



**North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Ethics Committee**

September 5, 2018

Re: AO-LEC-18-001: Reconsideration of New Voter Letters

You asked for a formal advisory opinion from the Legislative Ethics Committee (Committee) to reconsider prior advice of the Committee. You asked that the Committee revisit its treatment of the new voter letters. After thoughtful consideration and debate, the Committee respectfully declines.

By copy of this letter, the Committee is submitting its formal advisory opinion to the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement (State Board) in accordance with G.S. 120-104(f), which requires the Committee to edit the opinion for publication purposes as necessary to protect your identity. The State Board will publish a version of this opinion after the opinion is edited as necessary to protect your identity in accordance with G.S. 163A-157. Please keep in mind that formal advisory opinions do not confer immunity from criminal investigation or prosecution. G.S. 120-104(c); G.S. 163A-157. Requests for advisory opinions, the opinions themselves, and all materials related to the opinions are confidential and are not public records. G.S. 120-104(g). This advisory opinion supplements existing statutes, advisory opinions, principles and guidelines, and other guidance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lee".

Senator Michael Lee
Senate Co-chair for the Legislative Ethics Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Faircloth".

Representative John Faircloth
House Co-chair for the Legislative Ethics Committee

cc: State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement