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December 1, 2009

Ms. Romona S. Fullman, Director
State Office of Human Relations
State Office Building
820 N. French St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Amendment to Christina School District Compliant

Dear Ms. Fullman:

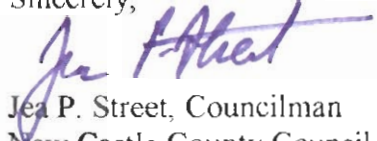
Please consider this letter as an amendment to my November 4, 2009 complaint against the Christina School District. I am requesting that the complaint be amended to include two additional minority students.

In the matter of I.H vs. Christina School District (#091004), the District expelled this fifth grade student, and placed him in Alternative School for one year for possession of a knife. Worse, the decision was made on October 13, 2009 when at the same School Board meeting, the Christina Board voted to fairly and appropriately change District policy to assure that a white student did not attend Alternative School for a single day. **Regardless**, of the District's view, discrimination by race and/or age is prohibited by law. I have appealed this decision to the State Board of Education, but the Districts ongoing discrimination must be addressed by all agencies responsible for eliminating discriminatory policies and practices.

In the matter of B.S vs. Christina, the student was expelled from school and placed in Alternative School for one year in April of 2009 for possession of a "box cutter". On the other hand, another student who committed a similar offense was not subject to comparable punishment. The student who committed the similar offense was, fairly and appropriately readmitted to school by the District's Interim Superintendent, without a hearing or determination by the Board. This matter is currently being appealed in Superior Court. Again, the District can not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of age, race or social economic status.

Finally, I reiterate my position that the District's so called "**zero tolerance policy**", its Student Code of Conduct and its Alternative Schools are for minority students only. Therefore, I urge you to consider my November 4, 2009, complaint, this amended complaint and thoroughly investigate the District accordingly.

Sincerely,



Jea P. Street, Councilman
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Pc; Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Superintendent Christina School District Ten
All Members of Christina Board of Education
Parents of LH and B.S.
State Human Relations Commission Members
The Honorable Chief Judge Alex J. Smalles
The Honorable James M. Baker, Mayor, City of Wilmington
All Members of Wilmington City Council
Dr. Lillian Lowery, Secretary of Education
All Members of the Delaware State Board of Education
Parents of R.C, S.W., J.S. and L.S