

Transcript of call between Sen. Carine Werner and Patti Bilbrey on Aug. 10, 2025.

Transcript provided by Sen. Carine Werner.

Carine: 00:26

It's my personal cell. I, uh, I am calling to apologize. I am so sorry for what is happening and how you've been impacted, and it's my fault. I was having a side conversation with my son related to childhood obesity, and I used unkind words and I'm just so sorry that, um, I hurt you.

Patti: 00:54

Well, you know, I, I do appreciate you calling. I really do. It's just so you know, to judge somebody on that is hard because you never know what they're going through and why I'm trying not to cry. Sorry. I promised myself I wouldn't do this. Um, it's just hard. It's something I beat myself up on every single day, every single moment, every single everything. And it makes me feel like I'm not worthy. And to hear it out loud was hard. And I do appreciate you calling because it helps a lot for you, you know, to acknowledge that it's just, I wasn't always like this. And there's things that just have happened and it's not so easy to fix. I wish it was. If it was, it would be like gone. Trust me to walk up to a podium, knowing what people think when you walk up is hard.

Patti: 01:50

So I, I'm not, I'm not, I'm not trying to make you feel bad. I'm just saying just, we can't judge books by their covers. We don't know why somebody's where they are. You know what I mean? And that's all I would just ask in the future. And I appreciate you calling me. I do. 'cause it's, first off, it's, it's a, wow. Has this thing gotten like, wow, , I mean, out of control. You know? I think you feel the same way. It's like we're how, I mean, this is all over Facebook now. It's like, this is ridiculous.

Carine: 02:28

I am really sorry. I Yeah. I, I am really sorry. And I'm sorry you've been dragged into it and that your name is posted there. I, it's, it's horrible. And, and while those people Yeah, go ahead.

Patti: 02:39

Oh, sorry. I know. I feel like, sure. I don't think you intended for it to be said out loud. I don't, uh, you know, but sometimes, I mean, we've all done things. We're like, oh, we shouldn't have done that. You know what I mean? And that I can live with and, you know, you and I can have this conversation. It just seems like it's out there because people will drag other people through things just for their own personal agendas as well. So it's interesting that they, you know, I, I, it's interesting to me how this has played out because I've had some parents contact me and I've asked this not to become a thing for them to use as an agenda because it's my feelings. But, you know, you know how it goes.

Patti : 03:28

Yeah. I don't care.

Carine: I'm really sorry. And thank you.

Patti : 03:32

I appreciate you calling. You have no idea how much I appreciate calling though.