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The Honorable Lorrin Freeman
Wake County District Attorney
300 South Salisbury Street
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Dear Ms. Freeman,

I am writing to ask that your office open an investigation into possible violations of Articles 18 (Embezzlement), 29 (Bribery), and 31 (Misconduct in Public Office) of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes by Speaker Tim Moore.

As I am sure you are aware, on or about June 18, 2023, Scott Lassiter filed a verified complaint in the matter captioned *Scott Riley Lassiter v. Timothy Keith Moore and John Doe*, 23CV015550-910, here in Wake County. As part of Mr. Lassiter's verified complaint, he states that "Mrs. Lassiter tearfully confessed that she had been involved in an extramarital affair with Defendant Tim Moore for more than three years, that she had engaged in sexual activity with Defendant Tim Moore (including group sex with other individuals seeking Defendant Tim Moore's political favor), and that she feared ending the relationship with Defendant Tim Moore would result in losing her job." While the undersigned has no interest in Speaker Moore's sexual habits or proclivities, I am deeply concerned about the sworn testimony that (i) sex was being exchanged for political favor and (ii) that Mrs. Lassiter had a basis to fear that her job was somehow in jeopardy if she ended the relationship with Speaker Moore.

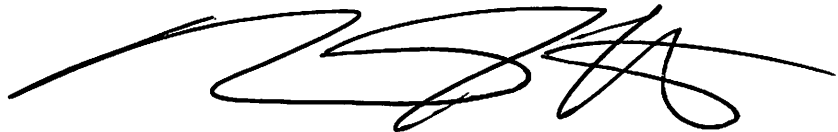
These sworn allegations are not without basis. During the three-year period of Speaker Moore's admitted affair with Mrs. Lassiter, her annual salary as executive director at the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court ("NCCCSC") increased by more than 50%, purportedly going from \$80,773 to \$122,707. Indeed, just two years earlier the annual salary of this same position was less than \$64,000. During this same period, the average North Carolina state employee received a salary increase of just about 15%. And while it is alleged that a committee within the NCCCSC determines the executive director's salary, the position is funded



by the General Assembly. To believe that the Speaker of the House, who just so happens to be having an affair with the executive director, would have no influence in this matter is simply unrealistic and disingenuous on its face.

My concern here is the use of public tax money for personal gain. We are, as public officials, entrusted as fiduciaries of the people's money. And when that money is misused for personal financial gain, or simply for personal sexual gratification, it is our obligation to seek the truth and hold each other accountable. Accordingly, I respectfully ask that your office, on behalf of the taxpayers of House District 35, Wake County, and the State of North Carolina, investigate this matter so that we may all have trust in how our state is managed and resources are utilized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Everitt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Representative Terence Everitt
NC House District 35