



North Carolina General Assembly

House of Representatives
State Legislative Building
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The Honorable Josh Stein
Attorney General of North Carolina
114 W Edenton St, Raleigh, NC 27603

Kim Strach
Executive Director
North Carolina State Board of Elections
430 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Mr. Attorney General and Director Strach,

As the newly appointed Chairs of the House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law, we are writing to inquire into the status of the State Board's compliance with the August 31, 2018 federal grand jury subpoena from the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

We are disturbed that the State Board declined to comply with grand jury subpoenas which seek to discover potential election fraud in North Carolina. This apparent refusal comes even though federal officials extended the deadline for your compliance so as not to impact then-impending elections and clarified that the scope of document production did not include private voter information. Recent news reports quote one board official as saying that "neither [the State Board] nor any of the county elections boards have provided any documents in response to subpoenas from the office of U.S. Attorney Robert Higdon."

Refusing to cooperate with a federal investigation is unacceptable. With election security dominating the headlines in North Carolina it is critical that federal and state elections officials work with law enforcement to ensure that all North Carolina elections are conducted in a secure fashion.

Please reply within ten days as to whether you intend to comply with the grand jury subpoena. If you do not intend to comply, please provide a valid explanation as to why you believe this is the proper course of action. As chairs of the Elections and Ethics Law committee we would like to have an expedient and lawful resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,

Representative Holly Grange
Representative Destin Hall
Co-Chairs, House Elections and Ethics Law Committee

CC: Governor Roy Cooper

