

July 9, 2008

Mr. Rick Thompson
State Ethics Commission
200 Piedmont Avenue
Suite 1416 - West Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Mike Crotts

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am writing to formally request an investigation into Mike Crotts' failure to file his Personal Financial Disclosure Report. State law requires the report be filed no later than 15 calendar days after qualifying as a candidate. This necessary and legally required public disclosure of financial and business interests helps ensure Georgia's public officials are free from conflicts of interest and the public trust is protected.

After reviewing the matter, it is my belief that Mike Crotts has violated at least one statute of Georgia's Ethics in Government Act:

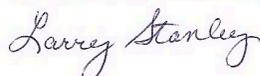
1. **21-5-50 9 (a) (5): Filing by public officers; filing by candidates for public office; filing by elected officials and members of the General Assembly; electronic filing; transfer of filings from the Secretary of State to the commission.**

(5) A public officer shall not, however, be required to file such a financial disclosure statement for the preceding calendar year in a year in which there occurs qualifying for election to succeed such public officer, if such public officer does not qualify for nomination for election to succeed himself or herself or for election to any other public office subject to this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, a public officer shall not be deemed to hold office in a year in which the public officer holds office for less than 15 days.

Since its been nearly 2 months since the deadline has passed and the election merely days away, I am requesting that your office look into this matter so that candidates that run for public office are held accountable. The voters of the 17th Senate District deserve better from Mike Crotts. They deserve the opportunity, of which they are legally entitled, to review Mike Crotts' Personal Financial Disclosure. The people of the five counties in the 17th Senate District deserve public officials who are accountable to the laws they are elected to uphold and respect them enough to abide by them.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,



Larry Stanley