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Barbara J. Raper
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RE: HAVA Complaint

Dear Ms. Raper,

Our office received your Title III HAVA Complaint on September 4, 2014. According to Section 402 of Title IV of the Help America Vote Act (hereinafter HAVA), each state must establish a state-based administrative complaint procedure. Pursuant to that section, the Coordinator of Elections or designee must determine if a violation of Title III has occurred. A violation of Title III includes the following categories:

- voting systems standards
- provisional voting
- voter information requirements
- computerized statewide voter registration list
- accessibility for individuals with disabilities

Your complaint does not allege a violation of any of the above categories. Instead, your complaint alleges a violation of Tennessee Code Annotated § 2-19-126 in that a voter was paid to vote for a certain candidate during the August 2014 election in Monroe County. I have spoken to Calvin Rockholt, Criminal Investigator with the District Attorney's office in the 10th Judicial District, and from that conversation it is my understanding that the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TBI) has a pending investigation into these allegations. With any criminal allegation, this office notifies the appropriate law enforcement agency which has already been done in this case.

Therefore, your complaint, although legitimate, is not a Title III violation. According to the complaint procedure, if no violation of Title III is found the complaint must be dismissed. This

complaint will therefore be dismissed; however, this office will monitor the TBI investigation and remain in contact with Criminal Investigator Rockholt.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cara Harr".

Cara Harr

HAVA Attorney

Cc: James Brown, Monroe County Election Commission