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September 3, 2020

The Honorable Stephen Shurtleff
Speaker, New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House, Room 311
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Complaint against Representative James Spillane

Dear Speaker Shurtleff:

Over the past two days, the Civil Rights Unit has received multiple complaints regarding a recent Facebook post made by Representative James Spillane. In that post, Rep. Spillane invited individuals who opposed the Black Lives Matter movement to perpetrate acts of trespass and property damage against property owners who have displayed lawn signs that support the Black Lives Matter movement. Members of the public who support the Black Lives Matter movement have expressed fear that they may become targets of violence as a result of Rep. Spillane's post. A copy of the post is enclosed with this letter.

The Civil Rights Unit is investigating Rep. Spillane's post to determine whether his conduct constituted a violation of the New Hampshire Civil Rights Act, RSA chapter 354-B. Because Rep. Spillane is a member of the House of Representatives, in addition to the Civil Rights Unit's investigation, I am referring this post to you for your review and any action you deem appropriate.

Please reach out to me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean R. Locke", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure



James Spillane - Public Service Announc...



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