

August 3, 2010

Ms. Martha Dean  
Candidate for Attorney General  
15 Ensign Drive  
Avon, CT 06001

Dear Martha:

It has come to my attention that you issued a press release announcing that you intend to commence “legal action” against me and my campaign for attorney general. This comes as a surprise. You have emphasized your commitment to our state and federal constitutions, both of which embody the principles of free speech - principles that are perhaps most importantly applied in the context of popular elections, where candidates highlight and discuss their views and the views of their opponents. You and I also seemed to agree that our current attorney general is too litigious, holds too many press conferences, and often neglects to explore alternatives to costly and time-consuming lawsuits.

If you believe I have mischaracterized your position on an issue, I urge you to tell me how. I also offer to have a public debate with you on the issues in the Attorney General’s race. I think such a debate would be more fruitful than burdening the resources of our already taxed court system. Such healthy and vigorous discussions of the issues are what elections are about.

I hope you will consider this offer, which I think will better serve the voters of Connecticut than filing a lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Ross H. Garber