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Charles and David Koch have posted [a response](#) to the recent *Washingtonian* [article](#) on the origins of the Kochs' lawsuit seeking to take control of the Cato Institute. Since I did [a post](#) on the original article, it's only fair that I link to the response as well.

That said, neither the original article nor this response include anything that changes my mind about the bottom line. I continue to believe that the Kochs' suit is ultimately a mistake likely to cause more harm than good, for reasons I [outlined back in March](#). Even if the Kochs' position is legally correct (which is far from clear), this is one of those times when the best course of action is to refrain from exercising a legal right. There is no violation of libertarian principle in recognizing that. I still hope that this dispute will be resolved with as little damage to Cato and the libertarian movement as possible.

NOTE: I described my various connections to the two sides in this conflict [here](#).