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****VIA FACSIMILE****

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I tried to reach you today by phone but was only able to leave a voice mail.

I have been provided a copy of the "Monroe Free Press" edition for October 9, 2010. In it, there are several references to the "Joyce" campaign which are of great concern to me and are directly contrary to what you stated to me in your office on October 1, 2010 at the press conference called by the "Joyce campaign" – a conference, I might add, that the "Joyce campaign" and Eric Mahaffey apparently tried to get Charlie Heck to participate in as early as the Tuesday before but not advising me of same at any point.

You specifically stated to me on October 1, 2010 at the press conference called by the "Joyce campaign" that you were not accusing me of distributing illegal campaign material. The article in the "Monroe Free Press" states otherwise. I enclose a copy of the article for your review. The very heading states that, "Joyce accuses Laurie Burkett of smear tactics."

I have been advised by the "Monroe Free Press" that Eric Mahaffey had sent the "Monroe Free Press" a "packet of letters." Please provide me with a copy of all documents sent by the Joyce campaign to the "Monroe Free Press" which in any way deals with the complaints being made by the "Joyce campaign" that I am engaging in smear tactics.

Please provide me with the following information:

1. Who specifically in the Joyce campaign complained that people associated with the Burkett campaign in the black community were distributing illegal materials accusing Joyce of being a racist and making

unfounded claims not representing the character of a person seeking a judgeship? Please provide me with the names and telephone numbers of each of the persons making that complaint.

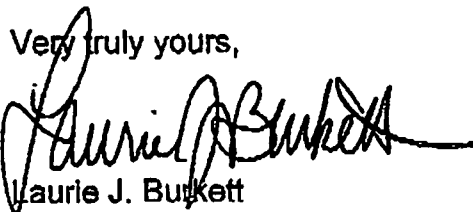
2. Who in the Joyce campaign claims that three Burkett campaign workers: Marie Brown, Greg "Chick" Glover, and Vernon "X-Man" Anderson distributed fliers at a Carroll High School Football game containing the message that "Jeff Joyce is a republican, is for long term jail time...." Please provide me with the names and telephone numbers of each of the persons making that claim.

These are very serious allegations for anyone to be making. Just as you previously requested the telephone numbers of Ms. Brown, Mr. Glover, and Mr. Anderson, I am sure you will cooperate and provide the requested information so we can get to the bottom of who is making these complaints which are, of course, defamatory and slanderous. I intend on taking statements from anyone who has made these complaints and we can do so either at your office or mine.

Finally, on another related issue, it has come to my attention that there have been fliers distributed in the south side of town bearing the title "Democrats United for a Change," which bear Jeff Joyce's photo among others. The flier did not state by whom the flier was being distributed as is required by the Election Code. We have been advised by the printer who printed the flier that Kenneth Wilson ordered and paid for those fliers. Of course, Mr. Wilson, is a campaign worker of the "Joyce campaign." We will need to take a statement from him as to his connection with the flier and who instructed him to order and distribute same. Please let us know when we can do so. I will be glad to take the statement at Mr. Wilson's office if that is more convenient.

Please respond by 5:00 p.m. today so that all of these issues can be addressed promptly and so as not to interfere with either of our efforts to effectively campaign in the future. Further, your response by 5:00 p.m. today will also show that the "Joyce Campaign" desires to get to the bottom of these issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Laurie J. Burkett

cc: Marie Brown
Greg Glover
Vernon Anderson
Rev. Roosevelt Wright