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On Friday, July 29, the Cabarrus County Republican Party and various individual members of its Executive Committee were made party to a gender discrimination lawsuit filed by an Executive Committee member. The individual who brought the lawsuit did so after her receipt of a proper notice indicating that the Executive Committee intends to consider her removal from the Committee in the manner set forth by the Cabarrus County Republican Party Plan of Organization. The lawsuit, which names five women as individual defendants, is entirely meritless and the Cabarrus County Republican Party intends to fully defend itself against these false and outrageous allegations.

The Cabarrus County Republican Party is dedicated to promoting an inclusive environment to all and prides itself on having one of the most diverse Executive Committees in the State. Just this year, the Cabarrus GOP filled two vacancies on its Executive Committee with women, and in 2020, it appointed a woman, Dr. Kristin Baker, to fill the remaining State House term of the late Rep. Linda Johnson. It also recently launched the “GOP Looks Like Me” campaign, which showcases and welcomes to the Republican Party all the diverse individuals, of different genders, races, ages, socioeconomic classes, and backgrounds, who make our local organization so special.

Based on the advice of our attorneys, the Cabarrus County Republican Party will have no further comment on the pending lawsuit at this time, but it looks forward to vigorously defending itself against these baseless and vindictive claims brought by one individual.