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16 April 2025

The Honourable Pat Weir MP
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Dear Speaker

I write in relation to statements made by the Premier and Minister for Veterans (Member for Broadwater) and the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations (Member for Kawana) during the December 2024 and February 2025 sittings of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament.

The matters relate to the same subject matter, which is the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority. On Tuesday, 10 December 2024 located on page 235 of the Record of Proceedings the Member for Kawana stated:

Mr BLEIJIE: This is a panel that will do a job and the former Labor government could not even decide on a panel. They had no panel. They had no board.

Ms Grace: Ridiculous!

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection from the former minister. Former minister Grace came in here and set up GVLDA—the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority—and forgot to appoint a board to the authority. Genius!

On Thursday, 12 December 2024 located on page 451 of the Record of Proceedings the Member for Broadwater in a response to my question during Question Time stated:

The honourable member is aware that an independent infrastructure and coordination authority has been appointed. The reason the honourable member is aware of that is that she could not do it. She had 1,200 days and could not find seven Queenslanders who she reckoned could do the job. That was 1,200 days.

And finally, on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 located on page 14 of the Record of Proceedings the Member for Kawana during a Ministerial Statement stated:

Labor could not even appoint an independent board of experts to advise on games delivery. After caving to political pressure and the reality that they needed one, they set it up but forgot to appoint the board.

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I respectfully submit that these statements are factually incorrect and deliberately misleading, and I will address these collectively below.

There are three elements to be proven to establish that a Member of Parliament has committed the contempt of deliberately misleading the House:

1. The statement must have been misleading.
2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect.
3. In making the statement, the member intended to mislead the House.

THE STATEMENT MUST HAVE BEEN MISLEADING

The elements of the statements which are misleading is the overt and covert reference to the former government's actions to recruit and appoint the board and the panel. In particular:

- Member for Kawana: "*... the former Labor government could not even decide on a panel. They had no panel. They had no board*".
- Member for Kawana: "*... and forgot to appoint a board to the authority.*"
- Member for Broadwater: "*.... is aware of that is that she could not do it. She had 1,200 days and could not find seven Queenslanders who she reckoned could do the job.*"
- Member for Kawana: "*Labor could not even appoint an independent board of experts to advice on games delivery.*" "*... they set it up but forgot to appoint the board*".

The assertion and statements that the former government and me as the former responsible Minister, that we forgot to appoint the board, is misleading. In addition, the statement that "they had no panel" is also misleading as the panel membership was provided for in the Bill. The panel, in accordance with the legislation, was working towards appointing the board, however, due to caretaker and the election fast approaching, the President of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee, Dr Andrew Liveris AO, requested that the appointments to the independent agency be delayed until after the October 2024 state general election.

This request was supported by the Liberal National party Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Cr Adrian Schrinner, when both Mayor Schrinner and Dr Liveris wrote to me as the former responsible Minister requesting the delay.

This was widely reported in the media, including the respected The Australian publication on 19 September 2024, where an article entitled "*2032 Brisbane Olympics: 'Keep stadium authority jobs on hold until election'*", was published. In this article it clearly states that the "*Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee Chair Andrew Liveris and Lord Mayor Schrinner have written to me requesting that no appointments are made to the GVLDA Board before the state election,*" Ms Grace said". The article goes on to state that "*the government has agreed to this request and we will progress this soon after the election*".

It is also understood that at the time Dr Liveris, President of the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee was providing briefings and conversations on matters to the then Liberal National Party Opposition. It is understood that this request to delay the appointments by the legislated panel was also conveyed by the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee to the then Liberal National Party Opposition.

Under the legislation, which the Member for Broadwater and Member for Kawana were privy to, the process for appointments was outlined, which included a selection panel to make recommendations to

the relevant Minister. I can advise that prior to the caretaker period, this process had not been finalised. Therefore, the assertion that “they had no panel” is both factually incorrect and misleading.

In addition, it is submitted that the two references by the Member for Broadwater that “*She had 1,200 days and could not find seven Queenslanders who she reckoned could do the job. That was 1,200 days*”, in respect of 1,200 days is factually incorrect and deliberately misleading.

The Member for Broadwater was trying to make out that no appointments occurred for 1,200 days, despite the fact that the legislation which established the authority, the *Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Amendment Bill 2024*, did not pass the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament until 23 May 2024 and was not assented to until 6 June 2024.

As such, it is clear, that there was only 116 days, or 3 months, 24 days between the day of assent and the Queensland Government going into caretaker on 1 October 2024. There was never 1,200 days to appoint individuals to the board, as the legislation was only passed in late May 2024.

THE MEMBER MAKING THE STATEMENT MUST HAVE KNOWN, AT THE TIME THE STATEMENT WAS MADE, THAT IT WAS INCORRECT

As outlined above, the factual nature of the appointments to the authority and the delay in appointments was at the request of Dr Liveris and the Liberal National Party Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

The decision was publicly-reported, and it is understood that conversations or briefings occurred between the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and the then Liberal National Party Opposition.

Prior to the October 2024 state general election, the Member for Broadwater was the Leader of the Opposition and would have been briefed by his then staff, the Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee and been aware of media reports in *The Australian*, reported by esteemed reporter Lydia Lynch (copy attached). In addition, the Member for Kawana prior to the October 2024 state general election was the Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, in addition to the Shadow Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Infrastructure and Jobs.

As a Shadow Minister you are responsible for keeping abreast of matters in the portfolio area. It is also a matter of public record that the Member for Kawana spoke about Olympics matters in and outside of the Legislative Assembly. As such, it is highly conceivable that the Member for Kawana was across the matter of the appointments to the organisation, in particular from media reports and his briefings.

In addition, one of the requests to pause the appointment processes came from the Liberal National Party Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Cr Schinner. It is therefore logical to deduce that the Liberal National Party Lord Mayor would have been in discussions, formally or informally, with the then Liberal National Party Opposition regarding a variety of matters, including the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As such, it is submitted that both the Member for Broadwater and the Member for Kawana would have known the factual nature of the appointments to this organisation, at the time it occurred, and also at the time they made their statements in the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament.

In addition, the Member for Broadwater would have known that the legislation that established the authority did not pass the Queensland Parliament until late May 2024, as he was sitting in the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament when it was being debated, in particular during consideration-in-detail where the Member for Kawana tried to move amendments regarding the membership make-up of the panel, but did not succeed.

IN MAKING THE STATEMENT, THE MEMBER INTENDED TO MISLEAD THE HOUSE

It is clear that the Member for Broadwater and the Member for Kawana have been playing politics with the Brisbane 2032 Olympics for some time. They knew the process and status of the Board appointments and that they had been paused until after the state general election in 2024.

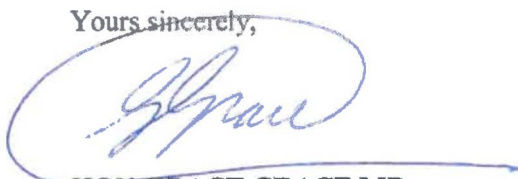
It is also clear that despite my interjection about the matters, they continued to state the same lines and as such, took a deliberate approach to misleading the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament. It is also clear that both the Member for Broadwater and the Member for Kawana knew the process by which appointments to the authority would occur, as they were present during the debate of the legislation and even tried to move amendments to the legislation.

I therefore submit that the Member for Broadwater and the Member for Kawana have deliberately misled the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament and respectfully request that this matter be referred to the Ethics Committee of the Queensland Parliament for its consideration of this matter.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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HON GRACE GRACE MP

Member for McConnel

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Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations

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2032 Brisbane Olympics: 'Keep stadium authority jobs on hold until election'

By [LYDIA LYNCH](#)



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8:30pm September 19, 2024

Brisbane Olympics boss Andrew Liveris has demanded Steven Miles's Labor government delay appointments to the independent agency tasked with managing the multibillion-dollar Games infrastructure program until after the October election.

Legislation to establish the Games Venue and Legacy Delivery Authority, charged with [delivering key infrastructure](#) for the 2032 Games, was passed in May but there have been no independent directors appointed to its board after four months.

In response to questions from The Australian on Thursday about why the appointment of seven directors had been delayed, State Development Minister Grace Grace revealed Mr Liveris and Brisbane's Liberal National Party Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner had written her a joint letter earlier this month.

"Brisbane 2032 Organising Committee Chair Andrew Liveris and Lord Mayor Schrinner have written to me requesting that no appointments are made to the GVLDA Board before the state election," Ms Grace said.

"The government has agreed to this request and we will progress this soon after the election.

"GVLDA continues to deliver its functions under interim CEO Emma Thomas."

The state government appointed former Sunshine Coast council chief executive Emma Thomas as the authority's interim boss in July.

Seven independent board directors will be appointed to the authority after the election and chosen by a selection panel made up of the chief executives of the “Games delivery partners,” including state and federal governments, relevant local councils, the Australian Olympic Committee and Paralympics Australia.

An oversight committee was a key part of [Brisbane's pitch to the International Olympic Committee](#) for the Games, but was [scrapped by then-Olympics Infrastructure Minister Steven Miles in March last year](#).

When he brought the co-ordination office in-house, giving the state government total control over the doomed Gabba rebuild, Mr Miles said an [independent agency](#) was “a new bureaucracy that would just soak up resources” and was not useful or necessary.

But in [one of his first acts](#) after replacing Annastacia Palaszczuk as Premier in December, he vowed to reinstate the stand-alone authority first proposed when Brisbane secured the event in 2021.

Late last year, Mr Schrinner accused the state government of having “completely lost its way on the road to the Games” over a miscommunicated decision about a stadium at the RNA showgrounds. He quit the Intergovernmental Leaders' Forum over the spat. He walked back his decision in May after Mr Miles promised to introduce the independent infrastructure delivery authority.

Mr Liveris this week praised Mr Schrinner's Brisbane Metro transport plan and said it would be “seminal” to move athletes and move fans at the Brisbane Games in 2032.

The Brisbane 2032 organising committee is holding a board meeting in Cairns on Friday.

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LNP to scrap Labor's \$1.6bn Olympic venue plan

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Dear Premier

The Office of the Speaker received correspondence on 16 April 2025 from the Member for McConnel. The said matter concerns whether you have deliberately misled the House. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

Deliberately misleading the House is listed as an example of behaviour that the House may treat as a contempt (see *Standing Order 266 (2)*).

Standing Order 269 (5) provides that in considering whether such a matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee, the Speaker may request further information from the person the subject of the allegation. Accordingly, I am writing to you pursuant to that Standing Order.

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I wish to stress that I have not yet formed a view as to whether this particular allegation should be referred to the Ethics Committee. However, as a matter of course, I remind all members who are the subject of such allegations of the long-established convention that should a Member become aware they have inadvertently misled the House, they should, at the earliest opportunity, correct the record and apologise for their inadvertence.

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Should you wish to provide me with further information to assist me in making a determination as to whether the matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee under *Standing Order 269* please provide your response by COB 6 May 2025.

In the meantime, should your office have any queries relating to this matter, they may be directed to my Executive Officer, Coral-Leah Kemp, by email to Speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au or on 07 3553 6700.

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Dear Mr Speaker

Pat.

I refer to your letter of 17 April 2025 concerning correspondence from the Member for Springwood, dated 16 April 2025 relating to a Matter of Privilege.

I note the Member for McConnell's letter refers to statements made by both me and the Deputy Premier. In this letter, I address the comments I made during Question Time on 12 December 2024:

"The honourable member is aware that an independent infrastructure and coordination authority has been appointed. The reason the honourable member is aware of that is that she could not do it. She had 1,200 days and could not find seven Queenslanders who she reckoned could do the job. That was 1,200 days."

There are two key components to the statement I made in the House. First, that the former Labor Government, including the Member for McConnell as the relevant minister, did not appoint members to the board during their term of government. Secondly, I stated that the former government had ample time - 1,200 days - to identify board appointments but did not. I will deal with each matter separately.

It is a matter of fact that the former Labor Government were unable to appoint members to the board prior to the 2024 election. Indeed, this fact is corroborated by the Member for McConnell's own letter. In the member's own words: *"I can advise that prior to the caretaker period, [the process for appointments] had not been finalised"*. Clearly, the statement I made in this House was factual and therefore, I did not mislead the House.

The Member for McConnell's letter also argues that I stated the former government had 1,200 days to appoint board members. In fact, my statement says the member had 1,200 days to **"find"** potential board members. At no point did I say the former government had 1,200 days to formalise any appointments. I have seen no evidence from the Member for McConnell to dispute the fact that board members were not identified during this time period. Again, this disproves the member's argument that I mislead the House.

Further, it is well known that Brisbane was announced as the Host City of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in July 2021. Moreover, the former government's bid to be the Host

City was completed several years earlier, in 2019¹. Regardless of whether or not the appropriate legislative requirements were in place at that time, the former government could have begun work to identify board appointees as soon as Brisbane was announced as the host city of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

I have no doubt that throughout the entirety of the bid and planning process, the former government were aware that specific governance arrangements would be required to facilitate the planning and the delivery of the Games, and that the appointment of independent board members would be required. As a result, it is likely that the former government actually had more than 1,200 days to consider potential board appointments.

While not directly related to the statements I made in the House, I also note that the Member for McConnell insisted the former government **could not** have appointed the board due to timing issues. As noted in the Member's correspondence, *"there was only 116 days, or 3 months, 24 days between the day of assent and the Queensland Government going into caretaker on 1 October 2024"*.

I argue that this is incorrect, and that former Labor government had both the time and the legislative means to appoint the board. Clearly, the 116 days available to the former government was more than sufficient for appointment of the board, given the Crisafulli Government was able to complete this task in only 31 days, between being sworn in and appointing board members. The former Labor government had more than three times this long to appoint members to the board.

I also note that the Member for McConnell suggested that Andrew Liveris requested the appointments be delayed. The article in question was published 19 September 2024. If the Labor government had taken our government's approach to timely board appointments, the task could have been completed well before this date and well before caretaker period.

During the 2024 election, Queenslanders voted for our LNP government to get the Games back on track. The Member for McConnell's letter only further proves that the former government were incapable of delivering the Games. Clearly, Queenslanders made the right decision to elect a government that is committed to getting on with the job of delivering the Games.

Finally, I believe that in writing to you about this matter, the Member for McConnell has contravened former Speaker Pitt's advice, issued at the Economics and Governance Committee Budget Estimates meeting on 16 July 2021²:

"... I do not believe that frivolous complaints should be rewarded nor should any further attention be made to those which I believe probably are borderline."

¹ 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Value Proposition Assessment Executive Summary:
<https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/reports/assets/2032-olympic-paralympic-games-vpa.pdf>

² Economics and Governance Committee Budget Estimates Hansard, page 7:
https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/events/han/2021/2021_07_16_ESTIMATESEGC.PDF

"... In terms of how many have been sent to the Ethics Committee, again I make no apologies for those being very limited. I do not believe that, by and large, there are significant breaches of our standing orders. Most of it is by the way of the politics being played out in the democracy".

I submit that the Member's allegations fall entirely within this category. Former Speaker Pitt also ruled that Standing Orders 269(4) and 269(5) are not to be used for matters that are "technical and trivial". The Member for McConnell's complaint is both technical and trivial in nature and does not warrant further consideration.

I respectfully ask that you dismiss the Member's complaint.

Yours sincerely

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**GVLDA BOARD APPOINTMENTS – REFERRAL TO ETHICS COMMITTEE – RESPONSE
TO LETTER FROM MS GRACE GRACE**

Dear Mr Speaker,

I refer to your letter dated 17 April 2025 with respect to a complaint from the Member for McConnel, pursuant to *Standing Order 269 (5)*.

I strongly refute the allegations made by the Member in her correspondence and will address each point she raises in turn.

However, at the outset I wish to submit to you, Mr Speaker, that my speech centred around the board appointment, or lack thereof, to the former Labor Government's Games Venue Legacy Delivery Authority (GVLDA).

It is a fact, Mr Speaker, that the former Labor Government did pass legislation to set up GVLDA, albeit very late in the term. It is also a fact that the former Labor government did not appoint a board.

My references to "panel" and "board" were one in the same and interchangeable. I was not talking about a panel to appoint a board. Obviously, the delivery of the Games infrastructure was not going to be delivered by a selection panel but by a properly constituted board. Again, no board was established.

1. The statement must have been misleading.

I refer to Hansard from 10 December 2024 which the Member for McConnel quotes me as having said, "*...the former Labor government could not even decide on a panel. They had no panel. They had no board.*"

For the Member for McConnel to suggest that this assertion is misleading defies belief.

Mr Speaker, throughout her letter to you, the Member for McConnel consistently acknowledges that indeed, no board was appointed.

The Member for McConnel confirms on page 2 of her letter to you that while "*the panel membership was provided for in the [Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements*

Amendment] Bill... the panel... was working towards appointing the board," and thus had not actually been able to do so.

The Member goes on to refer to an article whereby she quotes the Brisbane Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner and the 2032 Organising Committee Chair, Dr Andrew Liveris requesting that the then-Labor State Government wait until after the 2024 state election to make appointments.

That this request was made does not change the fact that a board was not appointed by the Labor Government.

In addition, the Member disputes the 1200-day figure which I, and the Premier have cited relating to delays in the former government making decisions on Games infrastructure, and the appointment of an independent board.

Queensland won the hosting rights to the 2032 Games on 21 July 2021.

When the new LNP Cabinet was sworn in on 1 November 2024, exactly 1200 days had passed.

She references that there were only 116 days between the assent of the Bill and the entry of the Queensland Government into caretaker, and thus the use of the 1200-day figure is misleading.

Mr Speaker, the Member for McConnell was the Minister responsible for the delivery of Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure and the former Labor Government failed to deliver a Games plan for all of Queensland.

By contrast, the Crisafulli Government has wasted no time fixing Labor's Games mess, appointing the Games Independent Infrastructure Coordination Authority (GIICA) within 30 days of coming to Government after the October 2024 election.

GIICA then undertook a 100-day Review of Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure, a final report which was delivered to the new Queensland Government on 25 March 2025.

The new Government's 2032 Delivery Plan is available [here](#) for your perusal.

As recently as the last sitting week, I introduced amendments to the House which will change 15 laws to allow for the delivery of Games infrastructure in time for the 2032 deadline.

The issue the former State Labor Government had was a lack of will and clear direction, and that is why they were unable to appoint an independent infrastructure delivery board in the 1200 days where they were the Government, having secured the Games.

You may recall, Mr Speaker, that rather than appointing an independent Games coordination body, the former Palaszczuk Government opted to bring the coordination of the Games into the Department of Premier and Cabinet, against the understanding they had with the Federal Government at the time.¹

¹ <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/olympics-bid-was-about-transport-not-stadiums/news-story/b1f2f43e11f192d37985dc7d6536df59>

Media reports in August of 2023 reveal that “the [Labor] state government had abandoned its bid plans to set up an independent games co-ordination authority – in line with usual practice – and keep the body within the department.”²

As such, it is clear that the Labor Government had plenty of time to appoint a board and decided instead to bring the delivery in-house.

It is clear that because of the confusion, chaos and crisis of the former Labor Government, their position on whether they would even have an independent board changed at last minute.

Despite the fact the former Labor Government ultimately set up an independent body in GVLDA, the fact remains that the former Labor Government and Minister failed to constitute a board.

2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect.

As previously stated, the statements I have made in relation to this matter are far from incorrect or misleading. They are factual.

Labor’s lack of decision making on Games venues was well documented in the media.

Former Premier Palaszczuk announced in April 2021 that the Gabba Stadium would be the main stadium for the Games and would be knocked down and rebuilt³ at a cost of \$1 billion.

This figure soon blew-out to \$2.7 billion, and it was subsequently revealed by the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet that there had been no analysis done to support the initially unveiled \$1 billion price tag floated by then-Premier Palaszczuk.⁴

When Steven Miles took over the Labor leadership, you may recall he scrapped that plan and instead proposed temporary stands be added to the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre (QSAC) at a cost of \$1.6 billion.

It was then revealed by the Crisafulli Government that this figure was in truth closer to a staggering \$2.25 billion.⁵

Thus, Mr Speaker, I will not be lectured to by members of the Labor Party about the delivery of Olympic and Paralympic infrastructure when their record looks like that.

Far from misleading the Parliament, I, and the Premier have addressed the concerns that many Queenslanders had that Queensland would deliver a second-class Games.

Indeed, many Queenslanders expressed to me their lack of confidence in the former Government’s ability to deliver the Games.

The Crisafulli Government now has a plan which all Queenslanders can and should be proud of, and I wish the new Opposition would be glad that the State is now getting on with delivering infrastructure, rather than wasting time which was their record.

² <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/international-olympic-committee-yet-to-approve-annastacia-palaszczuks-inhouse-coordination-body-for-2032-games/news-story/605c04b32fa5fbd7c682424bf2e839ec>

³ [Gabba for the Games - Ministerial Media Statements](#)

⁴ [One BILLION dollars! Gabba figure plucked out of thin air | The Courier Mail](#)

⁵ <https://www.couriermail.com.au/sport/brisbane-olympics-and-paralympics-2032/the-true-cost-of-rebuilding-the-queensland-sport-and-athletics-centre-revealed/news-story/4b61f69cda56ea4c7188447e1edaed67>

3. In making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

I have demonstrated above, Mr Speaker, I did not mislead the House about the former Labor Government's failed record on Olympic and Paralympic Games delivery.

It is understandable that senior members of the former Labor Government would be embarrassed by their own lack of clarity and decision making, hence, resorting to juvenile antics and complaints.

This embarrassment, however, does not allow for the Labor Party to attempt to rewrite history when it comes to their record on the Games.

Queenslanders will not be fooled.

As such, Mr Speaker, the Member for McConnel's complaint is certainly "technical and trivial" in nature and therefore, pursuant to *Standing Order 269 (4)* "does not warrant the further attention of the House."

As I am sure you would accept, there have been a number of letters from Opposition Members to me and a range of my Ministerial colleagues which have consistently been proven as raising trivial matters.

No doubt you would understand that consistently having to respond to these letters which raise trivial matters is not an effective use of taxpayer time or resources.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and dismissal of this matter.

Yours sincerely

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