

Statement by Tom Brown's Campaign for the 4th Congressional District

The Tom Brown campaign has learned that a complaint has been filed with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) regarding its compliance with various FEC rules. At this time, the campaign has not received notice of such complaint, either from the complainant or the FEC.

Although it appears that the complaint does not come officially from the Johnson campaign, it is obvious that it has been filed on its behalf.

The filing of a technical complaint is an old tactic often used by political campaigns in trouble. If they cannot defend an incumbent's record or challenge an opponent on the issues, they raise a technical challenge. It's what magicians do when they furiously wave their right hand so you won't see what the left hand is doing.

Nevertheless, the Brown campaign will take the complaint seriously and will have its lawyers and staff start researching the issues raised. And if any filing mistakes are found, those will be acknowledged and corrected immediately.

One thing should be clear. The Tom Brown campaign will not be distracted or slowed down for one minute by this worn-out tactic.

As he has done from the start, Tom is campaigning in all corners of the 4th District, even in those seldom visited by the incumbent (according to numerous residents) in Gwinnett, Rockdale and Newton counties. In fact, Tom already has participated in two forums, one at Salem Baptist Church in Gwinnett and the other one sponsored by the Rockdale/Newton Counties League of Women Voters where the incumbent simply did not show up.

This campaign is about who can best represent the 4th District, and Tom believes that the voters deserve a vigorous and open exchange of views between now and the May 20th primary. That is why he is participating in candidate forums throughout the district and has already accepted two specific invitations to joint appearances to which the Johnson campaign apparently has not responded.