarding their appraiser application?

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47 GN: Yes, yes many.

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2 SG: Who?
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4 GN: Why do you think I go into this without um having
5 conversations with people over the years about the program,
6 absolutely. I have for years. Anybody else?
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8 SG: When this.
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10 GN: Yes.
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12 JS: I'd just like to back you up a little bit here. I spent
13 over two years working with Tom Hart in your office for a
14 constituent who was having the same types of problems except
15 he was an experienced appraiser who with some medical and so
16 had to reapply and it took him almost two and a half years.
17 He happens to be a committee man of the other party who said
18 he would speak to anyone in your defense on this and how
19 broken that program has been.
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21 GN: Well we have referred people to Stephan and he's chosen
22 not to write a story about the broken program because he said
23 it was not news worthy. Next.
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25 SG: Why was.
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