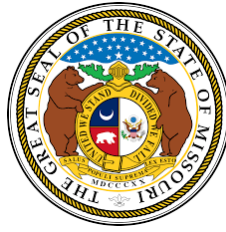


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State Representative
District 06

February 14, 2022

Josh Renaud, Post-Dispatch Reporter

Dear Mr. Renaud,

I just wanted to reach out to you and tell you how happy I was that the Cole County court decided not to move forward with a case against you. I read your response and I thought you handled the dispute with class and represented your profession well.

We need journalists to do their job and to do their job without feeling intimidation. I am afraid that you were targeted after your discovery of the data flaw. It seems to me that you followed a responsible path and did everything well. My daughter is also a journalist and I would hate to have her targeted as you were.

Please accept my apology for the behavior of our state and to how you were treated. I know it is not my position to extend an apology but as a member of the General Assembly I think I should as a Representative of the State of Missouri

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "L".

Ed Lewis
State Representative District 06