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March 4, 2013

Representative J. Brendan Sharkey
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Legislative Office Building, Room 410
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Speaker Sharkey:

I have given due consideration to your request that I meet with certain members of the House of Representatives concerning the comment that I made at the hearing of the Appropriations Committee on February 20, 2013 to a young woman who appeared before the Committee representing the Connecticut Science Center.

As I have repeatedly publicly stated, my comment at that hearing was not intended to be in any way inappropriate or suggestive. It has become apparent that I used a poor choice of words that have been misinterpreted by many others, causing me, my wife and my three children overwhelming public humiliation.

I have apologized to the young woman to whom I made this comment in the event that she misconstrued the comment as others have, and she has graciously accepted my apology last week. As a result, I consider this matter closed and I will not be appearing before the Democratic Caucus tomorrow as you have requested.

I wish to thank the many members of the State Legislature who have shown their support and encouragement over the last few days. It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve the people of New London and the State of Connecticut for more than 8 years. I will continue to faithfully carry out my duties as a member of the House of Representatives to the best of my ability and I will have no further comment regarding this matter.



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Henceforth, I intend to direct my attention to the important matters facing the State of Connecticut conscientiously serving the people of the State of Connecticut.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest Hewett".

Ernest Hewett
State Representative 39th District of Connecticut