

Elaine Harder
State Representative District 22B

Assistant Majority Leader
Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin,
Redwood and Watonwan Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

ETHICS: CHAIR

March 16, 2000

COMMITTEES: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE, TAXES AND PROPERTY TAX DIVISION

Representative Arlon Lindner
417 S.O.B.
100 Constitution Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Lindner:

This letter is to confirm your availability and intent to attend the House Ethics Committee hearing, Monday, March 20, 2000, 8 to 10 a.m., room 10 State Office Building. The agenda will be to consider the ethics complaint filed by Representatives Rest, Entenza, Skoglund, and Leighton. The committee may also reconvene immediately following session that day to continue its work if necessary. The agenda and any other materials the Ethics Committee possesses will be provided to you today.

I would appreciate your response to confirm that this arrangement is satisfactory. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Harder".

Representative Elaine Harder
Chair, Ethics Committee

I confirm that I plan to attend the House Ethics Committee hearing Monday, March 20, 2000, in room 10 of the State Office Building, from 8 to 10 a.m. and immediately following the House legislative session, if necessary.

Signed this day, March 16, 2000

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlon Lindner".

Representative Arlon Lindner

Please promptly remit to Representative Elaine Harder, 487 SOB. Thank you.



Matt Entenza
State Representative
Assistant Democratic Caucus Leader
District 64A
Ramsey County



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COMMITTEES: K-12 EDUCATION FINANCE; EDUCATION; COMMERCE & TOURISM; WAYS & MEANS

March 16, 2000

The Honorable Elaine Harder, Chair
Committee on Ethics
487 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Harder:

Pursuant to the request from Representative Lindner in his memo to you, dated March 10, 2000, I am providing evidence related to the complaint filed against Representative Lindner.

1. Evidence with bearing on the matter.
2. The witnesses will include Representative Ann Rest and Representative Wes Skoglund.
3. There is no written testimony from the witnesses at this time.
4. I am not certain as to whether exhibits will be used during the hearing.

Tapes of House floor sessions on February 1, 2000, February 23, 2000, January 11, 1999 and April 26, 1999, have also been gathered as evidence in this matter, as have tapes of floor sessions and Ethics Committee hearings from the 1996 Session. Copies of those tapes can be made available as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Entenza".

Matt Entenza
State Representative

cc: Representative Arlon Lindner



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TO: Parties to the Lindner Ethics Complaint CC: Ethics Committee Members
Rep. Arlon Lindner
Rep. Matt Entenza
Rep. Ann Rest
Rep. Wes Skoglund
Rep. Rob Leighton
Rep. Bob Milbert
Rep. Greg Davids
Rep. Mary Murphy
Rep. Jim Rhodes
Rep. Jean Wagenius

FROM: Representative Elaine Harder *eh*

DATE: March 16, 2000

RE: Information Provided by the Ethics Committee

I have received requests, from both parties to this ethics complaint, for information, only some of which is in the Ethics Committee's possession. While I do not doubt that such information would be useful to those involved, the Ethics Committee has no authority to compel the parties involved, to provide information in advance to the committee or the other party. The Ethics Committee is however, required by "Rules and Procedures for the Ethics Committee," to make public, the existence and substance of a complaint and supporting materials. No where in our committee rules or in House rules, is the committee empowered to require parties to provide advanced evidence. I have recently received some materials, provided voluntarily. Staff is currently working to duplicate the volumes received thus far, and I will forward these to you Friday.

Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.