



## North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Ethics Committee

April 6, 2017

**To:** The Members of the General Assembly

**From:** Senator Michael Lee, Cochair of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee  
Representative John Faircloth, Cochair of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee

**Re:** Example of a "New Voter Letter"

**Question:** Is there an example of approved content for a letter to a newly registered voter under AO-LEC-07-001 and AO-LEC-12-001?

**Answer:** Attached please find an example of approved content for a letter to a newly registered voter under AO-LEC-07-001 and AO-LEC-12-001.

**Discussion:** The Legislative Ethics Committee (Committee) has found that registering to vote is a significant event in a person's life, but that sending letters to newly-registered voters could have a political component.

For those reasons, the Committee established parameters regarding when a legislator may send such "new voter letters," to whom such letters may be sent, and the content of such letters. With respect to the content, the Committee stated that the letter may only do the following:

- (1) Thank the individual for registering to vote.
- (2) Inform the individual who the individual's representative is and the legislator's contact information.
- (3) Encourage the individual to contact the legislator if the legislator can be of assistance.

With the attached example of approved content, the Committee has determined that a legislator may introduce himself or herself, and provide information regarding other General Assembly and U.S. Congressional members representing that voter, if the legislator so chooses.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Registering to vote is a significant event in life, and I wanted to personally thank you for doing so. The records indicate that I am your Representative in the North Carolina State House of Representatives.

I represent District \_\_\_\_, which encompasses \_\_\_\_\_. I have been a member of the North Carolina State House since \_\_\_\_/for \_\_\_\_ terms. I serve on the -----, -----, ----- committees.

As your elected Representative, I am available to listen to your concerns and discuss issues of interest to you. If I can be of assistance at any time, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_.

Additionally, the following are your representatives in the United States Congress and in the North Carolina Senate:

- Richard Burr, United States Senator
- Thom Tillis, United States Senator
- \_\_\_\_\_, United States House of Representatives, District \_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_, North Carolina Senate, District \_\_\_\_."

Again, thank you for registering to vote, and please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Representative \_\_\_\_\_