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**Re: Josh Stein’s False Advertisement & History of Lying About Opponents**

Messrs. Berkon and Stafford and Ms. Weisman:

Thank you for your lengthy correspondence attempting to defend Josh Stein’s dishonest attacks on Mark Robinson. As a threshold matter, we appreciate your clarification that it is more accurate to state that a Democrat prosecutor previously convened a grand jury and was going to attempt indictment of Stein with criminal charges for his false attacks on a political opponent, but Stein was not technically “indicted” because he engaged in lengthy federal court litigation to challenge the relevant North Carolina law that the Democrat prosecutor was looking to indict Stein under.

To quote your letter, the District Attorney had “decided...to present the evidence to a grand jury for a determination of whether criminal charges” should be brought against Stein for knowingly making false attacks against his opponent “in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity.” You emphasize that Stein was neither indicted for or charged with a crime under N.C. Gen. Stat § 163-274(a)(9) because Stein litigated against the validity of the statute before a grand jury could return a bill of indictment.

In the interest of accuracy and fairness, our client Mr. Robinson will post this letter on his X account so North Carolinians fully understand the facts regarding Stein’s history of false attacks: a Democrat prosecutor convened a grand jury and was going to attempt to indict Stein with criminal charges for his false attacks, but Stein did not end up being indicted because Stein engaged in lengthy federal court litigation to challenge the relevant North Carolina law that the Democrat prosecutor was looking to indict Stein under.

Strangely (for someone desperately trying to defend Stein’s lies) you note in your letter that Stein’s history of running false and misleading ads is, to quote you, “well-known in the political circles...and the legal community.” In light of Stein’s troubling history of dishonesty, it is hard to take seriously the next six pages of your legal caterwauling.

Of course, if someone does make it to page five of your letter, it is there that you concede that the images in the advertisement are fake, or as you euphemistically state, are “the common artistic technique of dramatic visualization.” North Carolina voters deserve better than dishonest “dramatic visualizations” from a dishonest politician who has been previously investigated by a prosecutor from his own party for false attacks against his political opponent. We renew our demand that Stein and his campaign cease and desist from these knowingly false attacks, or as you say, “dramatic visualizations.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Spies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "S".

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