

**COMPLAINT
TO THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ETHICAL CONDUCT
REGARDING THE ACTIONS
OF
SENATOR SCOTT J. NEWMAN**

Senator Ron Latz, being first duly sworn, states and alleges under oath the following based upon information and belief:

1. On January 20, 2011 Senator Scott J. Newman disseminated from his Senate office an email to the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) detailing that he would not meet with members of their organization due to the fact campaign contributions were made to Senator Newman's opponent during the 2010 election cycle.

2. This email stated that Senator Newman would not see any organizations (individuals) that donated to or supported his election opponent.

3. This email stated that Senator Newman's Legislative Assistant, Kim Kelley, confirmed MNA's position during the 2010 Senate District 18 campaign cycle "[a]fter some careful checking".

4. This email was disseminated on Senate equipment by Senator Newman's Legislative Assistant, Kim Kelley, and appears to be at the direction of the Senator.

5. Senate Temporary Rule 56.1 states that "Members shall adhere to the highest standard of ethical conduct".

6. When a Senator equates access based upon who may have made a legal contribution in an election contest or who supported a candidate due to an issue preference, party affiliation or membership in an association, this member conducts him or herself improperly and betrays the public trust.

7. The people of Minnesota expect the members of the Minnesota Senate to adhere to the highest ethical standards, impart fairness, and be open minded to the concerns of all constituencies.

8. Should the citizens of Minnesota see their elected officials segregating their interests due to political affiliation, the integrity of both individual members and the reputation of the Senate is damaged.

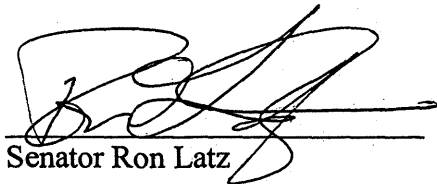
9. Senate Temporary Rule 56.3 provides the standard that "Improper conduct includes conduct...that violates accepted norms of Senate behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor or disrepute."

10. It is your complainants' belief that Senator Scott J. Newman violated Senate Temporary Rule 56.

11. Your complainants ask that the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct investigate the details of this matter and interview both Senator Newman and his Legislative Assistant concerning who ordered the implementation of this policy.

12. Your complainants ask that the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct find that Senator Scott J. Newman has violated Senate Temporary Rule 56 and that it recommends such disciplinary action as the Subcommittee finds appropriate.

Date: February 9, 2011


Senator Ron Latz

Subscribed to, and sworn before me, a notary public, on February 9, 2011.

