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Jay Bergman

I was appalled by Jay Bergman's latest comments. With eight years' experience in water quality testing and current plans to enter the field of water resource protection, I can assure Mr. Bergman that his company's EPA violations and pollution discharges are a big deal in the minds of many people, not just a handful of ISU students.

A majority of citizens support water quality protection, considering it an important national priority. Inadequate surface water quality affects tourism, industries and threatens drinking water, posing human health risks. Environmental issues are not just "a radical, leftist agenda", as he said. Conservatives and liberals alike are working on these issues because they benefit people, the environment and our economy. Many successful business owners realize this and are responsible, proactive leaders in pollution prevention. It's a shame he's not one of them.

By making irrelevant, inciting comments about Jane Fonda, he simply reveals his own extremist, narrow-minded viewpoint and scarce knowledge about this issue. It is alarming to hear him dismiss the important work of one of ISU's student groups. His lack of awareness and arrogant attitude directly contradict ISU's mission statement and the Board of Trustees vision statement, which promote creativity, growth and teamwork to provide a supportive and productive community.

I urge Gov. Rod Blagojevich not to reappoint Jay

Bergman and to ensure that only knowledgeable, proactive community members are given the opportunity to provide real leadership to our students and our University. Join SEAC's petition drive to remove Jay Bergman through their website at <http://seac.pabn.org>.

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