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Dear Mr. Coolican,

Attached is a cartoon regarding the MPD's systemic abuse, again in national headlines because of the recently released DOJ report. Please feel free to use it at no cost.

I have contacted you previously about producing political cartoons for the *Minnesota Reformer*. I'd like to do so again. Please take a look at some of my **Minnesota cartoons** from the past year, on a private page set up for the *Reformer* ([kirk.co/MNReformer](http://kirk.co/MNReformer)).

In our previous conversation, you thought it wasn't the right time (the *Reformer* was quite new), but held out encouragement that there might be an opportunity down the road. I'm bringing my asking price down considerably to \$150/cartoon. I think \$250/cartoon is very reasonable, but that may well price me out of working with a small operation (that punches waaay above its weight). A weekly cartoon would bring eyeballs to the *Reformer*, and make it about the only media outlet outside the *Star Tribune* to feature its own Minnesota political cartoons.

I am the former staff cartoonist for the *Pioneer Press*, and I've freelanced over the years for the *Star Tribune*, including several full-newspaper-page reportorial cartoons and a weekly serialized graphic novel. Other Minnesota commentary includes a strip in *City Pages*, written and animated pieces on *MPRnews.org* and a **book** about our state's culture, humor and history. My work has also been published by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *LA Times*, *Newsweek International*, *Forbes.com*, *Sixty Minutes*, and hundreds of other media platforms.

Again, please feel free to use the attached MPD cartoon at no cost. It was originally drawn in April of last year, following the MN Dept. of Human Rights' damning report. This (and the other sample **Minnesota cartoons**) were produced while pursuing the *Star Tribune's* open cartoonist position. The cartoon has not appeared publicly, other than on my website.

I encourage you to check out [kirk.co/MNReformer](http://kirk.co/MNReformer) for sample work, a resume, and a copy of this letter. I'll follow up with you in a week regarding the *Reformer's* interest in local Minnesota cartoons.

Sincerely,

Kirk Anderson