

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT FORM

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COMPLAINANT: RICKY LITTLE
ADDRESS: 208 EVANDER LITTLE RD.
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 704 475 8709
TITLE: LOBBYIST

RESPONDENT: REP. BILL SANDIFER
ADDRESS: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803-734-3015
TITLE: CHAIRMAN LCI

Set forth in detail specific facts upon which you based your complaint against above-named respondent (only detailed, clear factual allegations will be considered. If additional space is needed, attach supplemental sheets).

This noticeable problem started when I had a bill HOUSE BILL 4070 IN 2017/2018. I had a meeting with Chairman Sandifer about the bill. At the time we were trying to get a hearing on the bill. Chairman Sandifer ask me about money. I was caught of guard by his actions. I played along in the conversation. He gave me his home address for payment. This was in April and we did get a hearing the last week of the session with 2 members of the committe. Due to family issues I was gone until 2021. Chairman Sandifer would not allow the bill to be heard unless I was there. When I went back to work Chairman Sandifer would not work with us at all. I got 2nd vice chairman Rep. Joe Jefferson to sponsor the bill. HB-4847. Chairman Sandifer gave me a meeting about the bill. I met with him and his staff attorney and it did not go well. I got to the chairmans office early as always I was told I was late. The Chairman gave me 10 minutes. They never ask me any questions about the bill. The staff attorney Brian attacked me personally about the bill. The Chairman quickly ended the meeting by saying that the bill will not be heard that year Febuary of 2022. I revised the bill in December 2022. Rep. Jefferson sponsored it again. HB-3256. The only issues on this bill should be 3 codes Section 38771310, Section 38771330, and Section 38771370. The house did not revise the bill and Chairman Sandifer would not return my calls for a meeting. Rep. Joe White tried 2 times to get revisions done HB-3813. The second attempt was given a bill number. I called the chairmans office after a conversation with the House ethics legal counsel. Brian told me that the chairman is not going to hear any bill that contains any issue that was on HB-4847. I dont know why LCI is misrepresenting what we want to get done by purposely posting a bill we dont want. The 4 attemps to revise HB- 4847 by multiple House Representatives is proof something is not right. Brian gave me the second bill number that was generated by Rep. Joe White. It has the same language as the others no change. That bill has not been posted and I dont remember it I was driving. We are on lock down no bill to lobby.

For some reason our working relationship with the chairman went to nothing since the money came up. I sent him nothing. I told three people about that money conversation that day and a couple business owners that was depending on this bill. I have 3 members on LCI sponsoring our bill. Bipartisan 3 Republicans and 2 democrates what is the problem. Trade magazines have published the wrong bill due to this obvious wrong doing. I have been working in Columbia at the capital for 15 years and I did not have a problem at all until the money conversation. I work with local owned body shops, glass companies rental car companies and towing companies which are being decimated by the lack of action from this committe. Department of Insurance has told us that they dont have laws to enforce our problems. The chairman can't lock down local industries with no explanation.

I have tried to meet with Speaker Smith numourous times about our problems with the Chairman. I looked up his record and their has been probems in the pass with the Chairman. I never ever though I would be doing this but I can't allow this to continue. We will not be extorted to get the right thing done.

If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

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Personally appeared before me who, first being duly sworn, says that he/she has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of his/her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those he/she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
day of

Complainant Signature

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires

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