From the Desk of:

Terry Allen Swaim Jr.

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To whom it may concern:

When I first had the idea of running for the office of district attorney I had to make an LLC, obtain a tax id number, and open a bank account. I was in the middle of several litigious matters, as I am a litigation lawyer, and relied upon common sense, my best judgment, and the advice of friends in starting this run. I opened up the bank account with First Citizens Bank, across the street from my office where I have banked personally for well over twenty years. I did not know at the time that there was a prohibition to making a deposit of a one hundred dollar bill into a bank account for an election. The bank manager took the only bill I had in my wallet to initialize the account, it was a hundred dollar bill I tuck away for emergencies.

Chris Fulmer volunteered to be my treasurer for the campaign while I was opening the account. He is a very smart and meticulous classmate of mine from Duke Law School. He had to take a training class after we opened the account where he learned what had transpired was the incorrect way of opening the bank account. The Board contacted Mr. Fulmer with an inquiry as to the matter, and we substituted a personal check from me to the Campaign Bank Account for the hundred dollar bill. There was never any intent to do anything wrong and we resolved the matter as soon as we knew there was a problem.

Last Friday the Board got a message to me about writing a letter explaining this matter. I assured the board representative that I would take it up first thing this week as I was dealing with a small child who was very sick. Please accept this letter as an explanation as to the events that occurred and my assurance that noting that occurred was meant to circumvent any rules, regulations, or laws. This is our first campaign and when we make mistakes, we will own up to them right away and correct them as quickly as possible. The first days were very harried and chaotic and we thank the Board and the Public for its understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Allen Swaim Jr., EIT, Esquire

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