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May 22, 2013

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
Speaker of the House  
2304 Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

RE: Letter I was debating delivering but will at the request of the Speaker per 1:00 p.m. meeting where he requested the meeting.

Dear Speaker Tillis:

It is an honor and pleasure to serve with so many Republicans and work for Republican goals and ideals. I sincerely believe the traditional values that made America strong will keep America strong. I have spent an entire political career, almost 34 years, supporting the free enterprise system, the values of integrity and responsibility (both financially and socially), and have worked hard at being a team player. However, there are some things that come to my mind; some issues that have come before me that cause me great concern.

Those issues are:

1. A Republican-led General Assembly passing a bill giving a monopoly to the family of a Republican legislator. I am sure you know what I am referring to since all conversations I have had with anyone seem to lead back to you.
2. You slamming my office door shut, standing in front of me and stating that you have a business relationship with Time Warner and wanting to know what the bill was about. You and I both know the bill stifles the competition with MI Connections in Mooresville. MI Connections is being operated just as any other free enterprise system and should be allowed to do so without the restrictions placed on them by the proponents of Time Warner.
3. It appears I was wrong when you spoke to the trucking association. You said you would not

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have toll roads in North Carolina. Now, all indications in this chamber are that you are the champion for toll roads. I am sorry, but I disagree with that 100 percent. Toll roads are just another way of taxing. I fought them during Democratic administrations because I felt like the Democrats were just trying to use another financing scheme to build something they could take credit for while passing the debt on to future generations.

4. My little bill to de-annex 23 acres in Troutman when the town council had told the man he could de-annex but for some reason, the legislator that represented the district for two years did absolutely nothing. I had called and confirmed with the mayor that the man was told he could de-annex. After being told that, the man improved the property and greatly increased its value. I tried to put in the de-annexation bill and you know what has happened to it. You have controlled it completely, or your staff has, under the pretense we do not want to create conflicts with towns

Yet, we run all over Buncombe County and Asheville as if it is some kind of hero in the legislature taking care of things. I have supported the issues in Buncombe County because I believe local legislators should be held accountable for local issues. It is their responsibility, not the staff to the Speaker.

It is with a heavy heart and for these reasons, I am returning the gavel you gave me to be a chair on the Finance Committee.

I look forward to working with you and the Republican team for Republican goals and objectives, but I reserve the right to continue to represent my district and to fight for what I believe is American. I am sorry if you and I get caught up in a fight.

Sincerely,



C. Robert Brawley

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We have 77 people in our caucus  
It's pretty clear we're going to have  
diff of opinion occasionally  
mutual decision

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