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The Honorable Lorrin Freeman
Wake County District Attorney
300 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Ms. Freeman,

I write to request an inquiry into recent public reports concerning Senate President Pro Tempore Philip E. Berger and the potential exchange of an "official act" (ordering or advancing a new congressional redistricting plan) for a thing of value (a presidential primary endorsement).

According to press coverage and public social-media posts, it has been publicly alleged that Sen. Berger sought or would accept an endorsement from former President Donald Trump and that, in connection with that endorsement, he would cause the North Carolina Senate to redraw congressional districts to further advantage one party. Senator Berger has publicly denied any agreement or conversation with President Trump, but he also posted that, "If we have to draw one more map this year, we will."

I respectfully request that your office open a preliminary review to determine whether any conduct described or implied by these reports, if true, would violate North Carolina criminal statutes or election laws (such as bribery, public corruption, and misconduct in public office).

To be clear, I am not asserting these allegations as proven facts. However, if an endorsement was requested, offered, or conditioned in exchange for a commitment to redraw maps, that would appear to be quid-pro-quo dealing in official acts - conduct our criminal laws are designed to prohibit. Given that congressional redistricting is a core governmental function with statewide impact, even the appearance of barter for partisan or personal gain substantially undermines public trust and warrants prompt review.



Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service.

Sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'T. Everitt', written in a cursive style.

Senator Terence Everitt
NC Senate District 18