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****VIA FAX NO. (318) 325-3482****

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Thank you for your response of October 8, 2010.

You indicate in your letter that "we have not made any such accusation to the Monroe Free Press." Yet, as you can see by the article itself that I provided to you that the newspaper article attributes the complaints as specifically coming from the "Joyce campaign" and "Joyce" himself. Did Roosevelt Wright, the writer of the article, simply make all of that up on his own? Please advise me if that is the position of the Joyce campaign by tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. I do need to know if that is the position of the Joyce campaign as soon as possible so that I know what actions must be pursued.

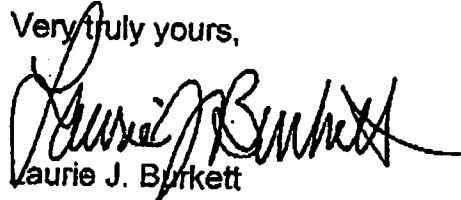
As I said in my letter of October 8, 2010, these allegations against my campaign and the three workers specifically identified are very serious. Because of the defamatory and slanderous nature of the statements, we are going to have to get to the bottom of just who said what to whom. I just do not understand how we could be told such two different accounts -- one by the newspaper and then a different account from you.

I do, however, believe there is an easy way to resolve this issue now before it gets more difficult with attorneys being hired and lawsuits for defamation and slander being filed. We ask for your and Mr. Mahaffey's assistance in contacting Roosevelt Wright and seeking that a retraction be written and published making it clear that the Joyce campaign and Joyce never made any such complaints against me, my campaign, or any of the workers associated with my campaign, including the three persons specifically named. Please advise at once if you and Mr. Mahaffey will take this action to correct this situation. From my conversation with the Monroe Free Press, it was clear to me that communications were had with Mr. Mahaffey so he is involved in this situation.

Further, the fact that an illegal flyer was distributed by someone who is working for an opposing candidate's campaign, whether it speaks negatively of me or not, is relevant. Violations of the Election Code should not be condoned or pursued. If you do not wish to provide me with the telephone number for Mr. Kenneth Wilson, please let me know and I will contact him directly for his statement.

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

Very truly yours,



Laurie J. Byrnett

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