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Dear Gov. Deal,

I am writing on behalf of our members who attended the State v. Tisdale trial to inform you that we believe Judicial Nominee Clint Bearden tendered false testimony in the trial last week and thus is unqualified to serve as a Superior Court judge.

Specifically, Mr. Bearden testified that candidates who attended the August 23, 2014 rally at Burt's Pumpkin Farm did not want to be video recorded. The state was unable to produce a single candidate who objected to being recorded at the rally in which you were present. Mr. Bearden's testimony was impugned by all five of the statewide Republican candidates who were present for the event and testified that they had no objections. These statewide candidates, who were all elected that November, include former Attorney General Sam Olens, Insurance Commissioner Ralph Hudgens, Labor Commissioner Mark Butler, Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black and State School Superintendent Richard Woods. Mr. Hudgens even appeared a second time after Mr. Bearden attempted to contradict his testimony.

In addition, Mr. Bearden claimed that he was not aware the event was advertised publicly and not involved in the advertising of the event. Mr. Bearden's testimony was impugned by his own Emails with Dawson County Republican Chair, Linda Clary Umberger. In these Emails they discussed advertisements that were placed in local newspapers to promote the event. Ms. Umberger also testified that she coordinated with him for the public event ads that showed him as the event contact person.

Mr. Bearden initiated the forced removal and arrest of Nydia Tisdale despite having advertised the event as being public. For these reasons and more we ask you to appoint one of the other more qualified candidates for the Northeastern Judicial Circuit.

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