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**To:** 'GAJ'  
**Subject:** RE: Commonwealth vs. Jerry Hill

Gary,

Thanks for this. I haven't opened and looked at the documents yet, but here's a bit of my perspective:

1. Britton threatened Mike Rothfeld with two felony counts of intentional campaign literature disclaimer violation, where one of the pieces was a letter from the candidate on his letter-head and signed by the candidate. 9 pieces were found in evidence that didn't have the disclaimer on them from a print run before his campaign discovered the error. The law allows a felony only if it can be proved it was intentional. Britton threatened felony prosecution for months, but finally settled at the Courthouse the day of the court trial for 9 \$100 misdemeanor pleas == \$900 and a damaged record and thousands in attorney fees and taxpayer expense. Incredible. Typical would have been a \$50 fine and no criminal charge or frankly dismissal. Am convinced this was pressure from the Chichester crowd, and Britton's concern about running for re-election within Chichester's district in King George.
2. Britton also went after Claude Dunn, who handed out "are you saved" tracts in addition to his properly disclaimed Campaign pieces. Hap alleged the tracts were political material that needed to have the disclaimers. Britton kept the investigation open for months until AFTER the election, leaving Claude in a public-relations cloud through the election. No question, Claude isn't the best candidate, and his decision to pass out religious material with his campaign material of dubious political sense, but that case should have been dismissed on its face!
3. So now on to Jerry Hill, who for years has used his office and taxpayer funds to produce and distribute blatantly biased political material: (1) sending our kids home with two-page flyers attacking the BOS and General Assembly for not spending enough on education and (2) full color glossy 8-page mailers with the same distorted message (production and mail costs by a developer, but he produced them with county school board time/resources). Nothing happens to him for this egregious mis-use of office.
4. Hill goes on to commit this latest egregious mis-use of office on the ballot referendum, and in the end, he is essentially exonerated. I believe Hill will now be emboldened to continue. So Rothfeld and Dunn, not deserving of their prosecutions, suffer for it terribly. Hill, who needed a lesson in abuse of office, gets off totally. To my knowledge, his attorney fees were taxpayer-born?? BTW, there was General Assembly legislation that passed in 2000, sponsored by now-State Senator Jay O'Brien, designed to prohibit what Hill did by directing School Board to adopt policies against ballot advocacy – it's ashame that either Britton didn't do his job in fairly pursuing this, or that the law was too weakly-written.

- Stafford School board had the guts to do the right thing with a status-quo NEA/VEA superintendent who saw as her only job to extort money and tax hikes out of the BOS in the name of the children. Hill was more deserving of a firing than she was, but both should have been axed. If folks like Hill and Jean Murray spent more time working on how to improve our kids academics and test scores and less time organizing politically to bilk the taxpayer, we'd all be better off, most importantly the kids.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Warmest regards,

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Attached for consideration are three documents involving Jerry Hill and the Spotsylvania School Board:

1. Commonwealth Attorney Matt Britton's Prosecutor's Memo in re Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Jerry Hill;
2. Jerry Hill's August 14, 2006, Employment Contract renewal (approved unanimously 7-0); and
3. Spotsylvania County School Board Code of Ethics.

These documents speak for themselves. Indeed, they must since the local press seems uninterested.

It is worth noting that the School Board members knew the details of Britton's official investigation and legal findings when they voted to increase Hill's salary and extend the term of his employment. It also appears that the School Board's Code of Ethics was inconsequential.

It remains to be seen how the good citizens of Spotsylvania will view the School Board's perverse sense of accountability in this episode.

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