

To Whom it May Concerned:

The NAACP was found in 1909, as an anti-lynching movement, by our founding mothers and fathers who insisted upon a fair fact-finding process and/or a day in court. An unfair process puts the best interests of the accused, accuser, and organization at risk.

There is an appropriate forum for allegations to be resolved. However, it makes us no better than the lynch mobs the NAACP was formed to fight when such disputes are used as political weapons and unfairly aired or decided in the media or within the court of public opinion. To that end, I will not participate in any attack of the accuser or any NAACP family member in the media.

I can only assure you, I have never sexually harassed anyone. Furthermore, the fact I have been in the workforce for over 30 years; was the longest serving staff member to work under the previous NC NAACP administration, until resigning to run for NC NAACP President on June 15, 2017. I later found I was ineligible to run in 2017 due to the compliance status of the local branch.

I have a long history of working professionally in the workplace, and toward the uncompromising pursuit of justice throughout the community.

Lastly, I have been one of the NC NAACP's most consistent male advocates for women within the workplace, within the NAACP, and throughout our society.

I will humbly stay the course. My campaign for NC NAACP President is generating new NAACP excitement among youth and adults throughout the state as we will bring a fresh new focus toward the issues that matter. We will stay upon the high road, and remain above in-fighting. Our campaign will strengthen the NAACP platform, not tear it down. We will fight the villains of racism and injustice, not the victims of assault, patriarchy, oppression, and abuse.

In the spirit of justice,
Rev. Curtis E. Gatewood