



October 9, 2008

Ms. Darlene Dunn
Dunn for State Representative
8748 Big Cypress Circle
Sylvania, OH 43560

Dear Ms. Dunn,

As you are no doubt aware, the Ohio Democratic Party recently mailed a piece of campaign literature to voters in the 46th House district that attacks your opponent, Rep. Barbara Sears, for her alleged position on job training and workforce development funding. In addition to its negative tone, the mailpiece is factually incorrect and intentionally distorts Rep. Sears' position.

The source cited by the mailpiece as evidence of this allegation is a candidate questionnaire developed jointly by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and three other statewide business organizations. Regrettably, Rep. Sears' response to one specific question has been blatantly twisted in order to leave voters with the impression that she would cut state funding for job training and workforce development. Neither the question nor Rep. Sears' response deals at all with the level of funding for these important programs. Anyone who takes the time to read the actual question and Rep. Sears' answer would recognize that the characterization of her position in the mailpiece is not at all accurate.

We believe voters deserve better, and are writing today to ask you to both publicly denounce this misleading attack and ask the Ohio Democratic Party, which paid for the mailer, to refrain from sending out any more pieces that stretch the truth in this fashion.

We know you are campaigning hard to represent the citizens of the 46th House district, and are certain you are finding that Ohioans want a serious, thoughtful discussion of the issues facing our state. Sadly, when these kinds of deceptive campaign tactics are utilized, voters are the ones who lose, and confidence in our political process suffers.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. Barbara Sears
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