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Ms. Joan Andrews  
State of Connecticut  
State Elections Enforcement Commission  
20 Trinity Street - Suite 101  
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RE: Complaint of Fraud by an elected official, Ms. Lonnie Reed, Branford RTM

Dear Ms. Andrews:

As the Moderator of the Branford Representative Town Meeting (RTM) one of my duties is to read into the record any and all letters that pertain to RTM business. As I entered the January 10, 2007 meeting I was handed the attached letter that lays claim to the fact that the RTM member referenced lived not only at a different address than she claimed to live in at the time of the election but also in a completely different district than the one that she was elected in and now represents. It is permissible for a candidate for the Branford RTM to live and run for office in a particular district and then move after the election is over. If they were to win the election they are allowed to represent the district they were elected in until the end of their term. According to the letter this is a completely different case as the candidate was not even eligible to run for the office that she was elected to.

I am hoping that you can please investigate this matter as soon as possible as unresolved it leaves me in a very precarious spot for a few reasons:

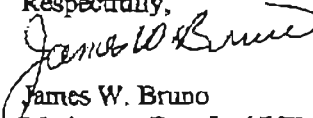
1. If she did violate any election law(s) are any of the votes that she has been part of still valid?
2. If she did misrepresent herself as living at a particular address in a particular district did she vote in the proper district when she cast her ballot or did she fraudulently gain entrance to a polling place where she should not have been allowed to vote in?
3. Do I allow her to continue as a representative while the investigation is ongoing?

The Branford RTM has no power to subpoena or the resources to send out any investigators to check on the validity of a claim as serious as this

Attached also please find the sworn complaint by Mr. Michael Milici and a DVD which is a copy of the January 10, 2007 RTM meeting along with some other background material.

Thank you very much for your timely help in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Respectfully,



James W. Bruno  
Moderator-Branford RTM

Enclosure: Letter from Baughman/Milici January 10, 2007 (2 pages), DVD, sworn complaint, background information.