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Director of Elections
Pender County Board of Elections
P.O. Box 1232
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Dear Sirs;

This complaint is submitted regarding early voting procedures at the Topsail Senior Center in Hampstead.

My husband and I went to the Senior Center on Oct. 18 2007 at 8:30 am to take advantage of early voting.

The precinct workers on duty at this time seemed to be unfamiliar with the operation of the voting machines and selection of proper precincts.

I live within the proposed incorporation footprint of Hampstead, yet was given a ballot with only one question and that was in regards to the proposed land transfer tax. I questioned the precinct worker about only one question on the ballot and he told me that it was correct, there was only one question. Upon leaving I asked my husband if he had only one question on his ballot and he told me he had two, both the land transfer proposal and the incorporation proposal.

As we both live at the same address and vote in the same precinct (SP-15) I feel that I was given a ballot for a precinct that was outside of the proposed incorporation footprint of Hampstead, and was denied my right to vote on this issue.

From my experience that morning, it is evident that the integrity of the incorporation vote for Hampstead is compromised and flawed.

I was not given the proper ballot for whatever reason and feel that this matter must be looked into and I be allowed to recast my vote.

One can only wonder if this is taking place at other polling places.

Enclosed are sample copies of ballots, the one given me with one question, and the one given my husband with two questions.

Thank you,



Juanita I. Fox
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October 22, 2007

Mrs. Juanita I. Fox
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Hampstead, NC 28443

Dear Mrs. Fox,

In regards to your complaint concerning early voting at the Topsail Senior Center in Hampstead, I regret you experienced any problem with your visit. The early voting precinct located in Hampstead is currently operated by four seasoned precinct officials. They have all worked as chief judges in precincts throughout Pender County for the past several elections. Each is well versed on what is required to assure that the residents of Pender County have a fair and unbiased election.

Prior to voting, the voter signs a "NO-Excuse Absentee Application", which verifies your name, address, precinct, ballot style, and political party choice. This procedure is to insure we have correct information on the voter. Precinct workers have been informed to allow voters to choose between the voting machine or a paper provisional vote if the voter feels the computer has not input their correct ballot style.

Your vote is important to the community and this issue can be corrected. In special situations such as yours, the Board of Elections has the ability to cancel an "Absentee Ballot" up until Election Day, November 6th, 2007. If you feel you received the wrong ballot when you voted, you should return to the Topsail Senior Center and request a provisional ballot. A precinct worker will help you resolve this issue. If you have any other questions feel free to call me at 910-259-1220.

Sincerely,

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Dennis E. Boyles
Director