Watkins M. Abbitt, Jr.

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Dear Fellow Citizen of the 59th District:

During the past few weeks, my campaign has received a tremendously positive response from Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike throughout our community.

My G.O.P. opponent realizes this and has now launched a last minute, desperation effort to distort and cast doubt on my positions on certain issues.

Let's set the record straight -- simply and to the point:

- 1) Death Penalty I support it.
- 2) Collective Bargaining for Public Employees I oppose it.
- 3) Balanced Budgets with NO Tax Increases I support it.
- 4) <u>Gun Control</u> I oppose it.
- 5) Virginia's Right to Work Laws I support it.
- 6) Abortion I oppose it except when the mother's life is in danger.
- 7) <u>Prayer in School</u> I support it.
- 8) Tougher Sentences and Tighter Parole for Criminals I support it.

As a native and lifelong citizen of Southside, I regret that my opponent — who moved back into our community only 2 years ago from Washington, D. C. and lives off, to a large extent, a \$337,000 federal grant — feels it is necessary to resort to a negative campaign based on deceit, deception, and falsehoods in order to be elected to the House of Delegates —— an office he has unsuccessfully run for in the state of Georgia.

I am committed to Southside Virginia -- its people, values, and way of life -- and want to continue to help make our community an even better place to live, work and raise our children.

I respectfully ask for your support and vote this Tuesday, November 5th, and would be most grateful for it.

Sincerely.

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