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RE: ENDORSEMENTS INFORMATION GEORGIA EQUALITY

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN ATTORNEYS (GABWA)

Hello Georgia Voters:

It is my understanding Georgia Equality is an organization which advocates on behalf of gays, lesbians, etc. It is my understanding that it endorsed my opponent, Justice Verda Colvin.

I have been a strong supporter of gays and lesbians over the years. One of my first local internship was with a member of said population in Macon, Georgia. Likewise, I have represented gays and lesbians. I have even declined to take cases adverse to their interest at times.

A few years ago, the ACLU reached out and asked attorneys to volunteer to help with a seminar bringing awareness to said population. I may have been one if not the only local attorney in Macon, Georgia to volunteer for that seminar. Where was Justice Verda Colvin then? I volunteered to assist with the ACLU presentation at Walter F. George School of Law. It was an educational and awareness presentation by the ACLU.

Georgia Equality did not receive a questionnaire from me. It sent a questionnaire to me to complete. I did not complete it. In this instance, the deadline came before I could complete it. I reached out to the organization however afterwards.

Thus, Georgia Equality did not receive any information this election term from me regarding its questionnaire. However, many people and scholars frown upon judicial candidates and justices sharing information about any matter which may potentially appear before the court. For example, remember, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson did not respond to the question pertaining to what is a woman.

I write this letter so that voters will know that I have been supportive to the gay and lesbian community.

As a person who has experienced immense oppression herself, I am very cognizant of other groups which may experience oppression too.

In 2009, the State Bar of Georgia awarded me the Commitment to Equality Award. I am committed to equal justice and meaningful access to the court by all.

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I have been in the trenches of law a long time, I understand advocacy groups such as Georgia Equality. I also understand politics too.

I ask the citizens of Georgia to think critically when considering endorsement. I am up against an incumbent with a lot of friends with various ties in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

On another note, I have declined to seek endorsement from GABWA (Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys). My opponent and I are both members of the organization. I have a long history with the organization serving in leadership roles as well as completing its Judicial & Political Academy in 2012. My opponent was recently appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court. She currently holds that high position. After much consideration, I have declined to seek GABWA endorsement. However, I have women in the organization very supportive of me.

Sincerely,

/s/

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