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Mr. Clarence "Chuck" Loder
Chairman, Cumberland County Council of Education Associations
1851 West Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ, 08360

Dear Mr. Loder:

If we are fortunate enough to be elected to the State Legislature, ensuring that all of our children have the opportunity to receive a first-rate education and that teachers have the tools they need to provide it will be a top priority. As parents and, in one case, a grandparent, we know the importance of a quality education and the impact it can have on a child's future.

We are in receipt of your certified letters inviting us to meet and discuss our candidacies for State Senate and Assembly in the 1st Legislative District. A meeting you said would be used to "form the basis for recommendations for NJEA PAC endorsements."

Unfortunately, Mr. Loder, given that the NJEA is already spending significant campaign resources on behalf of our opponents, it appears that the NJEA's endorsement is a foregone conclusion.

As a ranking official within the NJEA, we expect you are aware that the NJEA formed a Super PAC earlier this year called Garden State Forward. *The Star-Ledger* article detailing this from May 13, 2013 titled "*State's largest teacher union forms Super PAC*" can be found here: http://www.nj.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/05/states_largest_teacher_union_f.html

Last month, according to the paperwork from the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (NJ ELEC) that we have attached for your review, Garden State Forward made a \$1,000,000 contribution to another Super PAC, The Fund for Jobs, Growth & Security based in Washington, DC.

That PAC has already spent upwards of \$16,000 in June alone on behalf of our opponents. Moreover, we have reason to believe that some of that money was spent to employ negative campaign tactics against us, which have been recently reported in the press.

If the NJEA had decided to fund our opponents' campaign after meeting with us, it would be unfortunate but understandable. However, since the NJEA decided to fund our opponents' campaign before even offering us a chance to meet, I am sure you can understand our concern about the legitimacy of the endorsement process.

We look forward to your response and hope you can address our concerns. Thank you.

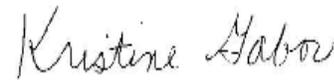
Sincerely,



Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt



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