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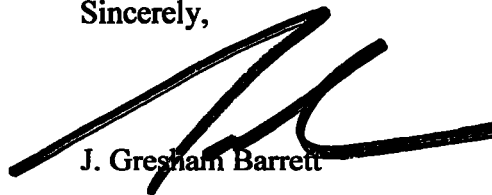
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Chairman Petersen:

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") that I am not actively seeking election to federal office while I pursue my candidacy for Governor of South Carolina. I am, therefore, withdrawing my 2010 Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) for South Carolina's 3rd congressional district, which was filed in January 2010 to comply with federal campaign finance laws.

My congressional campaign committee, Barrett for Congress, plans to return any future contributions received for a congressional candidacy and to return, redesignate, and/or redistribute contributions already received by the committee for the 2010 general election in accordance with applicable FEC regulations. Please note, however, that I am maintaining the committee to assist me with officially-related activities that are connected to my duties as an officeholder and for other lawful purposes.

Sincerely,



J. Gresham Barrett

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