

STATEMENT

Eric Sorenson Frequently Takes To Social Media To Sound Off On The Lack Of Intelligence Of His Constituents, Claiming His Constituents Can't Spell Names Properly And Are Too Ignorant To Understand Climate Science. He Also Said They Know Less Than His European Friends About Politics In Washington, D.C., And That They Have More In Common With The Electorate Of Alabama — A State He Once Said Was Populated By Bigots.

Verification

Sorensen Defended A WQAD Employee Who Blocked A Handicapped Parking Space, Claiming There Was “No Excuse” For Those Who Were Outraged; He Also Stated The Incident Made Him Want To Move Back Home And Leave The Quad Cities

- **NOTE:** Eric Sorensen [talked about this incident](#) on WQAD.

Sorensen Defended A WQAD Employee Who Blocked A Handicapped Parking Space. “I am personally hurt reading the vile & repugnant social media outrage from Quad Citians in the days since this photo was taken. When I first saw it, I notified my News Director. He got back to me saying it was our new reporter who has only been in our country for a month.” (Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 12/2/19)



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Sorensen Claimed There Was “No Excuse” For Those Who Were Outraged. “She is a lovely person who has already demonstrated exemplary care for the people she works with and the community she works for. There is no excuse for the things I’ve heard from YOU and the outrage you’ve then aimed at me.” (Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 12/2/19)



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Due To This Incident, Sorensen Claimed He Wanted To Move Back Home And Leave The Quad Cities. “When you come after one of my own, you come after me. She made a mistake, as

we all do. She's sorry. Can you imagine how homesick she feels now, 9,000+ miles from home? Way to go Quad Cities. In 5 years of living here, it's the first time I've felt like I should move home too." (Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 12/3/19)



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In April 2023, Sorensen Claimed That His District Looks Like Oklahoma Or Alabama

NOTE: Sorensen has previously been [critical](#) of Alabama, claiming they are homophobic – stating “I’m glad I’m not in Alabama.”

AUDIO: Sorensen Claimed That His District Looks Like Oklahoma Or Alabama. “When we talk about this district, of Western Illinois, it looks a lot like Nebraska, looks a lot like Iowa, or Oklahoma, or Alabama. Right? And those are the people I want to have a conversation with. Not because I feel like I’m right and their wrong, but because now there’s a meteorologist in Congress, it’s my job to help make sure other members of Congress make good decisions.” ([Too Close To Call With David Catanese, Clipped](#), 4/6/23) 23:00 – 23:28

In April 2023, Eric Sorensen Claimed That Europeans Knew More About What Was Happening In The US Than Illinoisans

AUDIO: In April 2023, Eric Sorensen Claimed That Europeans Know More About What Is Happening In The US Than Illinoisans. “Whenever my friends from Europe come here to Illinois, they know a lot more about what’s going on in the world. They know a lot more about what’s going on in our country and Washington, DC then probably most people here do.” ([Too Close To Call With David Catanese, Clipped](#), 4/6/23) 19:14 – 19:26

In 2010, Eric Sorensen Insinuated That Illinoisans Were Dumb, Claiming That Illinois Voters Would Not Have Been Able To Spell The Name Murkowski

NOTE: In 2010, Lisa Murkowski won her Senate race in a [write in campaign](#).

On November 3, 2010, Eric Sorensen Claimed That Illinois Voters Would Not Have Been Able To Spell The Name Murkowski. “Go Murkowski go! Illinois voters wouldn't have gotten your name spelled right. Go go go!” (Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 11/3/10)



(Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 11/3/10)

In 2019, Sorensen Called Alabama Homophobic On Live Television

On May 22, 2019, Tweeted A Video From A WQAD Newscast Criticizing Alabam For Being “Unaccepting.” “People in #Alabama seem to think sheltering their children from #LGBTQ issues will keep them wholesome and safe. In actuality, kids that grow up in unaccepting homes are more at risk for killing themselves just because they growing up different.” (Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 5/22/19)



(Eric Sorensen, [Twitter](#), 5/22/19)

VIDEO: In The Newscast, Sorensen Calls Alabama “Homophobic.” SORENSEN: “Alright, so there’s more controversy coming from the state of Alabama. This time because adults in that state think that only traditional marriage is appropriate for the children. So here you go, Alabama public television pulled an episode of Arthur—okay it’s a popular kids show because one of the characters—one of the teachers, Mr. Ratburn got married to his partner. Now, maybe this is just my opinion, but do they want Mr. Ratburn to live his life in agony not being able to love the person that he loves. Alabama Public Television has previously refused to air an episode of Arthur where two moms were not shown because there’s equal homophobia. This is absolutely absurd to me. Not only does it shelter LGBT kids from seeing the—any role model, but these kids are the most at-risk for suicide when they grow up and then—just personally, I couldn’t imagine that my nieces, Sydney and Harley are not able to see watch that and understand that I have a partner, we love each other every day, it’s absurd and I’m glad not in Alabama.” (Eric Sorensen Discussing Alabama Public Television, WQAD via [Twitter](#), 5/22/19) minute 0:01-1:00