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May 31, 2007

Mr. Bobby Blakely, Jr. Committee to Elect Bobby Blakely, Jr. P.O. Box 5223 High Point, NC 27262

Dear Mr. Blakely:

Thank you for contacting Ms. Denise Jones, the committee's treasurer; however, I never received a call from her. Therefore, I will continue working with you to investigate issues associated with the committee's transactions and reporting.

In reviewing the disclosure reports, there is an ongoing recurrence of cash contributions in excess of the \$100 limitation. NC General Statute, Chapter 163 §163-278.14 (b) defines the nature of contributions. It states that "No entity shall give and no candidate, committee, or treasurer shall accept any monetary contribution in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) unless such contribution be in the form of a check, draft, money order, credit card charge, debit, or other noncash method that can be subject to written verification." Please note that effective January 1, 2007 the dollar threshold dropped to \$50.00. To facilitate our review of the committee's transactions, please sign the enclosed *Authorization for the Release of Financial Records* and return it to my attention. Also, advise if additional accounts were used by the campaign. And lastly, please forward any receipt books or logs that were utilized by the committee.

I would be most appreciative to receive this information no later than Friday, June 15, 2007. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 919 715-9193 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. DeBragga Field Auditor

Cc: Ms. Judy J. Speas

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