

# Jeremy Thiesfeldt

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 52nd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

October 31, 2013

Representative Christine Sinicki  
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Madison, WI 53708

Rep. Sinicki,

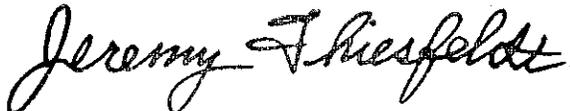
In response to your resignation letter yesterday I would like to thank you for, what I recollect, was nearly 3-4 hours of service during the first meeting of the joint Common Core Select Committees held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Madison. As you know, you were absent for each of the last three hearings where the committee completed receiving nearly thirty total hours of important testimony from a wide variety of concerned citizens. Though I disagree with your reasons for resigning and find them to be inaccurate, I respect your decision.

Although I would be happy to accept your resignation from the committee, I cannot. The committee members are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly (I assume, in your case, in consultation with the minority leader). It is common knowledge that your resignation must be delivered to the Speaker's office. This fact was double-checked with Assembly Chief Clerk. In addition, sending your letter to the press does not constitute a resignation from the position either.

Lastly, on another housekeeping issue, sending my staff an email on Tuesday at 4:58 p.m. stating "I will not be there" without stating any extenuating circumstances will not earn an "excused absence" from the final committee record as I graciously granted in the prior meetings you missed. If you have any inquiries into this issue please understand you will be marked "unexcused."

Again, thank you for your limited service to the committee. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt

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