

VIA HAND DELIVERY

April 10, 2014

Ms. Sheryll A. Harris
Campaign Finance Compliance Specialist
North Carolina State Board of Elections
441 N. Harrington Street
Raleigh, NC 27611

Re: John Rhodes Complaint

Dear Ms. Harris,

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 31, 2014, in which you provided a copy of a complaint filed by John Rhodes. In 2006, Mr. Rhodes had an opportunity to campaign against me. At the end of that campaign, the people of our House District chose to support me by a 2-1 margin. Some eight years later, Mr. Rhodes is still campaigning against me, but this time he is doing so under the auspices of an elections complaint. For the reasons that follow, I respectfully request that Mr. Rhodes' complaint be dismissed.

Rather than provide you with verifiable facts, it appears Mr. Rhodes' intent is to leave you with the impression that my campaign finance filings have been incomplete or that contributions may have influenced actions I have taken as the Speaker of the House. Just to address any such innuendo head on: I have never solicited or accepted anything of value, including any campaign contribution for myself or anyone else, in exchange for a promise to vote or take any official action on any subject whatsoever. More specifically, I have never solicited or accepted any form of support in exchange for an agreement to support an individual for election to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

If you have specific questions or need additional information, I hope you will feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,




Thom R. Tillis

Wake County, North Carolina

Signed and sworn to before me this day by Thom R. Tillis.

Date: 4-9-2014


Rena Turner, Notary Public
Irredell County

My commission expires: 7/20/2018