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Deputy Secretary of State
Paul Ambrose
State House
Concord,N.H. 03301

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

In reference to our telephone conversation of November 20, I am asking that you forward this urgent request to the Chairman of the Ballot Law Commission immediately please. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
John R. Cloutier
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Candidate for State Rep.
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c/o Deputy Secretary of State
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Dear Mr./Madame Chairman:

I am writing this letter to urgently request a recount of votes cast in the November 6 election for State Rep. to the N.H. General Court from Sullivan County District #6, in which I was one of four candidates.

I realize that that the November 12 deadline for requesting such a recount from the Secretary of State's office has past, and under normal circumstances, I would have filed a recount request by the deadline, especially if the margin of votes separating me and the nearest winning candidate was 20 or under.

But as you may be aware of by now, vast discrepanies in the number of votes cast for certain Claremont School Board candidates in the same election were discovered after a recount was completed on November 18. Most of the discovered discrepanies occurred in Claremont's Ward 2, which is the same area as Sullivan County District #6. Two of the school board candidates gained 620 and 328 votes respectively in Ward 2, while another lost 479 votes in the ward. Overall, after the recount was completed, it was discovered that 421 more votes were cast in the school board election in Ward 2, then were initially counted on November 6.

In my race for State Rep., I lost to the Hon. John Middleton by a margim of 59 votes, and to the highest vote-getter, the Hon. Richard Krueger, by 134 votes. A fourth candidate, Aurel Bartley, trailed me by 153 votes. Under normal circumstances, I would have accepted the above results, and not asked for a recount. But because of the above-mentioned discrepanies, which have just been discovered within the last week, I am asking for a recount. Though such a recount is past the normal deadline. I would like to see if the same discrepanies might have affected my race. Even if a recount discovers no major discrepamies, I believe a recount would allay any public concerns that other races like mine were affected.

I do not know the reason or reasons for the discrepanies, but as you may be aware of by now, the State Attorney General's office is investigating the above-mentioned situation for possible vote-tampering charges. Some informed sources have told me that possibly a person or group of persons may have tampered with the vote tally sheets

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in the school board election on November 6, so as to help their favored candidates to win. I have also been told that the same person or group may have also tampered with the tally sheets in the election for State Rep. in District #6, so as to cause their favored candidate to win. I was also told the favored candidate was not myself.

Because of the above-mentioned discrepanies, and the serious allegations that I just mentioned, I again urgently request that you schedule a recount in the Sullivan County District #6 election as soon as possible. I am willing to pay for this recount, and I believe the integrity of our election process demands such a recount, no matter what the results. I look forward to hearing from you very soon. Thank You.

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