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VIA Email to WCID Network

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Subject: Cease and Desist Request - False Advertising

Dear Ms. Susan E. Domozych,

I am writing on behalf of the Nancy Mace for Congress Campaign. We have recently become aware of an advertisement funded by WFW Action Funding and broadcast on your network, which claims that Congressional Candidate Mrs. Catherine Templeton authored "the toughest immigration bill in the country." We must inform you that this claim is unequivocally false. Mrs. Templeton has never held elected office, nor are there any records of her authoring any immigration bill.

The specific legislation referenced in your advertisement, identified as S 20 Act 69, was in fact authored by Senator Larry Grooms and pre-filed on December 1, 2010, then referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee the same day. Mrs. Templeton was not confirmed by the Senate to work for the South Carolina government until January 13, 2011, and was therefore not involved in the drafting, sponsorship, or enactment of this legislation. The bill was ultimately signed into law on June 27, 2011, well after its introduction and Mrs. Templeton's initial involvement in state government. Senator Grooms is duly credited as the original author.

The dissemination of this misleading information violates the Federal Communications Commission's 1961 ruling titled "Licensee Responsibility With Respect to the Broadcast of False, Misleading or Deceptive Advertising." As a broadcast network licensed under the FCC's regulations, it is your responsibility to ensure that advertisements aired on your network adhere to the truth-in-advertising standards established by law.

The Nancy Mace for Congress Campaign respects the First Amendment and the right to free speech. However, the right does not extend to the broadcasting of false and deceptive advertisements. These not only mislead the public but also tarnish the reputation of individuals who are wrongfully represented.

Therefore, we formally request that WCID cease and desist from airing the aforementioned advertisement immediately. We also request that you confirm in writing that the advertisement has been removed from all current and future broadcasting schedules.

Failure to comply with this request will compel us to take further legal action to protect the interests of the public and the integrity of the electoral process. We hope to resolve this matter amicably and trust that you will act swiftly to rectify this situation.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter. We look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures:
Advertisement

<https://host2.adimpact.com/admo/viewer/1d7d67b8-a32d-45d4-8168-71fb92e0639b>

Documentation of S 20 Act 69:

- Title: S 20 Act 69, Immigration Reform Bill
- Author: Senator Larry Grooms (R-Berkeley County)
- Prefile Date: December 1, 2010
- Referred to Committee: Senate Judiciary Committee, December 1, 2010
- Date Signed into Law: June 27, 2011

Official Documentation Link: South Carolina State Library Archive

<https://dc.statelibrary.sc.gov/server/api/core/bitstreams/b6232454-b57d-45b5-a53c-9ef8212faf2b/content>

Original Authorship and Responsibility: Authored and drafted by Senator Larry Grooms

Timeline and Background of Mrs. Catherine Templeton:

- Confirmation Date: Confirmed by the Senate to work for the South Carolina government on January 13, 2011
- Relevance: Mrs. Templeton was not working in state government at the time S 20 Act 69 was pre-filed and has not held any elected office that would allow her to draft or sign legislation.

These enclosures support our request for the immediate cessation of the advertisement in question and underscore the necessity of maintaining truthful and accurate information in public communications.