

State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

State House - Room 112
Concord, NH 03301-4951

April 26, 2016

Honorable August Bart Fromuth
71 Cambridge Road
Bedford, NH 03110

Re: Complaint #2016-3 – Informal Resolution – Admonishment

Representative Fromuth:

At its meeting held on April 25, 2016, the Legislative Ethics Committee completed its Preliminary Investigation of the above-referenced matter, conducted in accordance with RSA 14-B:4, VI and Procedural Rule 6.

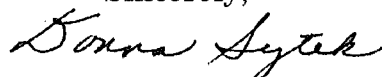
Our Preliminary Investigation confirmed the allegations made in the Complaint about your failure to submit a Financial Disclosure Form in a timely manner. The Committee determined that you were sent a form by the Committee on December 18, 2015, enclosed with a cover letter reminding you of your responsibility to complete and file the form with the Committee no later than January 15, 2016. During the months of December 2015 and January 2016, there were no fewer than four notices published in the House Calendar reminding House members of their responsibility to file a Financial Disclosure Form. The Committee has confirmed with House staff that on January 20, 2016 you were given the opportunity before or during the House session to complete a form and you failed to do so. In addition, the Committee, by letter dated January 26, 2016, informed you that its review of the 2016 filings of the Financial Disclosure forms indicated that you had not filed a form and you would be allowed seven days from receipt of the letter to submit a form. As we stated in our letter to you dated March 25, 2016, the Committee acknowledges that the January 26, 2016 letter was mailed to your previous address and may have been delayed. Nevertheless, the Committee believes that the two letters from the Committee, the Calendar notices, and the opportunities to complete a form during House sessions, provided you with ample opportunity to submit a form in a timely manner.

Following deliberation, the Committee voted to informally resolve this matter by means of a written admonishment, in accordance with RSA 14-B:4, VII and Procedural Rule 6, VI, as you consented to by your email message dated April 4, 2016.

Accordingly, the Committee admonishes you for your failure to file a Financial Disclosure Form in a timely manner, as required by RSA 14-B:8. Going forward, the Committee expects you to be mindful of your responsibility to comply with the financial disclosure filing requirements as long as you serve in the General Court.

Please contact the Committee's Executive Administrator, Richard Lambert, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Sytek".

Donna Sytek
Chairman

cc: Members of the Legislative Ethics Committee