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Ron Hedlund, State Central Committee Member
Virginia 7th Congressional District
5304 Singletree Court
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Dear Mr. Hedlund,

On March 31, 2017, you sent out three documents via e-mail to the State Central Committee:

1. Appeal of the 7th District Committee Meeting of March 2nd, 2017
2. Appeal/Challenge of the Proxy Committee Report at the 7th District Committee Meeting of March 2nd, 2017
3. Challenge/Appeal of Nancy Smith's Election to the 7th District Congressional State Central Seat

On Monday, April 3, 2017, Ben Slone, chairman of the 7th District Committee asked me whether the documents you sent were proper appeals under Article X of the Party Plan. Specifically, Chairman Slone inquired whether your appeals should have been filed first with the 7th Congressional District Committee. Chairman Slone's email is attached to this letter.

I replied to Chairman Slone explaining that an appeal would need to be filed first with the 7th Congressional District Committee, not the State Central Committee. My email reply to Chairman Slone is attached as well as a General Counsel Opinion referenced in that email.

As I noted to Chairman Slone, pursuant to Article X of the Party Plan, “[e]ach District Committee shall decide all controversies and contests arising within its jurisdiction.” A contest or appeal of the issues in the documents you submitted would be properly lodged with the 7th District Committee, not with the State Central Committee.

The State Central Committee has no original jurisdiction over Article X matters; it hears such matters only by appeal from a District Committee. As such, I have advised Chairman Whitbeck that the documents you filed should not be included as an appeal on the agenda for the State Central Committee's June meeting.

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A copy of this letter and its attachments will be sent out with the call for the June 24th meeting. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Marston,
General Counsel