CASE NO. 2002E -027

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TO:

Ohio Elections Commission

21 West Broad Street - Suite 600

Columbus, Ohio 43215

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ATTN: Mr. Phil Richter

Staff Attorney

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Dear Mr. Richter:

Due to unforeseen circumstances I will not be able to attend the Probable Cause Hearing for the above case on June 27, 2002. I would like to respond to some of the accusations made by Mr. Gregory R. Sarbach of E., North Canton, Oh 44720. in his complaint filed with the commission on June 13, 2002.

To the best of my knowledge, the flyer which was distributed by the "Animal Rights Group", (The concerned citizens for the fair treatment of stray animals committee) contained no false information. As shown on the record, Mr. Sarbach voted in an open council meeting in the City of North Canton Ohio to appropriate money for the trapping of animals within the city. I was told by others that among the wild animals captured and destroyed were several cats, some of which were family pets.

When I was contacted by Mr. William Smith of . N.E., North Canton, Oh 44720 he presented me with the flyer which is in question, and I saw no false statements on it. I did not have direct knowledge of the group, or persons involved with it, however, I felt as if I could use their support in the upcoming election.

I have been directly involved in law enforcement for over 35 years, and have had to deal with many individuals who blamed their failures on others. The only reason Mr. Sarbach lost his position in the 2001 General Election was due to his own personal behavior and lack of concern for the citizens of the ward that he was to represent. Mr. Sarbach has exhibited a personal grudge against me for over two years, due to the fact that I had to bring to his attention, his violation of one of the State Of Ohio O.R.C. Traffic Codes. Sarbach resisted correcting the violation at first, but then complied after being issued a 72 hour written warning by a police officer.

Please consider all of the facts in this case, and if necessary, admonish Mr. Sarbach for filing of a frivolous complaint against me and others.

Respectfully submitted,

Sworn to before man this 21st day of String 2003