

## TALKING BACK

Re Doug Hank's Sept. 21 article, "You can speak at Miami-Dade commission meetings. Just don't criticize a commissioner:" The county attorney needs to educate commissioners on the 1964 U.S. Supreme Court case *New York Times v. Sullivan*, which established that the right to criticize government and public officials is the central meaning of the First Amendment.

What are commissioners afraid of? How much criticism can be doled out in the measly one minute individuals are afforded to speak?

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