

April 6, 2023

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*Via U.S. mail and email*

Mr. Joel Heitkamp  


Joel.heitkamp@mwcradio.com

RE: Complaint Dated September 30, 2022 (Complaint No. 22-008)

Dear Mr. Heitkamp:

As the Executive Director of the North Dakota Ethics Commission, I am in the process of initially reviewing the complaint you filed against Representative Jason Dockter. At this stage, North Dakota law requires that the Commission provide you and the accused individual an opportunity to informally resolve the complaint you filed. N.D.C.C. § 54-66-07.

This informal resolution process may involve the Executive Director or outside counsel serving as a neutral to negotiate or mediate the complaint to final resolution without further investigation. The Commission decides who serves as informal negotiator or mediator. N.D.A.C. § 115-02-01-05(1) and (2). If this informal process is unsuccessful, your complaint will then be investigated according to Administrative Rule 115-02-01-06.

The informal resolution process may take place in person or through other electronic means, including video conference or telephone. The process may take a few hours and the Commission will do its best to accommodate any logistical issues you may have. Additionally, you may have an attorney present with you during the informational resolution process, but are not required to have an attorney present with you.

The law requires both complainant and the accused individual the same opportunity to informally resolve the complaint. Therefore, the accused individual will receive the same notice as contained in this letter.

The Ethics Commission respectfully requests that you respond to this letter by completing the enclosed form and returning it in the self-addressed stamped envelope by April 21, 2023. If you have questions or concerns regarding the informal resolution, please reach out to our office.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Binstock  
Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission