

I have decided to withdraw my appeal and end my effort to obtain a new election in HD 115. The South Carolina House of Representatives is faced with many important issues this year, especially given our State's dire budget problems, and it has become increasingly clear to me that my appeal was going to be a major distraction in the House for weeks to come. I decided that I did not want to distract the House from doing the people's work, and I did not want to polarize the members along partisan lines, despite the overwhelming evidence of illegal voting that took place in my election. I commit to working with the General Assembly to restore integrity and honesty to the electoral process through the enactment of new legislation designed to ensure that only ballots of eligible voters are counted.