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Dear Mark,

This is a private letter to you that is not being released to the media, or shared with anyone beyond a few of my closest campaign staff. If, as I hope, it results in a resolution of the issue that it raises, there will be no reason for the letter, or the issue, to receive a public airing.

When I began my campaign for State Representative, I expected that the competition between us would be based upon our positions on issues, as well as the personal qualifications and qualities that each of us would bring to this important position representing a portion of the people of Washtenaw County in Lansing.

Unfortunately, in recent days, your campaign, or some other entity acting on its behalf, has engaged in the worst kind of unjustified personal attack upon me and my character. It is this kind of action which disheartens so many voters and contributes to disenchantment with our political system.

Supporters of mine report receiving telephone calls asking them to participate in a poll regarding the November election. The calls appear to originate in Utah, and the poll is of the live interview variety, not an automated, or "robo-poll."

The poll is what is known as a "push poll." As you are probably aware, such polls are almost always sponsored by a campaign or political organization and are designed to influence voter opinion, rather than to measure it. Respondents are read a series of statements about one or both of the candidates and asked to state how the "facts" each statement would affect their vote. Statements about the opposing candidate usually recite some very negative action. An example might be: "If you knew that Candidate X had multiple convictions for drunk driving, would that make you more or less likely to

vote for him?" The recited facts may be true, somewhat true, but distorted, or totally untrue.

Although the supporters of my campaign who received the calls were not able to capture the questions verbatim, they report that the following is a close approximation of one of the questions asked: "If you knew that Christine Green had unpaid tax liabilities that resulted in tax liens against her property of about \$49,000, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for her?"

The implications in the question are a radical and misleading departure from reality and suggest irresponsibility on my part that did not take place. Virtually all of the tax liabilities in question arose from my husband Phil Green's law practice in the years 1981 through 1985. For most of that time, I was attending law school, earning little or no income myself, and was not a part of his law practice.

For professional and personal reasons, Phil left his Detroit-area law practice and relocated to Ann Arbor in 1980. This required him to rebuild his law practice from scratch, and there were some lean times in those early years. During these difficult economic times for so many, that is something that many voters will understand.

Fortunately, through a lot of hard work and determination, Phil rebuilt his practice, which I later joined. All of the tax liabilities were paid and all of the liens were released. The last lien release took place in 1989, more than two decades ago!

I certainly hope that you would not want your campaign to be known for, or even associated with, this kind of unfair and uncalled-for attack against an opponent. If this poll was conducted by your campaign, or at its behest, I ask you to immediately stop those efforts and to make a written commitment to refrain from any similar ones for the balance of the campaign. If the poll was part of another group or individual's efforts on your behalf, I ask you to identify and contact the responsible party and ask them to cease such efforts. If they fail or refuse to do so, I ask you to publicly condemn and disown any such efforts.

The people of the 52nd District deserve a campaign which is about their futures, not about unfounded attacks on a candidate's past. I look forward to receiving your commitment to conduct such a campaign.

Very truly yours,



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