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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2007 7:10 PM

**To:** pender.boe@ncmail.net

**Subject:** Attempt to vote on the Hampstead incorp bill . we were not allowed to Vote ?

My name is  
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Back on 6th Nov 2007 i waited untill later to vote my wife had voted early that day . After rushing home and making my way to the polls i walked in signed the paper and off i was to vote , Oh man i didnt understand the options. Only one thing to vote on i thought this cant be right . If you look at the map i live right in the middle of the area ( Belverere ) . So i ask and was told yes it was the right one to use . So i voted and later that night i ask my wife who tells me the same story . Then fiday night we are having dinner and drinks with friends and i tell this story and a very good friend who voted no tells me that he had two options ? one for the tax bill and one for the incorpration bill ? so after hearing this i ask everyone that was at the Belverere club that night and found out that only 4 peepole who voted No on both were given the option to vote on both bills ? Please tell me who i can contact to ask why i was not allowed to vote and how many hundreds of others were not allowed to vote either.

Thanks  
Thomas Hartsfield

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November 14, 2007

Thomas Hartsfield  
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Dear Mr. Hartsfield:

In regards to your complaint concerning voting at the Upper Topsail voting precinct on Election Day, I regret you and your wife experienced any problem with your visit.

Prior to voting, the voter signs an "Authorization to Vote form", which verifies your name, address, precinct, ballot style, and political party choice. This procedure is to insure we have correct information on the voter.

Since we anticipated the potential problems caused by the possibility that our office missed a few streets or roads during the mapping of the proposed Town of Hampstead, a backup plan was implemented prior to Election Day. This plan included installing signs on all voting terminals used within the five voting precincts that would include voters who were voting on the incorporation of Hampstead. These signs stated the following: "*If you feel that you have received the wrong ballot – Please see a Judge BEFORE pressing the confirm button*". All precinct workers had been informed to allow voters to choose between the voting machine and a paper provisional ballot if the voter felt the computer had not input their correct ballot style. All precinct workers were also informed that voters could not vote both ways.

We understand the "Incorporation of Hampstead" vote was important to your community, unfortunately, once you confirmed your vote on the terminal by pushing "confirm", your ballot was cast and could not be canceled.

If you have any other questions feel free to call me at 910-259-1220.

Sincerely,  
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Dennis E. Boyles  
Director