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We have long maintained that the Federal charge of wire fraud is just a repackaged version of State Election Law violations that are routinely handled by the Florida Election Commission. A very able Judge has now ruled otherwise and found that it could be charged as wire fraud under Federal law. We have to respect that judgment.

Thus, Mr. Fullwood could either go to trial with an uncertain outcome and face the possibility of a lengthy appeal or he could seek an immediate resolution. He chose to resolve the case yesterday with pleas to two of the 14 counts in the Indictment.

Although not part of any agreement with the Federal Government, he clearly understands and agrees to withdraw from his candidacy for reelection to the Florida House of Representatives District 13. He loves the people that he has represented since 2010 and thanks them for their support. Based on Florida law, Mr. Fullwood also will be resigning from the Florida House immediately, although his term is due to expire in a little more than 30 days.

Therefore, today paperwork is being filed to withdraw his candidacy for reelection. The Democratic Executive Committee will select a substitute candidate in conjunction with the state Democratic Party. Mr. Fullwood's name will remain on the ballot. Therefore, a vote for "Reggie Fullwood" will be a vote for the replacement candidate.

Because of his current situation he will have no further comment at this time.